

The state of earth science education at secondary schools in New Zealand from the point of view of earthquake education

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The purpose of this study is to report on the state of earth science education from year 9 to 13 at secondary schools in New Zealand, particularly as regards earthquake education. According to the New Zealand curriculum, the New Zealand government has not adopted "Earth Science" or a similar subject at secondary schools from year 9 to 13. However, seismology, volcanology, natural disasters, and other fields related to geophysics are included in the subject of geography. Currently, geography is taken by 30% or more of secondary school students in years 9 to 13. On the other hand, secondary school teachers must plan the curriculum to suit their own student because the government leaves the decision to each teachers.