

## **Environmental Education as a Tool for Increasing Environmental Awareness of Vocational School Students**

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**ABSTRACT** Vocational schools have very important function in the society such as the training of qualified manpower that is needed for the various professional fields, and they also make major contributions to their environment in terms of, socio-cultural and economic development. If vocational school students are trained to be environmentally friendly, they will be able to support the development of a healthier and safer environment because they will be employed at different stages of the business world in the future. The environmental awareness of vocational school students can be increased by environmental education and thus, after their graduation, they can be more environmentally friendly in their profession. Environmental problems can be permanently solved by such measures. In this theoretical study, the importance of environmental education in increasing the environmental awareness of vocational school students will be emphasized.