Summit Environmental School’s Mission
To provide students with a solid educational foundation in the core academic areas with an environmental focus integrated throughout the curriculum.

"We believe that the integration of environmental themes throughout our curriculum will help students to build important critical thinking and problem solving skills while learning to be good stewards of the earth and its resources."
-Dirk Hunter, Principal
Summit Environmental School

Guiding Principles
- Students need a strong foundation in the basics of reading, writing, math and science.
- By integrating environmental concepts throughout the curriculum students will gain an in-depth understanding of the interrelationship between natural systems and people.
- Experiential and hands-on learning provides students with the opportunity for discovery and authentic learning.
- The 7 outdoor environmental zones give students firsthand experiences in natural environments.
- Our school’s safe and nurturing environment will empower students to grow into productive, contributing citizens.

Environmental Goals
Summit Environmental School students will:
- demonstrate an understanding of the natural environment and the interrelationship among natural systems and people.
- develop an understanding and commitment to environmental stewardship.
- be able to identify, investigate and evaluate environmental problems and issues, be able to communicate this understanding to others, and use this information as they become active citizens.
- develop an understanding and appreciation of the many different recreational opportunities that exist in the natural environment and how their recreational activities impact environmental systems.

"I believe one of the roles of the Eco Park is to help teach students about how they and their actions are connected to nature. Our partnership with Summit Environmental School will allow us to help students truly understand those connections and gain an increased appreciation for nature."
-Stephanie Hannah
Education Manager, Myrick Hixon Eco Park

Outdoor Educational Areas
- Wisconsin Prairie Grassland
- Frog Pond
- Outdoor Weather Station
- Butterfly Garden
- Evergreen and White Pine Forest
- Courtyard Presentation Area
- Vegetable Garden

Environmental Stewardship
- School-wide recycling efforts
- Focus on Energy Conservation
- Waste Reduction Programs
- Natural Resource Protection Initiatives

Environmental Partners
- Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education
- Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center
- Myrick Hixon Eco Park
- La Crosse County Sustainability Program
- Mississippi Valley Archeology Center
- Bluff Country Master Gardeners
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- US Fish and Wildlife Department
- Mississippi Valley Conservancy
- People’s Food Co-op