



NASP Engages the Unengaged

“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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Changing Lives One Arrow at a Time

ARCHERY in the Schools

The Texas Archery in the Schools Program (TASP) is the Texas state affiliate of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) adopted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Sponsor organizations include Toyota, Dallas Safari Club, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Texas Field Archery Association, Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association and Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

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 TASP 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 TASP 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 needed funding and general support for hunter education and 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 2007, 250 educators had been trained.
- The Texas Field Archery Association sponsored the first and second statewide competitions in Texas in 2006 and 2007.



"Students and success go hand in hand, like a bow and arrow."

-Matt McPherson

Kentucky Survey Results

(55% boys and 45% girls)

Before the Course

- 72% did not own a bow.
- 62% had never shot a bow.

After the Course

- 89% enjoyed archery.
- 45% wanted to own archery equipment.
- 59% wanted to become target archers.
- 38% wanted to try bowhunting.

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

Of the archery student graduates 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.

