

# How Can I Change the World by Reducing My Carbon Footprint?



**EnvironmentTile Contest**  
**Deadline for entries is December 5, 2008**

Students in grades 6-12 enrolled in Broward County's schools are invited to submit artwork to Broward County 2008 EnvironmentTile Contest. The theme is "How Can I Change the World by Reducing My Carbon Footprint?"

Broward County is "going green" and we need your assistance in reducing our carbon footprint. This fall Broward County is participating in the Change the World, Start with ENERGY STAR Campaign ([www.greencounties.org/changetheworld](http://www.greencounties.org/changetheworld)). This year Broward County will collect pledges from county employees and residents to not only change a light in their home to an energy-efficient one, but to also choose among other actions they can take to help save energy (such as power managing computers, choosing ENERGY STAR appliances, or properly programming their thermostats). In efforts to increase awareness about climate change issues and promote the reduction of our carbon footprint, Broward County invites you to participate in the 2008 EnvironmentTile Contest.

This year's contest supports Grade Level Expectations for Science and Language Arts Grades 6-12, Sunshine State Standards as following:

Science- Benchmark SC.D.2.3 (Middle School) and Benchmark SC.D.2.4 (High School)  
Language Arts- Benchmark LA (6-12).3.5, LA (6-12).4.2, LA (6-10).5.1

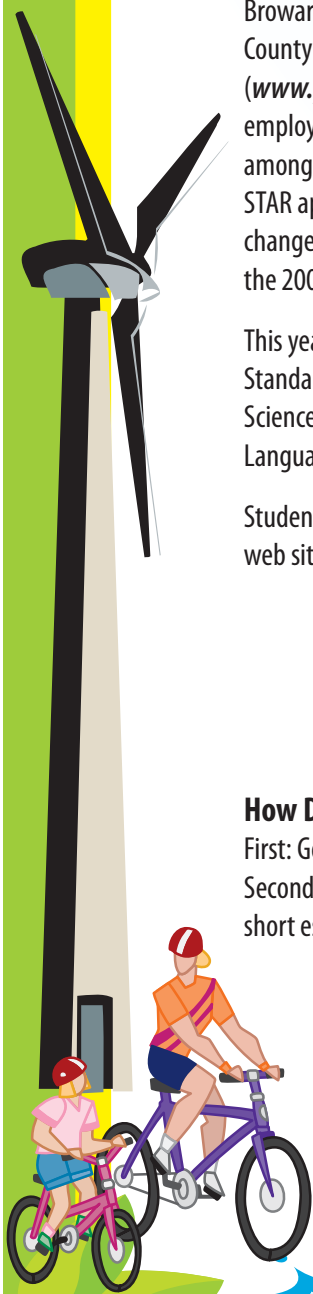
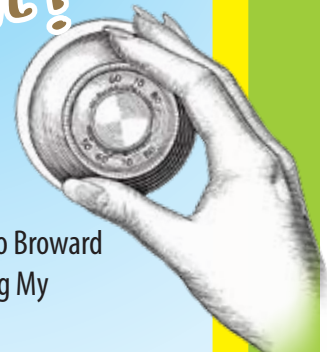
Students may use a variety of resources to research and study this topic including books, magazines and internet web sites. The following are questions teachers can use to guide students' research:

1. What is climate change? What are the potential impacts associated with the effects of climate change?
2. What can you do to take individual responsibility in reducing your carbon footprint?
3. What are some ways students can work together to help mitigate the effects of climate change in their community?

## How Do You Win?

First: Go to the Broward County Go Green website at ([www.broward.org/gogreen](http://www.broward.org/gogreen)) and submit a pledge.  
Second: Create an illustration depicting solutions on how you can reduce your carbon footprint and write a short essay describing your E-tile. To be eligible, the artwork must:

1. Be related to the theme, "How Can I Change the World by Reducing My Carbon Footprint?"
2. Be created on a 12 cm bond paper "tile," provided by Broward County (see Contest Participation Request Form).
3. Show originality, creativity, and be neatly presented.
4. Include on the back of the tile, in pencil, student's name, grade, and school.
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5. Include (paper clip is preferred, please do not staple) a completed Illustration Description Form, provided by Broward County (see Contest Participation Request Form) with a short essay (no more than 100 words, preferably typed) describing your E-tile.
6. Be received by December 5, 2008 via the Public Schools Pony. Please address your entries: Attention: Air Quality, c/o Dianne Sepielli, KC W, 7th Floor.

## FIRST PLACE

*Minh Nguyen*  
Crystal Lake Middle School



## Grading Criteria

100 point scale:  
25 points- Relevance to theme  
25 points- Informed Content  
25 points- Creativity and Imagination  
25 points- Organization and Grammar

## What Can You Win?

### Middle School

1st Place: A new bicycle and helmet.  
2nd Place and 3rd Place: CD player and passes to local attractions

### High School

1st Place: A new bicycle and helmet.  
2nd Place and 3rd Place: CD player and passes to local attractions

First place winners will also receive books and educational materials for their school libraries.

## Gain Recognition!

In early 2009, selected student artwork will be displayed as a mosaic at various locations throughout Broward County including the Broward County Government Center located at 115 S. Andrews Avenue in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Winning students will be recognized during a televised commission meeting by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. Selected student artwork will also be posted on Broward County's Environmental Kids Club web site found at [www.broward.org/kids/environment.htm](http://www.broward.org/kids/environment.htm). All winners will be notified via mail in January, 2009.

To participate, please review the above contest description and complete the Contest Participation Request Form on the reverse side. Each participating class should complete a request form by November 5, 2008, and submit via fax at 954-519-1495. Please allow seven business days to process your request. Tiles and Illustration Description Forms will be delivered to your school through the Broward County Public Schools PONY mail system. Contestants are limited to one entry each. Entries may be in a medium of the artist's choice (marker, pastels, pen, etc.). Note: All artwork will become property of Broward County and will not be returned.

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SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 954-519-1220 OR E-MAIL [AIROUTREACH@BROWARD.ORG](mailto:AIROUTREACH@BROWARD.ORG)

