

Rachel Kingdom
Central High School, Hernando County
2022 NIE Teacher of the Year Runner-Up



Rachel teaches science at Central High School in Hernando County.

Rachel was chosen as a 2022 NIE Teacher of the Year Runner-Up for her use of the Tampa Bay Times to teach environmental science.

Rachel structures her lesson plans in order to incorporate local, national and global current events pertaining to the environment.

Her students use both the print newspaper and online NIE resources to research environmental topics and conduct activities such as Think-Pair-Shares, debates, posters for gallery walks, and print and digital reports and presentations.

Her students also use the newspaper for hands-on activities, including creating art with newspaper photos and creating children's books based on Tampa Bay Times articles.

Rachel writes, "My students look forward to the delivery each week of the newspapers. They enjoy looking through them and finding the different relevant articles. It is actually becoming more fun for them and enhancing their reading/Lexile levels in the process. They need something tangible (and will actually put down their phones) in order to read the paper. Some of my students have even asked their parents to get newspapers, so that they can read at home."





