

2014-2015
Marin County Golden Bell Award
Student Program Selection Form

Annual Golden Bell Awards Ceremony
May 21, 2015

Please complete one form for each student program selected to represent your district at the Golden Bell Awards Ceremony on May 21, 2015. Districts may submit the number of applications indicated in the attached *Nomination Allocations* table on the reverse of this form.

Marin School of Environmental Leadership (MarinSEL)	Four
Student Program Name	Number of Years in Operation
Terra Linda High School	San Rafael City Schools
School	District
Jesse Madsen	
Name of Person(s) Directly Responsible for this Program	
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E-Mail Address	Phone Number
To engage students and create community leaders of tomorrow.	
Goal of Program	

Please attach a description of the program (limit one page), including clear goal and program overview statements, evidence of meeting student needs, ability to be implemented by other schools or districts, (county programs are judged for transferability from county to county), funding source(s), and communication with the community about the program. Be sure to answer this question: Why is this program exemplary?

Note: A description of the program will be included in the Golden Bell Awards Ceremony Program on May 21, 2015.

THIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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Superintendent's Signature	Date

Send this form by **Friday, March 6, 2015** to:

Mary Jane Burke
Marin County Office of Education
P.O. Box 4925
San Rafael, CA 94913

Marin School of Environmental Leadership (MarinSEL)

The Marin School of Environmental Leadership (MarinSEL), is an academy program within Terra Linda High School of San Rafael City Schools. With an average of thirty students at each grade level, MarinSEL currently encompasses grades 9-12, with a total of approximately 120 students. Formed in August 2011, MarinSEL is a project-based, environmentally-focused program, with emphasis on the development of both leadership and 21st century skills. The overriding goal of the MarinSEL program is to engage students and create community leaders of tomorrow through a multi-disciplinary, project-based high school education, with a focus on environmental issues.

MarinSEL students are integrated with the Terra Linda High School community and attend many of the conventional classes offered in the mainstream curriculum. The MarinSEL program distinguishes itself by offering an innovative curriculum that builds on the traditional core subjects and augments the students' high school experience.

The framework for the MarinSEL program is a progressive education with a focus on environmental leadership. The MarinSEL students' education is integrated with action; learning is multi-disciplinary and personal initiative is purposely fostered, thereby encouraging the program participants (our students), to see themselves as active participants in the world around them.

MarinSEL students have five common classes during their freshman year, three in their sophomore and junior years, and one in their senior year, with an external internship through Skyline Community College in San Bruno, California. These common courses have an environmental theme while also covering core content. The featured course of the MarinSEL program (specific to each grade level), is the Environmental Leadership Seminar. During freshman, sophomore and junior years, students complete semester-long Leadership in Environmental Action and Development (LEAD) projects within seminar-style classes. These projects are designed to develop essential project management and 21st century skills.

MarinSEL curriculum also centers on the "Four C's": critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication. These skills are assessed on a rubric once a semester by peers, the Environmental Leadership Seminar teacher, and the individual student. After reviewing the results of these Four C Assessment Rubrics, students write measurable goals for each of the Four C's with their Seminar teacher.

Courses:

9th grade:

- MSEL Biology
- MSEL English
- MSEL Geography
- MSEL P.E./Health
- MSEL Environmental Leadership Seminar

10th grade:

- MSEL English
- MSEL World History
- MSEL Environmental Leadership Seminar

11th grade:

- MSEL Engineering
- MSEL U.S. History
- MSEL Environmental Leadership Seminar

12th grade:

- MSEL Economics/Government
- Senior Internship (not on the high school transcript)

Environmental Leadership Seminar:

9th grade:

- Research Report 1
- LEAD Project 1
- Toastmasters
- Project planning and project management
- Effective Communication
- Research Report 2
- LEAD Project 2

10th grade:

- LEAD Project 3
- Walker Creek cabin leaders
- Earth Day Event planning and execution
- Sustainable Enterprise introduction

11th Grade:

- Sustainable Enterprise Plan writing
- Sustainable Enterprise implementation
- Autodesk Inventor training
- LinkedIn profile development
- College application process and personal statement
- Senior internship outreach and acquisition