# The Confluence Project

**BEIPC Presentation** 

MArch 2025















# Participating schools



Paradise Creek in Moscow

### Teacher Resources

- Online curriculum library
  - Lesson plans
  - Videos
  - Quizzes
  - Articles
- Held teacher professional development workshops in fall, winter, and spring

### CONFLUENCE PROJECT

#### Teachers Online Curriculum Outline

- Groundwater
  - a. What is an Aquifer
    - Video: What is an aquifer~5 minutes
    - ii. Quiz
  - b. Groundwater Activity
    - Project Wet ground water activity in document link
  - c. Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer
    - PPT: TCP Groundwater presentation
    - ii. Quiz
  - d. Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer
    - Video: SVRPA ~10 minutes
    - ii. Quiz
  - e. Aquifer demonstration
    - Video: <u>Aquifer activity</u>~4 minutes
  - Ground Water in Idaho
    - Article from IDEQ: Ground Water in Idaho: 4 pages
    - ii. <u>Quiz</u>

# Water Quality Field Trips

- 8 Schools
- o 371 Students
- Students measure chemical and physical water quality parameters and collect/identify aquatic macroinvertebrates





### Aquifer Lessons

- 294 Students
- 7 Schools
- Groundwater Specialists:Jenny Gray and Seth Oliver
- Combination of in-class lessons and field trips
  - Edible aquifer (adapted for SVRP Aquifer)
  - Aquifer models
  - Municipal well tours



### **Snow Science Trips**

- 7 Schools
- 352 Students

 Students calculate Snow Water Equivalent and determine what that means for the watershed for the upcoming year







Kellogg HS measuring Snow Water Equivalent

### 2025 Youth Water Summit

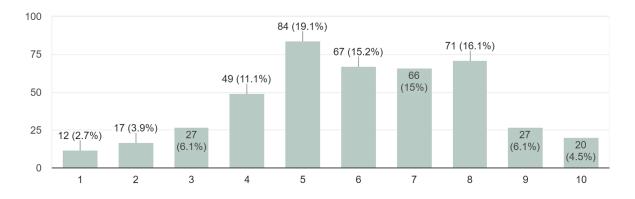
- Youth Water Summit planned for May 20 at Kootenai County Fairgrounds
- 7 Schools participating
- Students will develop water-related research projects and present to volunteer judges
- Need judges!
  - New Volunteers: https://tinyurl.com/TCPVolunteer
  - Returning Judges: https://tinyurl.com/YWSJudge

### Pre/Post TCP Survey Results

Pre TCP

Scientific subjects make sense to me.

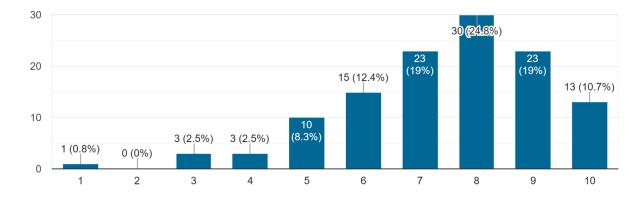
440 responses



#### Post TCP

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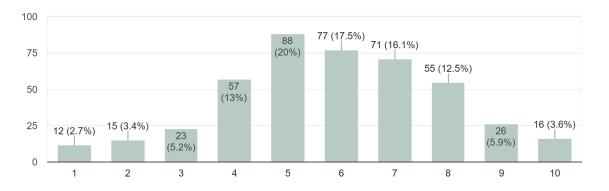
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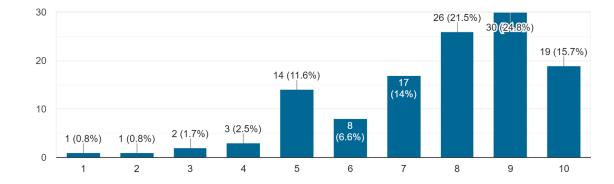
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### I know how to use a scientific process to research a problem. 121 responses



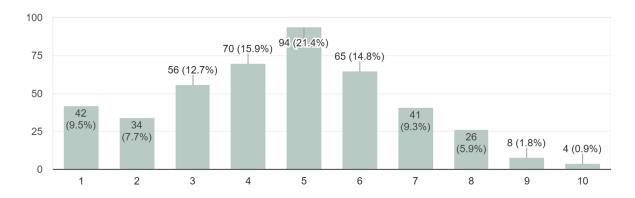
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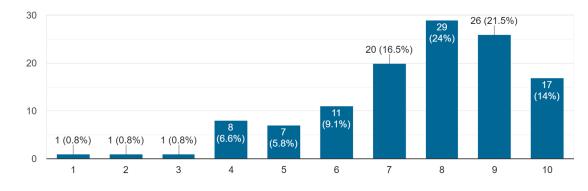
#### I know a lot about water resources.

440 responses



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121 responses



### Plans for 2025-2026 School Year

- Continue, working with all schools and bring in more schools!
  - Coordinate with Coeur d'Alene Tribe for Lakeside HS
- Grow volunteer and advisor base