



Sustainable Jersey for Schools 2021 Certification Cycle

<p>September 1, 2020</p>	<p>NEW PROGRAM YEAR STARTS for Sustainable Jersey for Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools seeking certification in 2021 start working on applications. • Schools with certifications expiring in August 2021 begin work on re-certification. • School and District green teams work on completing actions and uploading documentation to their applications. <p><i>Tip: Submit initial applications in January and March and use reviewers' feedback to help achieve certification.</i></p>
<p>January 15, 2021</p>	<p>First 2021 Online Application Submission Deadline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District/school applicant prepares an initial application by uploading available action documentation. Actions marked as "Completed" will be reviewed. • Additional documentation may be uploaded during the second and final review cycles.
<p>Late February, 2021</p>	<p>First-Round Review Comments Provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each reviewed action will be marked as "Approved" or "Must Revise" with comments provided. • Applicants have the opportunity to complete required activities and/or documentation to receive credit for actions marked as "Must Revise."
<p>March 26, 2021</p>	<p>Second 2021 Online Application Submission Deadline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts and Schools that submitted applications in January have a second opportunity to provide documentation and update actions that were marked "Must Revise." • Newly revised actions should be marked as "Completed" then submitted for review.
<p>Early May, 2021</p>	<p>Second-Round Review Comments Provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each reviewed action will be marked "Approved" or "Must Revise" with comments provided. • For applications containing actions marked as "Must Revise," there is a final opportunity to complete required activities and/or documentation to receive credit for these actions.
<p>June 21, 2021</p>	<p>Third (Final) 2021 Application Submission Deadline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the final opportunity for schools and districts to submit documentation for "Must Revise" actions. • All actions submitted should contain documentation to address any deficiencies or meet action requirements. Actions with no documentation will not be approved. <p><i>NOTE: For applications submitted for the first time in June, there will not be an opportunity to update the application based on the feedback provided until January 2022.</i></p>
<p>Early-August, 2021</p>	<p>Final Certification Notification to Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All schools that have met the certification requirements will be considered certified at the bronze or silver level based on the accumulated points total and considered for the Sustainable Jersey for Schools annual awards. • Certified schools and annual award winners will be recognized at the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Awards to be held at the NJSBA Workshop in October.

Visit the [Green Team Resources page](#), under *Grants & Resources* on the website to learn about green team strengthening and view certification and action-specific resources.

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