



BENEFITS

ENGAGING

Educators love the program because it engages a large percentage of the student body in the educational process – early data demonstrate that attendance, behavior and self-esteem are improved through this program.

ROY GRIMES, NASP DIRECTOR

SAFE, EASY AND AFFORDABLE

The archery course can be set up in a school gymnasium in a safe, easy fashion, and the equipment is available at reduced rates to teachers. The program is part of the state's hunter and bowhunter education efforts – programs that are supported from the sales of archery equipment through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Assistance in Wildlife Restoration efforts.



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The program’s focus is to provide international-style target archery training in elementary through high school physical education classes. The program is designed to introduce target archery to students during a two-week physical education course.

Archery is a life sport that circumvents traditional barriers to engage students of all genders and physical abilities, even facilitating participation and competition in students with disabilities. The ability of archery and NASP to engage this broad spectrum of students has led to rapid growth and acceptance of the program, as well as expansion to after-school clubs and inter-school competition. Schools participating in NASP have experienced a number of favorable spin-off benefits as well, including reduced behavior problems and improved school attendance.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Objective

To provide opportunities in shooting sports, promote hunter education and encourage support for wildlife conservation efforts.

Texas Education Agency Objective

To engage more students in the educational process to improve classroom performance and reduce dropout rates.

Development History

- The program began in Kentucky with the training of 39 educators in March 2002.
- The program began in Texas with 17 trainers and six educators trained in September 2004.
- By 2014, 2,000 educators had been trained.



POSITIVE RESULTS

In a November 2005 study by Responsive Management, 50 schools from among Kentucky’s 315 participating in the program were surveyed.

- 94% said they enjoyed archery.
- 61% felt better about themselves after taking archery.
- 49% liked their school better because archery was taught.
- 66% liked PE class better with archery being taught.
- 72% reported they liked archery letting them work more closely with their teacher.
- 22% bought archery tackle after taking the class.

