**ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF TEACHING ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

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***Abstract***

 *Currently, the ecological situation in the world is like a huge, loaded cart - it is the problem of waste, the air pollution, the global warming and the extinction of species and many other painful issues .*

*And who is able to stop it when it becomes so global, so all the world's problems? Each one we certainly can not, but all together - definitely. We can do it by changing our daily habits, choosing environmentally friendly solutions, and actively influencing political decisions.*

*Eco School program is one of the most comprehensive and the most popular models of environmental education in the world. It is a program that promotes environmental awareness by associating it with a multitude of subjects, consisting of a personal attitude and engages the surrounding community diverse activities. Eco School has the ability to influence public awareness both locally and globally.*

*Eco School essence is to create an effective school environment management system that will not only provide additional educational opportunities for young people, but also effective and valid real work of the school environment and the management of the organization .*

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