



Sustainable Jersey For Schools

Digital Schools Deep Dive: Digital Learning Leadership

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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.)



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





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POLL

What is your role??

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



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POLL

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



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Howell Township Public Schools



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.



Digital Learning Leadership

District Commitment to Digital Learning

What To Do, and How to Do It (summary)

- o Form a Digital Learning Team or equivalent
- o Create a collaborative Digital Learning Vision
- o Consider developing a Digital Learning Plan or equivalent planning document
- o Include Digital Learning Vision and elements in planning document as stated in #2 and #3 above
- o If no planning document is produced, ensure that all relevant plans, policies or practices include all elements as stated in #2 & #3 above
- o Routinely communicate the district's commitments to digital learning and support elements to all stakeholders



Digital Learning Leadership

District Commitment to Digital Learning

What to Submit to Earn Points for this Action (summary)

- Provide a short summary of the process used to develop your district's a) Digital Learning Vision; b) Digital Learning Supports in all relevant plans, policies or practices; and c) Review and Revision Process
- Upload a copy of the Digital Learning Vision for the district
- Upload a copy of the district Digital Learning Plan or equivalent, or Commitment to Digital Learning Submission Form
- **For an additional 5 points** - Provide a summary of the district's environmentally friendly management of all digital learning technology resources



Digital Learning Leadership

Equitable Access to Digital Learning

What To Do, and How to Do It

- Create a school district team or equivalent to address equitable access
- Determine what information needs to be collected
- Create surveys as needed and a communication plan to distribute and collect survey responses
- Include community organization surveys or equivalent communications as needed
- Use the information collected to identify gaps in equitable access
- Design and implement an Equitable Access to Learning plan to eliminate identified digital learning inequities
- Develop community partnerships as appropriate based on identified needs
- Design and implement an ongoing evaluation plan that measures success and identifies persistent gaps. Make adjustments as necessary



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Equitable Access to Digital Learning

What to Submit to Earn Points for this Action

- Provide a short summary of the process used to implement solutions for identified access gaps, and your ongoing process to ensure such gaps do not persist or reemerge.
- Upload samples of student, parent & community surveys (or equivalent)
- Upload a report that a) quantifies identified access gaps, b) documents solutions, and c) compares previous gaps vs. gaps after implementation
- **For an additional 5 points** - Upload evidence of any meaningful community partnerships that were formed to help address digital learning gaps



Digital Learning Leadership

District Professional Development Plan

What To Do, and How to Do It

- Survey educators on professional learning needs related to digital learning
- Identify the district's digital learning professional learning priorities based on survey results
- Analyze the survey results to identify individualized needs
- Identify personnel and/or outside experts to lead digital learning professional learning programs
- Produce the district Professional Development Plan infused with support for digital learning capacity building
- Gain School Board approval of the District Professional Development Plan
- Schedule professional learning sessions and ongoing support



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District Professional Development Plan

What to Submit to Earn Points for this Action

- Provide a short summary of the process used to develop your district's Professional Development Plan
- Upload a copy of the district's Board-approved Professional Development Plan for the current school year, highlighted to indicate how professional learning for digital teaching and learning is supported
- Upload copies of the surveys used to assess educators' professional learning needs related to digital learning and capacity building



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Community Engagement

What To Do, and How to Do It

- Designate a district team of stakeholders, either an existing or new team, with the goal of either revising the existing communications plan or equivalent or creating a new plan
- Identify the steps and resources needed to revise the current communications plan or create a new plan or equivalent that both effectively utilizes digital tools and media and engages the community
- Create the digital learning communications plan or equivalent or revise the existing plan
- Identify and consider how to assess the effectiveness of current digital learning communication methods
- Create a checklist of digital learning communication considerations for educators/staff members
- Implement the communications plan or equivalent by communicating the plan to staff
- Create a continuous evaluation process to judge the effectiveness of digital learning communications. Review & adjust as needed.



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Community Engagement

What to Submit to Earn Points for this Action

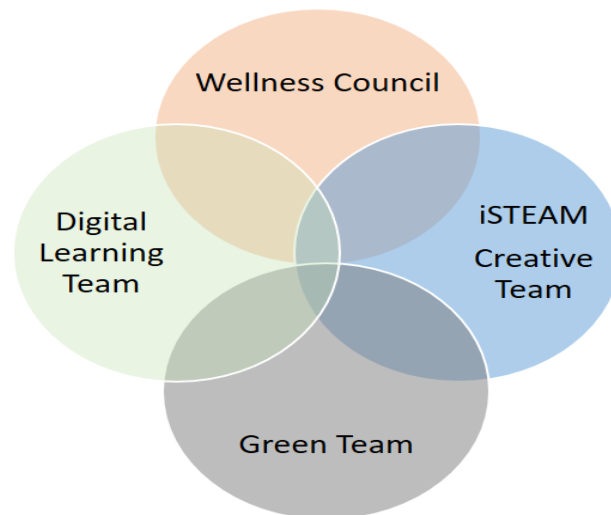
- Provide a summary of the process used to create or revise a communications plan or equivalent that integrates the district's or school's digital learning vision
- Upload a copy of the district or school communications plan or equivalent, highlighted to show how the digital learning vision, practices, policies, and procedures are communicated to stakeholders and the process for evaluating communication strategies and adjusting them as needed
- Upload ten samples of district or school communications that support the implementation of the communications plan or equivalent using at least three different media channels



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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>

Digital Schools within Bronze Certification



Digital Schools

There are 4 priority actions available with a Digital Schools Focus

Digital Schools focused actions are located in 5 categories

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



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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](#).
(Including 5 of 8 Foundational 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



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/>



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Digital Schools Star Recognition Requirements -

<https://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/actions/digital-schools-program/digital-schools-star-recognition/>

Certification webinar -

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4354233581542900748>



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Q & A



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