

# The Ocean in Our Backyard

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This afterschool science program allows middle school youth throughout Boston to explore the biology and ecology of Boston Harbor. Students conduct investigations at tide pools, salt marshes, local beaches, and the Boston Harbor Islands. They carry out lab activities and are connected with scientists and ocean stewards. Students engage in environmental stewardship by cleaning local beaches, testing water quality, and monitoring invasive species. Pilot tested in Fall 2004, the program will reach six afterschool centers in 2005.