

FOR SCHOOLS

**SUSTAINABLE
JERSEY®**

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



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ACTIONS FOR SCHOOLS:

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

SILVER 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

		Points
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		
Data Safety & Security Policy		10
Digital Device Life Cycle Management		10
Infrastructure		10
Support for Digital Teaching & Learning		20
ENERGY EFFICIENCY		
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,

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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.

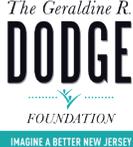
GETTING STARTED

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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