



# IS YOUR SCHOOL A Digital Schools Star?

ENHANCE YOUR BRONZE OR SILVER CERTIFICATION WITH DIGITAL SCHOOLS STAR

## Digital Schools Star Recognition

A Digital Schools Star embraces the mindful implementation of effective digital learning and communication tools, resources, and practices – a commitment that is evident in its mission, culture, classrooms, and interactions with its stakeholders.

Schools that meet or will meet the Sustainable Jersey for Schools (SJS) certification requirements can earn Digital Schools Star recognition in the same application cycle if they successfully complete the required actions. All Digital Schools actions count towards Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification and Digital Schools Star recognition and can be completed in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools District and School applications. Schools apply for Digital Schools Star recognition in the Digital Schools Star application accessible from their Sustainable Jersey for Schools website Dashboard. Working towards Digital Schools Star status will help schools achieve both certification and Digital Schools Star recognition.

Pursuing Digital Schools Star recognition encourages school personnel at all levels and departments to work together to improve planning, decision-making, curriculum, pedagogy, budgeting, and technology resources to help students better prepare for the future. The new and revised actions are designed to:

- Encourage board members, district administrators, and school leadership to take stock of what systems, technologies, policies, and practices are in place and how effectively they help meet educational goals
- Help administrators, educators, students, and families better understand the benefits of digital tools, resources, strategies, and equitable access
- Review, design, and plan for future digital learning needs to keep pace with an ever-evolving digital world

## Digital Schools Star Requirements

Schools can earn recognition as a Digital Schools Star by meeting the following requirements in their certification application:

- Successfully complete a minimum of 8 of the 13 Digital Schools actions. Some of these actions are for districts only and would be completed in the District application.
- At least 1 of the actions must be the Digital Innovative Classroom at the 15-point level.
- 1 out of the 8 actions must be from each category.
- At least 4 out of the 8 actions must be the Foundational Actions.

## How to Apply for Digital Schools Star Recognition

To apply for Digital Schools Star recognition, a school must submit both a certification application and a Digital Schools Star application. The Digital Schools Star application action requires the school to identify the Digital Schools actions in its certification application that have been approved or that are anticipated to be approved by the end of the certification cycle.

It is recommended that a school wait until the second or final application submission deadline to submit the Digital Schools Star application since the recognition is contingent on actions being approved in its certification application.

QUESTIONS?

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# Requirements to achieve a Digital Schools Star



## Introducing the New Digital Schools Action

Now introducing the Digital Innovative Classroom Action! This new action provides educators a platform to showcase their digitally innovative classrooms and highlight various dimensions of technologically advanced learning environments. Demonstrate how you run your classroom through 3 categories:

- Classroom Environment/Procedures
- Planning, Instruction, and Assessment
- Communication and Support

This action provides the perfect platform for educators to showcase how they utilize technology to enhance student learning and inspire others statewide.

To meet the Digital Schools Star requirements, in addition to submitting your Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification application, you must complete:

- A minimum of 8 actions
- At least 1 of the actions must be the Digital Innovative Classroom at the 15-point level.
- At least 4 of the 8 must be from the **Foundational Actions** highlighted in **red**
- At least 1 of the 8 must be from each category



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ACTION TYPES:  DISTRICT ONLY  SCHOOL ONLY	
<b>Category - Digital Learning Leadership</b>	
<b>District Commitment to Digital Learning (Certification Priority)</b>	<b>10-15</b>
<b>Equitable Access to Digital Learning (Certification Priority)</b>	<b>10-15</b>
Community Engagement (District or School Action)	10
<b>Category - Digital Learning Practices</b>	
Authentic Application of Digital Learning Tools and Content	10-15
<b>Digital Citizenship (Certification Priority)</b>	<b>10</b>
Digital Innovative Classroom #1	10-15
Digital Innovative Classroom #2	10-15
Personalized Learning and Growing Independent Learners	15
<b>Professional Growth and Collaboration</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Category - Digital Technology Access</b>	
<b>Data Safety and Security Policy</b>	<b>10</b>
Digital Device Life Cycle Management	10
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Support for Digital Teaching and Learning</b>	<b>20</b>

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