

**Title: The Youth Exploring Sea Level Rise Science (YESS) Project: Educating, Engaging, and Empowering Youth on Climate Change**

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**Abstract:**

The YESS (Youth Exploring Sea Level Rise Science) Project empowers high school students to engage directly in climate change solutions in their own communities. Through an experiential education program that incorporates hands-on science and digital storytelling, students explore how their lives will be impacted by sea level rise; create their own data and communications products; and contribute meaningfully to local science and policy decisions. YESS allows those who will be most impacted by climate change – young people – to have a voice on the issue and to spark a broader conversation about risk and resiliency.

This table will showcase our methodology, curriculum, and lessons learned, and offer insight for others interested in implementing a similar program in their own communities. For more information, visit [www.yessproject.org](http://www.yessproject.org).