The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum’s School Science Partnership is a whole-school, year-long program tailored to meet your school’s unique science education needs while working across grade levels with teachers and students.

**BUILD TEACHER CAPACITY FOR BEST PRACTICES**

in science teaching through our immersive in-classroom modeling and professional development workshops.

**IGNITE STUDENT LEARNING**

with interactive, unique Nature Museum experiences and resources.

**FOSTER AUTHENTIC LEARNING EXPERIENCES**

through local connections to science and nature.

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SSP goals

Increase **teacher comfort and confidence** in science teaching best practices, including NGSS.

Create opportunities for teachers and school leaders to **collaborate and reflect** around science vertically within the school.

Generate **excitement and interest** among the school community toward nature and science.

Integrate unique **museum resources and specimens** into classroom instruction.

program model

**DIRECT STUDENT INSTRUCTION**
Museum educators work with teachers through NGSS-correlated curricula and model interactive lessons using inquiry-based, cooperative learning approaches to engage students.

**TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
Teachers dig deep into strategies for student-driven learning, the NGSS, and ways to connect in-school and out-of-school learning through example lessons, collaborative discussions, and creating connections to their own classrooms and practice.

**UNIQUE MUSEUM RESOURCES**
Focused field trips, unique museum collections and specimens, and free, interactive science inquiry kits connect classroom learning with real world phenomena to support student applications of scientific practices.

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
Parents, guardians, care-givers, and members of the larger school community are invited to participate in workshops throughout the year to support their engagement and excitement in their child’s science learning.

Contact the school partnerships manager at 773–755–5100 x5030 or at schoolpartnerships@naturemuseum.org to find out how the Nature Museum can partner with you to enhance your school’s science teaching and learning.

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