



Is Your School a Digital Schools Star?

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Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools



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- All attendees muted until the end
- Slides will be emailed and posted at <https://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/resources/presentations/webinar-recordings/>
- [**Ready, Set, Certified**](#) webinar recording also available
- Individual Technical Assistance sessions are available
- [**Planning for Recertification**](#) webinar, Oct 14, 2021, 1:30-2:30 PM



2021 Digital Schools Star Results



37 Schools in 9 Districts earned DS Star (39 applied)

14 DS Star schools in 4 Districts also certified for the first time

School Districts with DS Star Schools	County
Essex County Schools of Technology	Essex
Florence Township School District (<i>All Star Schools!</i>)	Burlington
Franklin Township Public Schools	Somerset
Franklin Township School District	Hunterdon
Hackensack School District	Bergen
Howell Township Public School District (<i>All Star schools and all Silver Certified!</i>)	Monmouth
Long Branch Public School District	Monmouth
Mount Olive Township School District (<i>All Star Schools!</i>)	Morris
Spring Lake Heights School District	Monmouth
<i>District with first-time certified schools</i>	



Digital Schools



Star Recognition Submissions

- 74 schools and 34 school districts participated in the Digital Schools program by submitting actions
- 680 total Digital School action submissions were received by the final June 21 deadline



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Program Overview



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

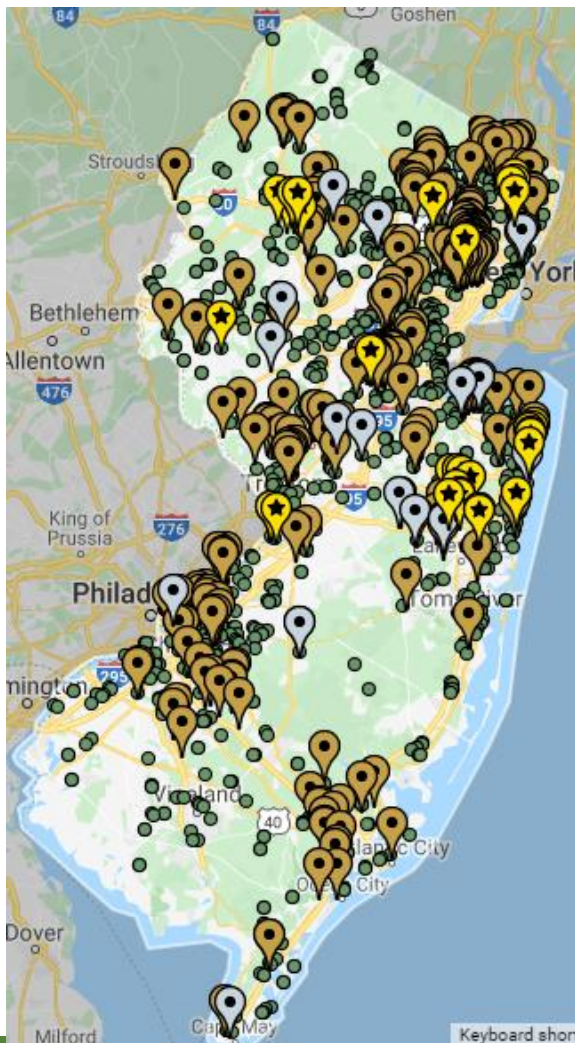




Program Participants



School Program Participants



Municipal Program Participants



School Program

374 Districts Registered

- 64% of NJ Districts

1025 Schools Registered

- 40% of NJ Schools

335 Schools Certified

- 292 Bronze,
- 43 Silver

37 Digital Schools Stars

Municipal Program

460 Registered

- 81% of NJ municipalities

219 Certified

- 155 Bronze
- 64 Silver
- 1 Gold Star



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Howell Twp. School District

Long Branch School District

Hazlet School District





Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools



- Partnership of NJSBA / NJDOE / Sustainable Jersey
- Supported by the [New Jersey LEE Group](#)
- Continuing work of Future Ready Schools - NJ
- Officially launched December 15, 2021
- [Transition Committee](#) provided guidance on
 - FRS-NJ Indicator to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Action integration
 - Long term governance structure



**DIGITAL SCHOOLS
PROGRAM**

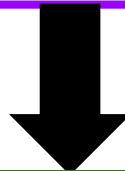


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Future Ready Schools – New Jersey

- 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



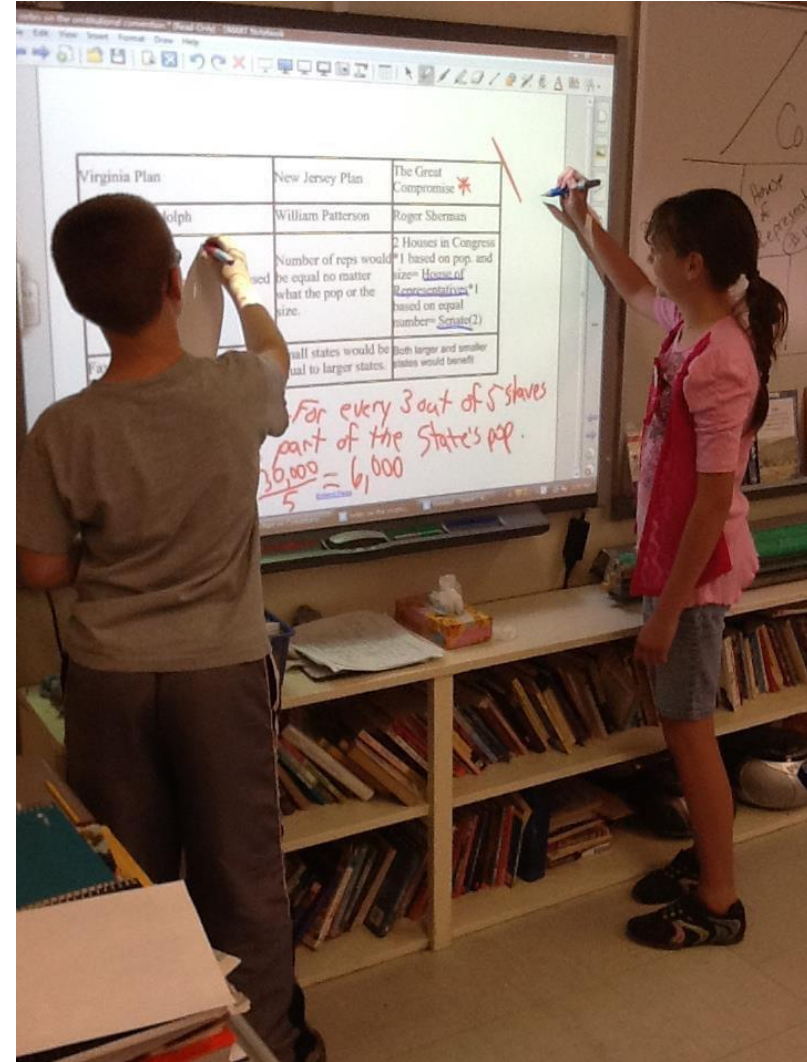
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Digital Schools Star Recognition

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
- 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 and climate change education resources 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

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
 - See [Ready, Set, Certified](#) Webinar for process information
- All points earned by completing Digital Schools actions count towards SJS certification
- FRS-NJ certified schools eligible for additional points

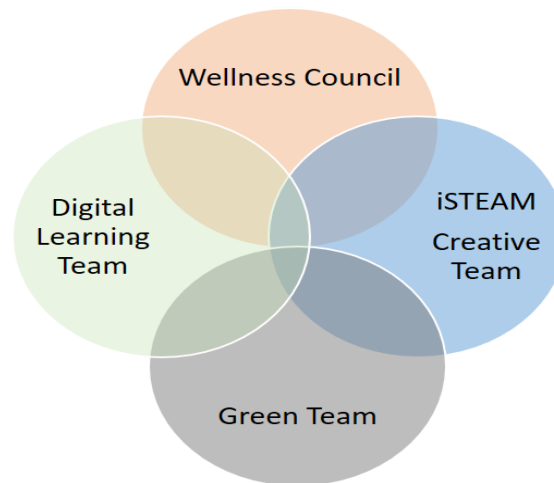
Final application deadline June 15, 2022



Digital Schools within Bronze Certification



150
points
Bronze



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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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 ([Fact Sheet](#))

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](#).
Also 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



Going for a Digital Schools Star?



- Complete the Digital Schools Star requirements in your certification applications – school & district.
- Either submit new, or resubmit updated **Student Learning** actions and **School Culture & Climate** actions that are approved from a previous cycle, with the new digital learning requirements to have them count towards the Digital Schools Star.
- **Schools** – Don't forget to also submit the separate Digital Schools Star application.

Submit Digital
Schools Star
Application for
Review



Submitting the Digital Schools Star Recognition Application



- Complete a single action with a checklist



Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools Star Recognition Checklist

To earn Digital Schools Star recognition, a school must achieve **Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification** and successfully complete the required **Digital Schools actions** as part of their certification application. Complete the following form:

School Information

School District:

School:

School Grade Levels:

Person completing the checklist

Name:

Email Address:














Phone Number:

Now fill out the checklist provided to ensure that you have met the requirements to be recognized as a Digital Schools Star. This checklist is a fillable PDF that can be uploaded directly to your certification application. Click the empty square next to the action you want to mark as completed and a check-mark will appear. This checklist can also be printed out, filled out, scanned into your computer, and then uploaded directly to your certification application, if that is what you prefer.

STEP ONE: Check the actions below that are currently approved or anticipated to be approved in your Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification application in the current cycle.

To meet the Digital Schools Star requirements you must check:

- A minimum of 7 actions
- At least 1 of the 7 must from each category
- At least 5 of the 7 must be the **Foundational Actions** highlighted in **red**.

Action Types:  District Only  School Only		
Category - Digital Learning Leadership	Points	Check
Community Engagement (District or School action)	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
District Commitment to Digital Learning (Priority) 	10-15	<input type="checkbox"/>
District Professional Development Plan 	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equitable Access to Digital Learning (Priority) 	10-15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Category - Digital Learning Practices	Points	Check
Authentic Application of Digital Learning Tools and Content 	10-15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital Citizenship (Priority) 	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personalized Learning and Growing Independent Learners 	15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional Growth and Collaboration 	15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Category - Digital Technology Access	Points	Check
Data Safety and Security Policy 	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital Device Life Cycle Management 	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infrastructure 	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support for Digital Teaching and Learning 	20	<input type="checkbox"/>





Submitting the Digital Schools Star Recognition Application



- Complete a single action with a checklist

STEP TWO: Check at least three of the **Student Learning** actions below that are currently approved or anticipated to be approved in your Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification application in the current cycle.

To meet Digital Schools Star requirements, the submissions must address lessons delivered in a remote digital or hybrid learning environment. Schools serving **only** PK – 3 students with **fewer than 3 grade levels** are only required to complete one Student Learning action per grade level. For example, a school with only kindergarten and 1st grade classes would be required to complete two Student Learning actions.

Action Types: 🏠 District Only 🏠 School Only		
Student Learning Actions	Points	Check
Education for Sustainability Integrated Unit 🏠	10-50	
Education for Sustainability Pre-Kindergarten 🏠	5	
Education for Sustainability Kindergarten 🏠	5	
Education for Sustainability 1st Grade 🏠	5	
Education for Sustainability 2nd Grade 🏠	5	
Education for Sustainability 3rd Grade 🏠	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	



STEP THREE: Check at least one of the **School Culture and Climate (SCC)** Actions that are currently approved or anticipated to be approved in your Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification application in the current cycle.

To meet the Digital Schools Star requirements the submission must include steps taken to address the challenges associated with a remote digital or hybrid learning environment.

Action Types: 🏠 District Only 🏠 School Only		
School Culture and Climate (SCC) Actions	Points	Check
Inclusive Environments Where All Can Thrive 🏠	10	
School Culture and Climate Needs Assessment 🏠	20	
Social Emotional Learning Integrated Unit 🏠	10	





Digital Schools Actions

Digital Learning Leadership – New Category

- [Community Engagement](#)
- [District Commitment to Digital Learning](#)
- [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

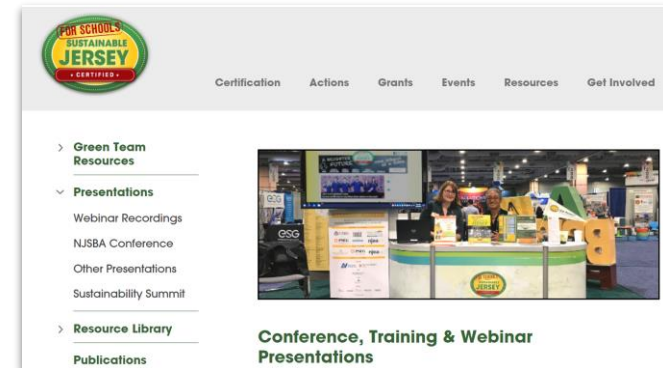
- [Fourteen Actions](#)
- Education for Sustainability
- PK – 12 grade levels
- Most subjects included
- Submission for Digital Schools must address lessons delivered in a remote digital or hybrid learning environment.



Website Tour



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





2022 Certification Cycle



- **January 13** – Initial Application Deadline
- Late February – Reviewer Comments
- **March 29** – Second Submission
- Early May – Reviewer Comments
- **June 15** – Final Application Submission
- Early August – Certified Schools Notified
- **October** – Certified Schools Celebration



Unity Charter School – 2020 Silver



Winslow Twp Middle School – 2020 Silver

<https://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/certification/2022-certification-cycle/>



Digital Schools Star Recognition & Future Plans



- Recognized at October Awards Ceremony
 - Tune in to Sustainable Jersey's Facebook page for the live event on October 20 at 3:30 pm!
- Showcase of Accomplishments Winter 2022/2023
- Webinars (coming in Nov–Dec)
- Action Specific Trainings
- ***Individual school technical assistance sessions available***



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PowerPoint will be emailed to all registrants



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