



Sustainable Jersey For Schools: Announcing Digital Schools Star Recognition

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Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools

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Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools

POLL

What is your role??

- Board Member
- Superintendent
- Principal
- Technology Leader
- Other Administrator
- Librarian/Media Specialist
- IT Professional
- Teacher
- Support Staff
- Other



Sustainable Jersey for Schools

A not-for-profit program that provides tools, training, and grants to New Jersey public schools to help them implement sustainability initiatives and achieve certification.

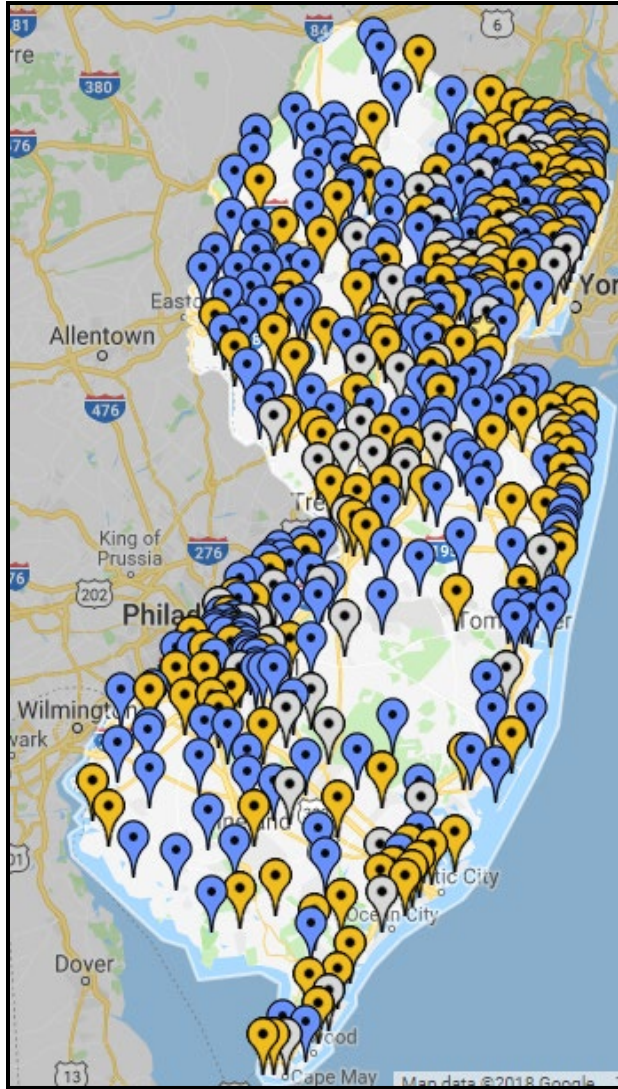


- Launched in 2014
- Modeled after successful municipal program
- Free and voluntary
- New Jersey based and consensus driven
- Awards certification to individual schools but requires School Board and district level support





Program Participants



Schools Program

352 Districts Registered

➤ 60% of NJ Districts

978 Schools Registered

➤ 39% of NJ Schools

323 Schools Certified

➤ 300 Bronze

➤ 23 Silver

Municipal Program

456 Registered

➤ 81% of NJ municipalities

204 Certified

➤ 151 Bronze

➤ 53 Silver

➤ 1 Gold Star (Woodbridge Twp.)



Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools

- Partnership of NJSBA / NJDOE / Sustainable Jersey
- Supported by the [New Jersey LEE Group](#)
- Continuing work of Future Ready Schools - NJ
- Announced June 2 – with LEE Group support
- [Transition Committee](#) provided guidance on
 - FRS-NJ Indicator to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Action integration
 - Promoting NJ school participation



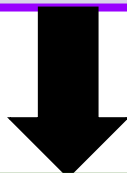
**DIGITAL SCHOOLS
PROGRAM**



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Future Ready Schools – New Jersey

- Was a powerful force for equity and progress in New Jersey
- Designed based on the Sustainable Jersey model
- Certified 259 schools from 76 districts as Future Ready
- Ceased operations in 2019



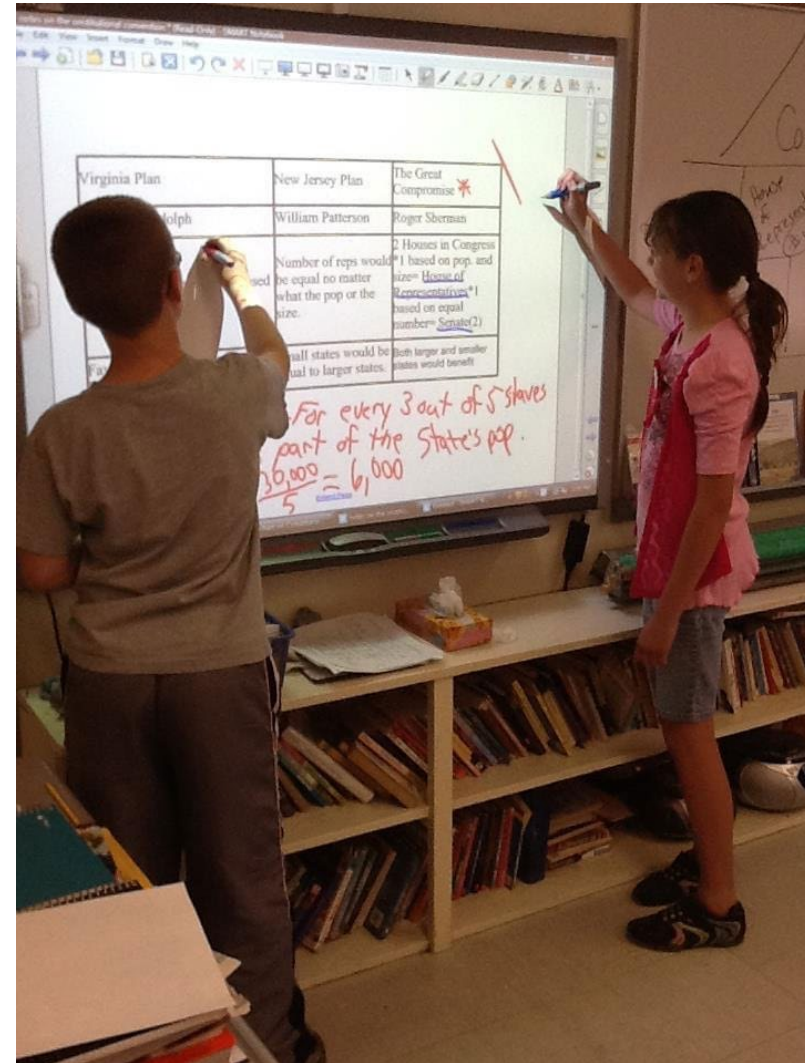
Transition to Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools

- 48 FRS-NJ Indicators integrated into
 - 12 new SJS Actions
 - 17 Existing SJS Actions
- FRS-NJ certification counts towards Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification



What is a Digital School?

A Digital School embraces the mindful implementation of effective digital learning and communication tools, resources, and practices and it is evident in its mission, culture, classrooms, and interactions with its stakeholders





Digital Schools Star Recognition

Pursuing Digital Schools Star recognition...

Encourages school personnel at all levels and in all departments to work together to improve:

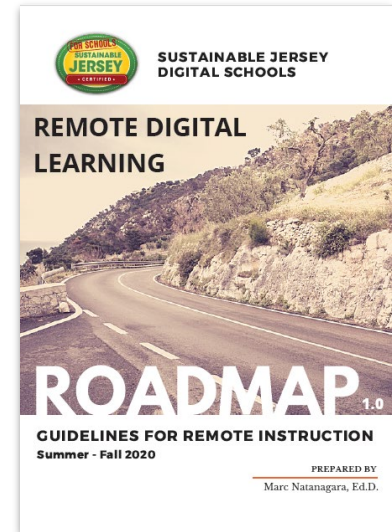
- planning
- decision making
- curriculum
- pedagogy
- budgeting
- technology resources to help students become better prepared for the future





Digital Schools Star Recognition

- Primary goal of program is to support schools
- All Resources are free
- Registration only required to access certification & grants
- All work is saved indefinitely
- Work at your own pace
- The first SJDS product was a [Remote Digital Learning Roadmap](#), providing guidance and examples of model practices and approaches that have proven successful across the country
 - Effort led by [Transition Committee](#) members plus other experts





Digital Schools Star Recognition Benefits



Access and apply a growing **library of digital resources**



Assess and plan to improve important areas of digital learning like equity, capacity, and personalizing learning for every student



Use meaningful data and procedures to make decisions, particularly cost effective and sustainable ones relating to technology



Join peers following the same process and **contribute to the larger community of digital learners**



Apply for **grants to fund innovation** and sustainability

- Related to capacity building or project grants related to fulfilling Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions

Be recognized by your peers as Digital Learning Leaders





Sustainable Jersey for Schools Benefits

- Improve health
- Integrate sustainability into student learning
- Boost recycling efforts
- Energy/Cost Savings
- Cut greenhouse gas emissions
- Progress toward an equitable society
- Access to the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program
 - Registration only required
 - \$6 million awarded to date for community-based initiatives across NJ.





SJS Account Sign up



www.SustainableJerseySchools.com

[Certification](#) [Actions](#) [Grants](#) [Events](#) [Resources](#) [Get Involved](#)

All resources are free and available on the website, but once you set up an account, you are also able to:

- Register a district or school
- Be added to a district and/or school profile
- Access a district and/or school dashboard
- Post events to our Calendar
- Sign-up for automatic grant notifications & e-news
- Signing up is easy!
- [Sign Up Page](#)

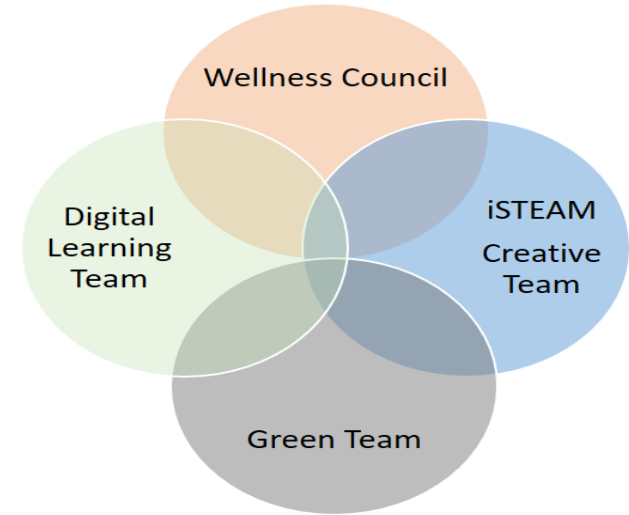


Digital Schools Star Recognition

- SJS Certification is required in order to attain DS Star recognition
- All points earned by completing Digital Schools actions count towards SJS certification
- FRS-NJ certified schools eligible for additional points
- First Application Deadline is January 15, 2021.
- Final application deadline June 21



Digital Schools within Bronze Certification



Digital Schools

- Green team
- 2 out of 14 priority actions
- Actions completed in 6 of 21 categories

There are 4 priority actions available with a Digital Schools Focus

Digital Schools focused actions are located in 5 categories

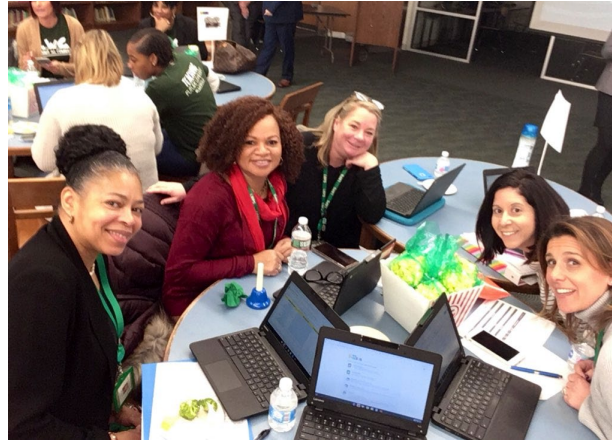


Sustainable Jersey & Digital Schools

Howell Twp. School District

Long Branch School District

Hazlet School District





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Is your school/district?

- Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certified/Registered
- Future Ready Schools – New Jersey Certified
- A Participant in both programs
- New to both programs



Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools

SJS Certified/Registered	FRS-NJ Certified	Certified in Both Programs
<p>CERTIFIED: Earn Digital Schools Star recognition by completing minimum requirements. Earn additional points to move from Bronze to Silver</p> <p>REGISTERED: Earn Certification & Digital Schools Star recognition together</p>	<p>Earn 10-15 pts towards Certification by completing FRS-NJ action</p>	<p>Earn Digital Schools Star Recognition by completing minimum requirements</p> <p>Earn additional points to move from Bronze to Silver</p>



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Star Recognition Requirements



REGISTER DISTRICT: Pass a resolution to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools

REGISTER SCHOOLS: Superintendent & Principal sign Letter of Participation

FORM GREEN TEAM

- ★ Successfully complete a minimum of 7 of the new 12 [Digital Schools actions](#).
- ★ Successfully complete three of the Student Learning actions with documentation submitted for lessons delivered in a remote digital or hybrid learning environment.
- ★ Successfully complete one of the School Culture and Climate actions. The submission must include steps taken to address the challenges associated with a remote digital or hybrid learning environment
- ★ Successfully complete [SJS certification](#)
 - All points earned completing Digital Schools actions count towards certification



Digital Schools Actions

Digital Learning Leadership – New Category

- [District Commitment to Digital Learning](#)
- [Community Engagement](#)
- [District Professional Development Plan](#)
- [Equitable Access to Digital Learning](#)

Digital Learning Practices – New Category

- [Authentic Application of Digital Learning Tools and Content](#)
- [Digital Citizenship](#)
- [Personalized Learning and Growing Independent Learners](#)
- [Professional Growth and Collaboration](#)



Digital Schools Actions

Digital Technology Access – New Category

- [Data Safety and Security Privacy](#)
- [Digital Device Life Cycle Management](#)
- [Infrastructure](#)
- [Support for Digital Teaching and Learning](#)

School Culture & Climate – Existing Category

- [Inclusive Environments Where All Can Thrive](#)
- [School Culture & Climate Needs Assessment](#)
- [Social Emotional Learning Integrated Unit](#)



Digital Schools Actions

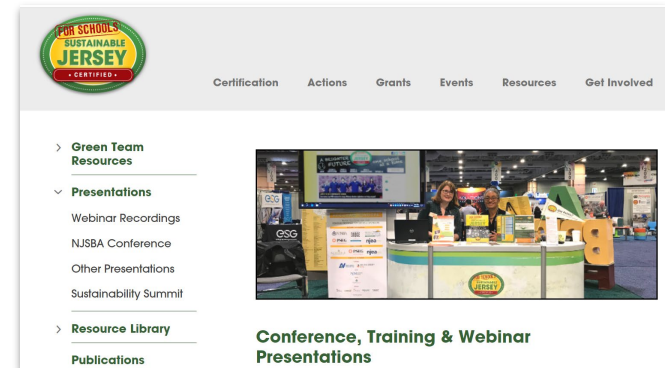
Student Learning – Existing Category

- [Fourteen Actions](#)
- Education for Sustainability
- PK – 12 grade levels
- Most subjects included
- Submission for Digital Schools must address lessons delivered in a remote digital or hybrid learning environment.



Website Tour

- Home Page – www.sustainablejerseyschools.com
- [Digital Schools Landing Page](#)
- [Actions](#)
- [Star Recognition Page](#)
- [Digital Schools History](#)
 - [Transition Committee](#)
 - [SJDS – FRS-NJ Crosswalk](#)
- [Remote Digital Learning Roadmap](#)
- [Sign Up Page](#)
- Dashboard Demo





2021 Certification Cycle

January 15 – Initial Application Deadline

- Late February – Reviewer Comments
- **March 26** – Second Submission
- Early May – Reviewer Comments
- **June 21** – Final Application Submission
- Early August – Certified Schools Notified
- **October** – Certified Schools Celebration



Unity Charter School – 2020 Silver



Winslow Twp Middle School – 2020 Silver

<http://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/actions-certification/certification-overview/2021-application-cycle/>



Digital Schools Star Recognition & Future Plans

- Recognized at SJS October 2021 Awards Ceremony
- Showcase of Accomplishments Winter 2022
 - Plenary Panel
 - Districts/Schools Present Their Activities
- Webinars
- Virtual “Happy Hours”
- Action Specific Trainings





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What Would Best Help Support You?

- Webinars on Specific Actions
- Virtual Peer “Happy Hour” Conversations
- Overall Certification Process Trainings
- Panel Discussions on Digital Learning Topics



Digital Schools Supporters & Sponsors

- Partners
 - NJDOE and NJSBA
- Supporters
 - [New Jersey Leadership for Educational Excellence \(LEE\) Group](#)

Funding provided by:

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Grants Program



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Bronze Sponsors



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Q & A



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Webinar Recording available at

<https://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/resources/presentations/webinar-recordings/>

PowerPoint will be emailed to all registrants



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