



The California National Archery in the Schools Program gives teachers the opportunity to “engage the unengaged.” Through a unique combination of learning a new skill while enjoying success, students build competence—a great recipe for developing self confidence. Archery is a sport that students of all athletic abilities can participate in.

How does the program work?

CalNASP is an affiliate of the National Archery in the schools program (NASP)—a non-profit, international-style archery program dedicated to providing students in grades 4-12 the opportunity to learn and participate in target archery.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife oversees the CalNASP program and trains teachers to teach the program to students in their own classroom.

Teachers attend an eight-hour certification course that includes: range set up and safety, coaching techniques, teaching the new archer and running the range.

The program is designed to be taught indoors—often in the school gymnasium, but is taught outdoors too. Equipment can be difficult for some schools to afford—but we can help by offering start-up equipment grants.

How does the program meet state education standards?

Our program curriculum is aligned to the State Physical Education Standards and has been reviewed by the California Department of Education. We also offer supplemental, standards-based activities from other subject areas, such as: math, science, English and language arts.



What are the benefits to students?

Many students report that archery is their favorite unit and has made physical education classes more fun and interesting. Teachers also report that attendance improves on archery days.

Start an archery program at your school!

If you are a parent looking to help your child find a sport or activity that he/she likes to participate in, make an appointment to talk to a school administrator about archery.

If you are a teacher, please consider adding this great program to your school-year plan. You do not need to be an experienced archer—anyone can do this!

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