

FOR SCHOOLS

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY®

**A BRIGHTER FUTURE,
ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME**



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ACTIONS FOR SCHOOLS:



Mandatory **Green Team**
2 out of 14 PRIORITY ACTIONS
150 points across 6 of 22 categories



Mandatory **Green Team**
3 out of 14 PRIORITY ACTIONS
350 points across 8 of 22 categories



Bronze or Silver certified schools can
earn Digital Schools Star Recognition

To become Sustainable Jersey for Schools certified, schools
and districts must complete and document actions from this list.
Certification is awarded at the school level and is good for three years.

PEOPLE

DIVERSITY & EQUITY

| | | Points |
|--|--|--------|
| Accessible Communications | | 10 |
| Breakfast After The Bell | | 20 |
| Diversity on District Task Forces & Committees | | 10 |

FOOD & NUTRITION

| | | |
|---|--|-------|
| Healthy Food Choices Beyond the Cafeteria | | 10 |
| Promote Locally Grown Foods | | 10 |
| School Gardens | | 10-30 |

HEALTHY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS

| | | |
|--|--|-------|
| Indoor Air Quality Review | | 15 |
| Classroom Chemical Purchase, Storage & Disposal Policy | | 15 |
| Access to Healthy Water in Schools | | 20 |
| Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement | | 10 |
| Asthma Friendly Schools | | 10 |
| Classroom Cleanup Protocol & Practices | | 10 |
| Integrated Pest Management - Education & Organic Lawn Care | | 10 |
| Outdoor Air Quality Awareness Program | | 10 |
| Radon Testing, Education and Mitigation | | 10-20 |
| Reporting Process for Indoor Air Quality Concerns | | 10 |

SCHOOL CULTURE & CLIMATE

| | | |
|--|--|----|
| Inclusive Environment Where All Can Thrive | | 10 |
| School Culture & Climate Needs Assessment | | 20 |
| Social Emotional Learning Integrated Unit | | 10 |

STUDENT & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

| | | |
|---|--|-------|
| Green Team | | 10-15 |
| Community Education & Outreach | | 10 |
| Civic & Stewardship Volunteer Initiatives | | 10 |
| Enrichment Programs through Partnership | | 10 |
| Green Challenges | | 10 |
| Green Fair | | 10 |
| "Green" Your Green Fair or School Event | | 10 |

STUDENT SAFETY

| | | |
|--|--|----|
| Safe Routes to School District Policy | | 10 |
| Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety & Promotion Initiatives | | 10 |
| Safe Driving Awareness Programs for High School Students | | 10 |
| School Travel Plan for Walking & Biking | | 10 |

STUDENT & STAFF WELLNESS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|----|
| School Wellness Council | | 20 |
| Policies to Promote Physical Activity | | 10 |
| Programs to Promote Physical Activity | | 10 |
| Staff Wellness Program | | 10 |

PROSPERITY

BOARD LEADERSHIP & PLANNING

| | | |
|--|--|------|
| District Sustainability Policy | | 10 |
| Professional Development for Sustainability | | 5-20 |
| Green Enhancement of District Strategic Plans | | 10 |
| Strategic Plan Implementation of Green Initiatives | | 10 |
| School Community Asset Mapping | | 10 |
| School District Foundation | | 10 |

DIGITAL LEARNING LEADERSHIP

| | | |
|--|--|-------|
| District Commitment to Digital Learning | | 10-15 |
| Equitable Access to Digital Learning | | 10-15 |
| Community Engagement | | 10 |
| District Professional Development Plan | | 10 |

DIGITAL LEARNING PRACTICES

| | | |
|---|--|-------|
| Digital Citizenship | | 10 |
| Authentic Application of Digital Learning Tools & Content | | 10-15 |
| Personalized Learning & Growing Independent Learners | | 15 |
| Professional Growth & Collaboration | | 15 |

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY ACCESS








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|---|--|----|
| Data Safety & Security Policy | | 10 |
| Digital Device Life Cycle Management | | 10 |
| Infrastructure | | 10 |
| Support for Digital Teaching & Learning | | 20 |

























ENERGY EFFICIENCY







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|--|--|-------|
| Energy Efficiency for School Facilities | | 5-50 |
| Behavior-Based Energy Conservation Programs | | 10 |
| Energy Tracking & Management | | 10-20 |

| INNOVATION PROJECTS | | | Points |
|--|---|--|--------|
| Innovative Project #1 |    | | 10 |
| Innovative Project #2 |    | | 10 |
| INTEGRATED SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS & MATH | | | |
| iSTEAM Planning & Implementation |   | | 15 |
| iSTEAM Strategic Plan Indicators/iSTEAM Policy |  | | 10 |
| iSTEAM Collaborative Units of Study |  | | 10-50 |
| iSTEAM Professional Development Plan |   | | 5-20 |
| LEARNING ENVIRONMENT | | | |
| All Arts Disciplines Offered |  | | 10 |
| Curriculum Mapping |   | | 15-30 |
| Future Ready Schools Certification |  | | 10-15 |
| Outdoor Classroom |  | | 10 |
| Student Participation in the Arts |  | | 10 |
| STUDENT LEARNING  | | | |
| (One approved action in this category counts toward priority requirements) | | | |
| Education for Sustainability Integrated Unit |   | | 10-50 |
| Education for Sustainability Pre K-3 |   | | 5 |
| Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Arts |   | | 5 |
| Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Career and Technical Education |   | | 5 |
| Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 English Language Arts |   | | 5 |
| Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Health |   | | 5 |
| Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Math |   | | 5 |
| Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Science |   | | 5 |
| Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Social Studies |   | | 5 |
| Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Technology |   | | 5 |

PLANET

| CLIMATE MITIGATION & RENEWABLE ENERGY | | | Points |
|---|---|--|--------|
| School Carbon Footprint  |   | | 10 |
| Buy Renewable Electricity |   | | 10 |
| On-site Renewable Generation System - Geothermal |  | | 10 |
| On-site Renewable Generation System - Solar |  | | 5-40 |

| GREEN CLEANING | | | |
|---|---|--|-------|
| Green Cleaning Policy & Plan |   | | 10 |
| Green Cleaning Equipment |   | | 10 |
| Green Cleaning Supplies |   | | 10 |
| Green Cleaning Training & Education Programs |   | | 10 |
| GREEN DESIGN | | | |
| Green Building Policy  |  | | 10 |
| Design/Build/Certify New Construction & Major Renovations using Green Standard |  | | 10-50 |
| Green Building Training |   | | 10 |
| GREEN PURCHASING | | | |
| Green Purchasing Policy  |  | | 10 |
| Recycled Paper Purchase |   | | 10 |
| Sustainable Fleets |  | | 5-15 |
| SCHOOL GROUNDS | | | |
| Biodiversity Audit & Management Plan |  | | 10 |
| Biodiversity Project |  | | 10 |
| Green Infrastructure Assessment & Plan |  | | 10 |
| Green Infrastructure Installation |  | | 10 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING | | | |
| Waste Audit  |  | | 10 |
| Document Recycling Rates |  | | 10 |
| EPA Waste Wi\$e |  | | 5 |
| Food Waste Management |  | | 15 |
| Materials Reuse |  | | 10 |
| Recycling Non-Mandated Materials |   | | 5-20 |

-  Signifies a Priority action. Schools must complete at least two priority actions to achieve certification.
-  Signifies a Mandatory action. In order to participate in the program a district or school must complete this step.
-  Signifies a district only action. District actions earn points for all registered schools in the district.
-  Signifies a school only action.
-  Signifies a Digital Schools action. Visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com for more information about the requirements for adding Digital Star Recognition to Bronze or Silver certification.
-  Signifies a parallel action in the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program. Visit the participating town map at www.SustainableJersey.com to find contact information for your local municipal green team to explore working with them on this action.

To learn more visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com

Please note: Program actions and points may be subject to change. For the current official list of actions and points visit the website.



A certification program for New Jersey public schools that want to go green, conserve resources and take steps to create a brighter future,

ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME.

Sustainable Jersey's certified schools are national leaders in implementing solutions to key sustainability challenges while proactively providing the next generation with the tools they need to help their communities be more resilient and better able to adapt to a changing environment.

From efforts to improve health, integrate sustainability into student learning, boost recycling efforts, cut greenhouse gas emissions, improve digital learning and progress toward an equitable society, the actions completed by participating Sustainable Jersey schools and school districts have made a significant contribution.

Registration is free and grants are available. With more than 60% of school districts in New Jersey registered, the Sustainable Jersey for Schools scene is bigger than ever. Don't miss your chance to:

Save Money. Get Money.

Sustainable Jersey schools and school districts implement practices that lead to cost savings in energy, water and garbage bills. The program helps schools and districts improve efficiency, cut waste and free up money for the classroom. Registered schools and school districts get special priority access and notification of incentives and grants, and are eligible for the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program which has provided nearly \$6 million for community-based initiatives across New Jersey.

Prepare the next generation with the tools they need to save the planet.

Sustainable Jersey schools and school districts provide students with the tools they need to fight for a sustainable planet. Issues such as climate change, water scarcity, inequity, racism and environmental degradation require broad-based sustainability literacy to ensure that young people are equipped to deal with the challenges that lie ahead. Sustainable Jersey schools serve as learning labs for these issues and the certification program supports educators with the learning opportunities and resources they need to empower students.

Gain access to training, tools and expert guidance.

Participating schools will have access to clear guidance and New Jersey specific tools and resources for developing a comprehensive sustainable school program. Training workshops, webinars and leadership meetings will provide your school with the opportunity to connect with experts in important school sustainability issues.

Create a better future. Conserve valuable resources.

We need everyone on board to build a common agenda for a sustainable New Jersey. As we face increasing environmental and social challenges, we need schools to be a part of the solution. Participation in Sustainable Jersey for Schools provides an opportunity for students to connect with curricula in the integrated disciplines of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (i-STEAM) which can also serve as tools for interactive lessons. By becoming a Sustainable Jersey for Schools certified school, you align your school/district with your community's values while saving your resources as well as nature's.

Create healthier learning and working environments.

Research shows that sustainable practices positively impact student academic performance. Kids learn best when there is good natural classroom light and excellent indoor air quality. Sustainable practices help create healthier learning environments that lower illness and absenteeism.

Get recognized. Promote your school.

Schools that achieve Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification are promoted on our website, in our publications, in the media and at events. They are provided with a customized Sustainable Jersey for Schools logo that can be used on the school's promotional materials. Schools are honored at an annual awards event held during the New Jersey School Board Association's Annual Workshop. Program participation enhances school efforts to achieve U.S. Department of Energy Green Ribbon recognition and/or EcoSchools Green Flag status.

GETTING STARTED

To start the program, a school board must adopt a resolution of participation and then register at the Sustainable Jersey for Schools website. Then each school in that district may register on the program website. The website provides the list of sustainability actions and implementation tools available.

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