



Ready, Set, Go!

Getting Started with Sustainable Jersey for Schools

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Overview

- What Is Sustainable Jersey?
- What are the benefits of participating?
- How will the certification program work?
- How can you support success for your school?
- Next Steps for local School Boards



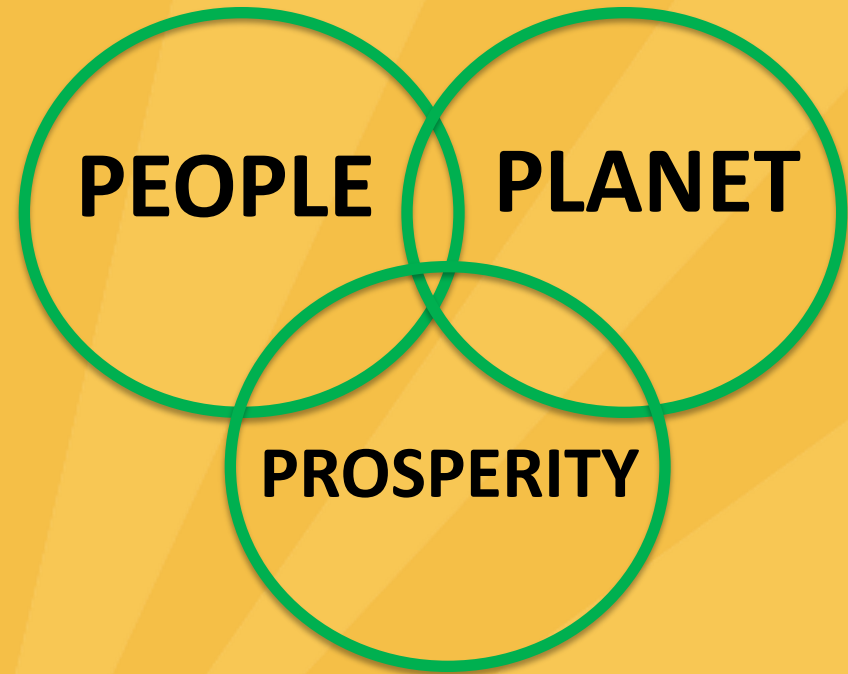
What is Sustainable Jersey?



Haddon Township celebrates achieving Sustainable Jersey certification



Components of Sustainability



What kind of future do we want?



Students help the Mount Holly Green Team create a rain garden



Sustainable Jersey

Certification program for municipalities and schools in New Jersey:

- Identifies **actions** to help become sustainable
- Provides **tools, resources, and guidance** for progress
- Provides access to **grants and funding**



Participating Communities



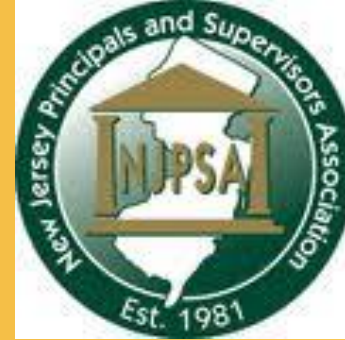
- Program start: February 2009
- 419 (74%) NJ municipalities participating
- 86% of NJ's population lives in these communities
- 171 municipalities certified:
 - 144 towns at bronze level
 - 27 towns at silver level

Sustainable Jersey for Schools

- Certification program for NJ schools/districts
- Free and voluntary
- NJ based and consensus driven
- Non-profit organization with Board of Trustees
- Partners include NJSBA, state agencies, schools, experts



Program Partners



Sponsors

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Why get certified?

- **Save money. Get money.**
Get grants, improve efficiency, cut waste and free up money for the classroom
- **Gain access to training, tools and expert guidance.**
Workshops, webinars, leadership meetings
- **Get recognized.**
Promote your school.
Annual awards and promotion
- **Improve your school and district.**
Healthier learning environments
- **Conserve valuable resources. Protect the environment.**
Students connect with curricula in (STEM) education



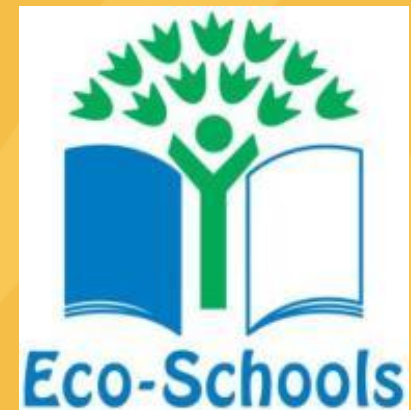
Celebrate Existing Progress



- School Districts Already Leaders
- Focus Attention on Current Accomplishments
- Program Participation Roadmap for Progress

Support Success in Other Programs

- **Build Additive and Supportive Model**
 - US Dept. Of Education “GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS”
 - National Wildlife Federation, “EcoSchools”
 - NJ Partnership for Healthy Kids
 - Alliance for a Healthier Generation
 - Lots of other great programs.....



Actions: Prosperity, Planet, People

PEOPLE

STUDENT & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Green Team**

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School Wellness Council*

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Policies to Promote Physical Activity

PROSPERITY

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy Audit*

Building Efficiency Measures*

Energy Tracking & Management

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LEADERSHIP & PLANNING

Professional Development for Sustainability*

School Community Asset Mapping

Green Facilities Management Checklist

Green Enhancement of District Strategic Plans

Strategic Plan Implementation of Green Initiatives

District Sustainability Policy

School District Foundation

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(only one action in this category will be counted toward priority requirements)

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Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Health*

PLANET

CLIMATE MITIGATION & RENEWABLE ENERGY

School Carbon Footprint*

On-site Renewable Generation System-Solar

On-site Renewable Generation System-Geothermal

Buy Renewable Electricity

Collaborate with Municipality on Government Energy Aggregation Program

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Biodiversity Audit & Management Plan

Biodiversity Project

Green Infrastructure Assessment & Plan

Green Infrastructure Installation

Sustainable Landscape Design

GREEN DESIGN

Green Building Policy*

Green Building Training

Green Building Survey

Bid New Construction & Major Renovations using Green Standard

Build New/Renovated Project that meets Green Standard

Commissioning Approval for New/Existing Building that meets Green Standard

GREEN PURCHASING

Green Purchasing Policy*

POINTS

10

(5-40)

10

10

10

10

10

10

10

10

10

10

10

10

10

20

20

10

10

Bronze Certification

- Total of at least 150 points
- Mandatory Green Team
- Implement 2 of 11 priority actions
- Actions completed in 6 of 17 categories
 - *District Actions*
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Silver Certification

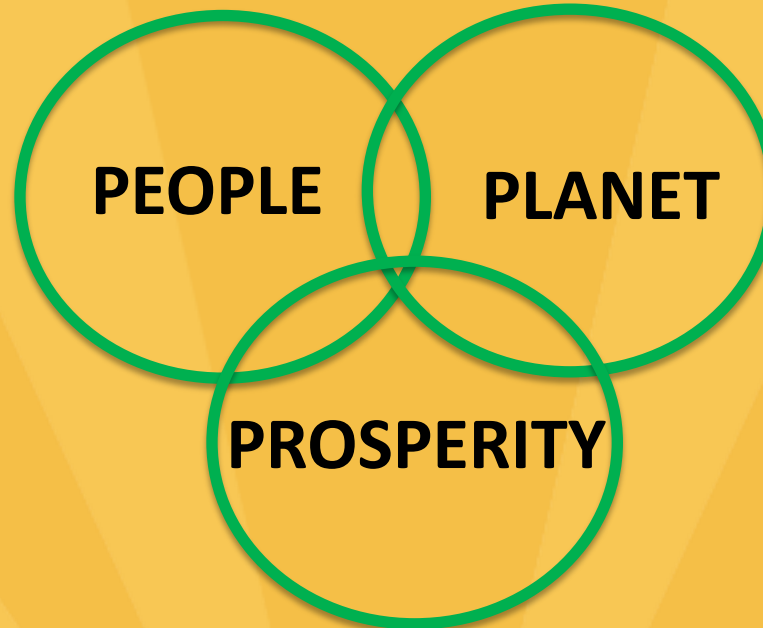
- Significant progress & a statewide leader
- Total of at least 350 points
- Green Team
- Implement 3 out of 11 priority actions
- Actions completed in 8 of 17 categories
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Certification Action Categories

PEOPLE

- Diversity & Equity
- Food & Nutrition
- Healthy School Environments
- Safe Routes to School
- Student & Community Outreach
- Student & Staff Wellness



Components of Sustainability

PLANET

- Climate Mitigation & Renewable Energy
- Green Cleaning
- Green Design
- Green Purchasing
- School Grounds
- Waste Management & Recycling

PROSPERITY

- Student Learning
- Energy Efficiency
- Innovation Projects
- Leadership & Planning
- Learning Environment

11 Priority Actions

- Community Education & Outreach
- School Wellness Council
- Indoor Air Quality Review
- Energy Audit
- Building Efficiency Measures
- Professional Development for Sustainability
- Education for Sustainability
- School Carbon Footprint
- Green Building Policy
- Green Purchasing Policy
- Waste Audit



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planet.

Types of Actions

- District Only
 - District completes these actions and submits them for review
- School Only
 - Individual schools complete these actions and submits them for review
- Either District or School can complete the action
 - Action must be claimed by the agreed upon entity

Learning Environment	
School Grounds	
Student & Community Outreach	
Student and Staff Wellness	
1 Programs to Promote Physical Activity	Status: Unplanned
10 Points 📌 School Only	Unplanned ▼
1 Staff Wellness Program	Status: Unplanned
10 Points	Unplanned ▼
1 Policies to Promote Physical Activity	Status: Unplanned
10 Points 🏛️ District Only	Unplanned ▼
1 School Health Assessment	Status: Unplanned
20 Points 📌 School Only	Unplanned ▼
1 School Wellness Council	Status: Unplanned
10 Points ★ Priority 📌 School Only	Unplanned ▼
Student Learning	
Student Safety	

District and School Participation

DISTRICT



- District actions **automatically generate points** for each participating school
- Certification is awarded at the **school level**



District Only Actions

- District actions must be completed at the district level
- Focus on district-wide policies and planning efforts
- Actions listed in the district online application accessible from the district dashboard
- Approved district actions are automatically incorporated in to the schools certification applications





School Only Actions

- School actions must be completed at the school level
- Focus on programs, activities, and projects completed at an individual school
- Actions listed in the school's online application accessible from the school dashboard





District or School Actions



- Actions listed in both the district and individual school's online application
 - If the district claims the action it will be listed on the schools application but not accessible
- If an action is approved at the district level, it will be automatically incorporated in to the schools' certification applications
- Focus on programs or activities that could be implemented on a district-wide basis or by individual schools (i.e. Breakfast After the Bell, Green Purchasing)
- District activity on the action overrides school
 - District and schools need to coordinate who will take the lead on these actions



Breakfast After the Bell 20 Points

Breakfast After the Bell (20 Points)

Why is it important?

Who should lead and be involved with this action?

Timeframe

Project costs and resource needs

What to do, and how to do it ("How to")

What to submit to earn points for this action

Spotlight: What New Jersey Schools are Doing

Resources

 Print Action Description

 Download PDF Version

Breakfast After the Bell (20 Points)


The Federal School Breakfast Program offers children a nutritious breakfast at school so they can start their day right. Children from families with incomes at or below 130% of the poverty level are eligible for free meals. Those with incomes between 130% and 185% of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price meals. The goal of the New Jersey Food for Thought School Breakfast Campaign as well as the Breakfast After the Bell action is to increase the number of children eating a healthy breakfast on school days by improving the effectiveness of school breakfast programs. The majority of school breakfast programs in New Jersey offer free or reduced price breakfast to students before the start of school; many eligible students, however, do not arrive at school early enough to receive breakfast. Breakfast After the Bell is a way for any district or individual schools to re-imagine the school breakfast program by offering a time during which a greater percentage of students will benefit: in the classroom the bell has rung. In order to earn points for this action, school districts or individual schools must have a robust Breakfast After the Bell program.

Why is it important?

Research consistently shows that a healthy breakfast can help students focus in class, score higher on standardized tests, avoid trips to the nurse, and minimize classroom disturbances. When children are hungry, they may struggle to focus on the reading

ACTION TOTALS

Mandatory	0/1
Priority	0/10
Total	0/1015
Categories	0/16
Actions	0/84

 Energy Audit

Status: Unplanned

Explore 87 Potential Actions



Five Certification Steps

1

- School district adopts resolution of participation and registers. Superintendent invites district's school principals to participate

2

- School principals register their school with letter of participation signed by principal and superintendent

3

- Green Team created at district or school level

4

- School completes certification actions totaling at least 150 points. On-line interactive application goes live January 2015.

5

- School uploads documentation. Certification awarded after review



Sign in or sign up.



A BRIGHTER FUTURE

one school at a time

ABOUT

ACTIONS & CERTIFICATION

EVENTS & TRAININGS

GRANTS & RESOURCES

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

SUPPORT US

REGISTER

SIGN UP FOR SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS UPDATES
Sign up for email updates.

HEADLINES

- South Jersey Gas Announced as Founding Sponsor of Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program**
MAY 08, 2014
- New Jersey Natural Gas Named Founding Sponsor of Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program**
NOV 14, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program Launch New Jersey School Boards Association Conference**
OCT 28, 2014 - 04:00 PM TO

ABOUT SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a certification program for New Jersey public schools that want to go green, conserve resources and take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time. [Learn More](#)→

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTICIPANTS



DISTRICTS



SCHOOLS

Registration Process

The school district must register to participate in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program **BEFORE** any school in that district can register.



Once the district is registered, schools can register individually.



Sample Resolution:
Participation in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program

District Registration

Whereas—The _____ Board of Education (or Board of Trustees) seeks to participate in *Sustainable Jersey for Schools* to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

Whereas—The _____ Board of Education and District Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly and cost-effective solutions.

Whereas—Extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places.

Whereas—Many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment.;

Whereas—Sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children.

Whereas—The _____ Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as "Green Team"), based on the guidance of *Sustainable Jersey for Schools*. (See the "Create A Green Team" action. Your district "Green Team" can be designated from a pre-existing group within the district if desired.).

Whereas—Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships.

Whereas—The _____ Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities.

Therefore, it is resolved that _____ Board of Education agrees to participate in *Sustainable Jersey for Schools*, and it is the board's intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

We hereby appoint _____ to be the district's liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

We do hereby recognize _____ Public School(s) (list schools in District) as the agent(s) to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of *Sustainable Jersey for Schools* actions.

We agree to complete district actions and to support the district's schools in completing their actions.

Signature of President of the Board of Education _____ Date _____

Signature of District Superintendent _____ Date _____

Signature of Business Administrator _____ Date: _____

Step 1: Resolution of Participation


- The district must adopt a ***Resolution of Participation***. A sample resolution is available on the website.
- The district also needs to identify the person who will be the primary contact for its Sustainable Jersey for Schools efforts.



District Registration



Step 2: Create an Account on SustainableJerseySchools.com


Sign up for a New Account with Sustainable Jersey for Schools 

With a Sustainable Jersey for Schools account, you are able to:

- Register a District or School
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- Post Events to our Calendar
- Sign-up for Automatic Grant Notifications

Signing up is easy and takes only a couple minutes. To sign up, please click on the button below.

[Sign Up Now](#)

Join Sustainable Jersey for Schools 

Creating an account takes less than a minute, and we promise we will never share your information with third parties.

First Name: Last Name:

Password: Confirm Password:

Email Address:

Please add me to the Sustainable Jersey for Schools mailing list.

[Create Account](#)

A district representative must create a website account by clicking sign in or sign up on the top left hand corner of the website.



District Registration



Step 3: Click Register



After signing in, click on Register on the top right hand corner of the website.





Register a District or School



ACTIONS & CERTIFICATION

[Program Benefits](#)

Register

[How to Register for Sustainable Jersey for Schools](#)[Certification Overview](#)[Actions](#)[Review](#)[Participating Communities](#)

SELECT THE DISTRICT OR SCHOOL YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER:

School districts must be registered before an individual school can register.

I'd like to register a...

District

County

Atlantic

District

Absecon Public Schools

Please select applicant type, county, and school district.

Start Registration

If your district or school is not listed, please contact schools@sustainablejersey.com.

Register Your District



District Registration



Step 4: Select District to Register

SELECT THE DISTRICT OR SCHOOL YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER:

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I'd like to register a...
District

County
Atlantic

District
! Test District

Please select applicant type, county, and school district.

Start Registration

On the Register page, select the county and district using the dropdown menus.



District Registration



Step 5: Enter Required Information

On the Register Your School or District page, enter the requested information for the district contact and upload the district's Resolution of Participation then click Submit Registration

Begin Registration for ! Test District (Atlantic)

TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOURSELF:

Department:

Required Field

Position Title:

Required Field

District Phone Number:

Required Field

Street Address:

Required Field

City:

Required Field

State:

Required Field

Zip Code:

Required Field

PRIMARY CONTACT FOR THIS APPLICANT:

I am the primary contact for this applicant.

First Name:

Required Field

Last Name:

Required Field

Phone Number:

Required Field

Email Address:

Required Field

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Department:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Number of Schools in District:

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Total Student Population:

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UPLOAD DOCUMENTATION:

Document Title:

School Board Resolution

Upload Documentation:

No file chosen

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District Registration



Registration Received



Your documentation is being processed. You will receive an email confirmation within 48 hours.

- Sustainable Jersey for Schools will confirm the district's registration via an email to the district's primary contact.
- Schools cannot register until the district confirmation has been received.



School Registration



Step 1: Letter of Participation

- The school principal must write a letter of participation signed by the principal and superintendent. A sample letter is available for schools to use.
- The school also needs to identify the person who will be the primary contact for its Sustainable Jersey for Schools efforts.



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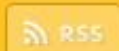
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! Test School A

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Street Address:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:



Step 5: Enter Requested Information

On the Register Your School or District page, enter the requested information and upload the school's letter of participation then click Submit Registration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Grade Levels Served: Student Population:
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Street Address:
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UPLOAD DOCUMENTATION:

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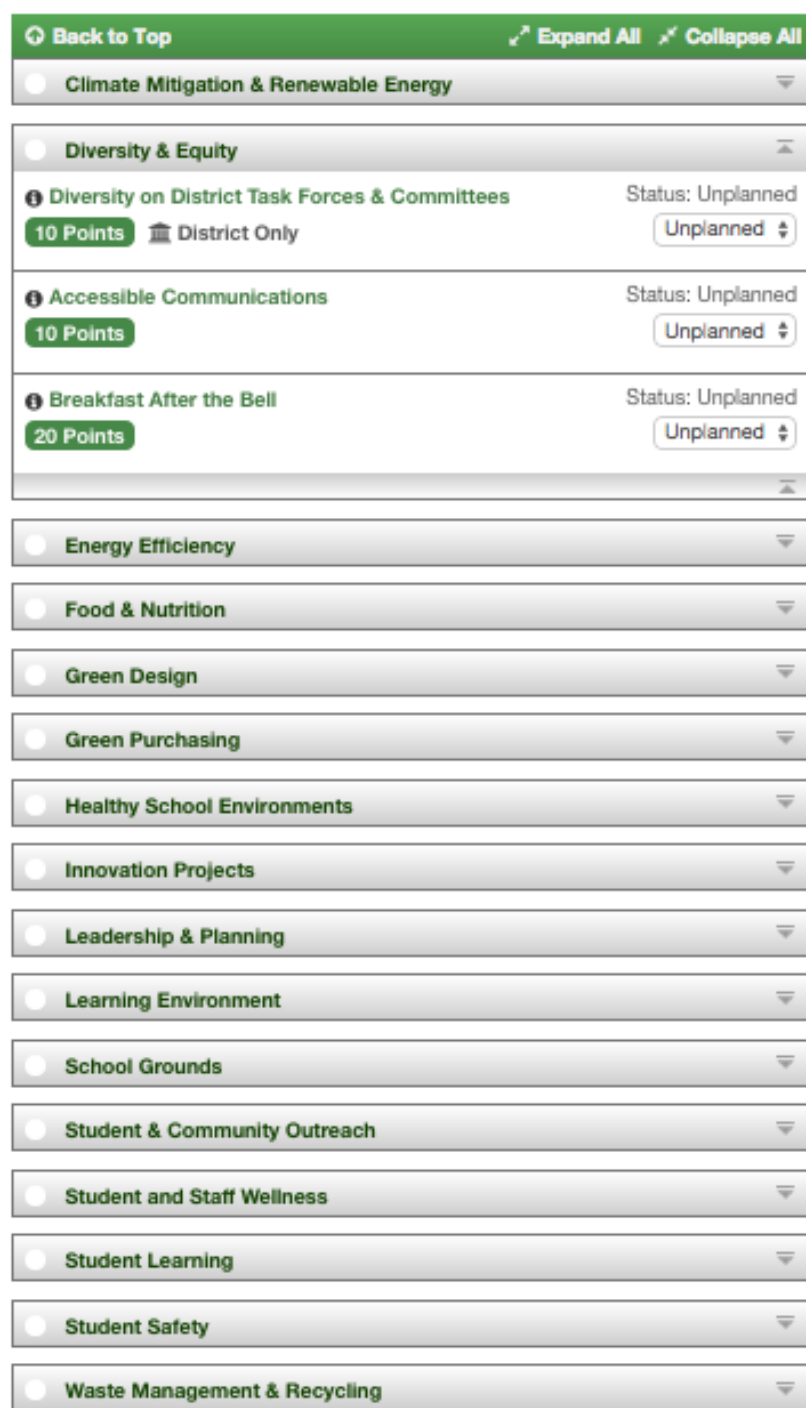
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After Successful Registration

- District and schools will work together to complete actions and achieve certification at the school level
- School certification based on actions completed by district and by the school
- Each registered district and school will have its own online “dashboard” accessible through the website
- The dashboard allows a user to:
 - Access the online applications
 - Update district or school profile
 - Manage user access to dashboard





After Successful Registration



- Establish collaboration between district and school staff to develop an action plan
- Identify the actions that the district or individual school has already been working on or completed
- Consider additional actions to pursue



Role of the School Green Team

Empowering Leadership & Action



Your School Green Team

- School Administration
- School Nurse
- Facilities Manager
- Custodians
- Food Services
- School Support Staff
- Students
- Student Organizations
- Teachers
- Parents
- Parent-Teacher Organizations
- Community Organizations Engaged in your school
- Representatives from the business community



Next Steps

- Reach out to Superintendent
- Talk to Board members, PTA, Teachers and support staff to build support/interest
- Create your Green Team
- Assess and celebrate existing accomplishments
- Develop a game plan for certification



Next Steps

Program Deadlines

- Program Registration is now open to School Districts & Schools
- Districts and Schools must be registered to be eligible for SJ Schools Small Grants!
- January 30-**March 30 2015** Initial Rolling On-line Application Submission Deadline
- **May 30 2015** Second Application Submission Deadline
- **August 30 2015** Third (Final) Application Submission Deadline
- Mid-September Final Decision on Pending Applications



FOR SCHOOLS

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Questions?



Need Help?

- Sustainable Jersey Schools staff looks forward to assisting district and schools
- Questions or comments contact:
 - Email Schools@sustainablejersey.com
 - Call Veronique Lambert 609-771-3427 or Heather McCall at 609-771-2469



Thank You



Support Implementation of Actions

1. Policy
2. Strategic Planning
3. Energy Projects
4. Green Building
5. Leadership & Professional Development



Help Develop New Actions

- Task Force Meetings resume January 2015
- Talk to NJSBA staff representatives
- Think about what best practices you would like to encourage and reward



Publicize Success

- Their success is your success!
- Demonstrate the importance of School Board leadership
- Enhance NJ's profile as a leader in Sustainability
- Peer Pressure



NJSBA & SJS

- Sustainable Jersey Program Structure + NJSBA Resources
- Board members are long range thinkers
- Additional Support & Technical Assistance for local leaders
- Working together to make NJ Schools the best they can be



Promote Program Benefits

- This is a resource made possible by NJSBA
- Saves Money
- Free Technical Assistance
- Roadmaps for best practices
- Connects Leaders
- Access to Grants
- Legacy initiative for long standing or Master Board Members



Education for Sustainability

- A Healthy & Sustainable Future is Possible
- We are all in this together
- Healthy Systems have limits
- Diversity makes our lives possible
- Reconcile Individual Rights w/ Collective Responsibilities
- Create Change at the Source, not the Symptom
- Think Far in the Future (1,000 years)
- We are all Responsible
- It All Begins with a Change in Thinking
- Live by the Natural Laws
- Read the Feedback



Certification Benefits



- Save Money. Get Money
- Support student achievement through safe and healthy school environments
- Get recognized and Promote your school district
- Support successful participation in DOE Green Ribbon and other green school programs







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Improve Leadership & Capacity

- Professional development & training
- Facilities Management Tools
- Sample Policies
- Integration of Sustainability & Strategic Planning



Decrease Your Expenses

- Energy Grants/Incentives
- Best Practices
- Shared Resources
- Across District
- Across the STATE!



Antonio Cuccaro and Michael Pate, part-time District Energy Managers for the Westfield Public Schools, inspect the new energy-efficient boiler at McKinley School. The district's energy conservation program has surpassed the \$2 million mark in savings since its inception.



Increase Your Collaboration

- Municipal Green Team
- External Partners
- Across Discipline
- Across District
- Across the STATE!



119 NJ Projects Funded by Small Grants



- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Wind turbine
- School food composting
- City-wide Buy Local initiative
- Edible school gardens
- Water conservation education
- Model green ordinances
- Municipal and community carbon footprints



Maximize Student Achievement

- Over 60% of actions involve or recommend student participation
- Healthier School Environments
- Education for Sustainability
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School Carbon Footprint*

On-site Renewable Generation System-Solar

On-site Renewable Generation System-Geothermal

Buy Renewable Electricity

Collaborate with Municipality on Government Energy Aggregation Program

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Biodiversity Audit & Management Plan

Biodiversity Project

Green Infrastructure Assessment & Plan

Green Infrastructure Installation

Sustainable Landscape Design

GREEN DESIGN

Green Building Policy*

Green Building Training

Green Building Survey

Bid New Construction & Major Renovations using Green Standard

Build New/Renovated Project that meets Green Standard

Commissioning Approval for New/Existing Building that meets Green Standard

GREEN PURCHASING

Green Purchasing Policy*

POINTS

10

(5-40)

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Energy & Green House Gas



- Schools Use 25-30% More Energy than is Necessary
- Energy Audits-- Can also Help Educate Students on Science, Engineering and Technology
- ESIPS and Energy Bidding
- Energy Management and Tracking



Programs to Save Money and Energy

BPU Clean Energy Programs:

- Direct Install
- Energy Audit Program
- Energy Efficient Products
- Pay for Performance
- Clean Power Choice
- ESIPS



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Tools, Training and Guidance

Who to Involve

Timeframe

Project Costs

Why Important

What to Do

**Submission
Requirements**

Spotlight

Resources

- Each “action” comes with a detailed tool and step by step “how to” directions
- Free Sustainable Jersey workshops, trainings, webinars and resource center (CEUs provided)
- Training sessions showcase successful schools



Waste Reduction & Recycling



- Reduces Solid Waste
- Recycling Programs
- Composting
- Reduces Paper Usage
- No Waste Lunch Days

Health and Wellness



- Improving air quality results in fewer sick days
- Schools with more day lighting show higher academic scores
- Indoor air pollution is often 2-5 times greater than outdoor levels of air pollution







Awards and Promotion



Sustainability Champion award



Gloucester achieves Sustainable Jersey certification



Certification Process

- Board of Education passes a Resolution of Participation and district representative registers the district with the program
- District schools that would like to pursue certification provide a Letter of Participation and register the school with the program
- District and school representatives review the program actions and determine the actions each will plan to complete
- District representatives upload documentation for the actions being completed at the district level and submit them for review
- School representatives upload documentation for the actions being completed at the school level
- Schools apply for certification when the combination of district and school actions meets certification criteria



Step 1 Pass a Resolution



School district adopts a resolution of participation and registers with the program. A sample resolution is available for you to use. The superintendent invites the district's school principals to participate.

Register Step 2

School principals register their individual school by uploading a letter of participation signed by the principal and superintendent.



Step 3 Create a Green Team



The green team is created at the district or school level depending upon how activities will be coordinated. The green team is the only mandatory action.

Complete Actions Step 4

School completes actions totaling at least 150 points; each action includes guidance about who should be involved, resources, what to do, submission requirements and other information related to completing the action successfully.



Step 5 Certification



School documents, associated with completed actions, are uploaded to meet submission requirements. Sustainable Jersey certification awarded after review of application materials.





A BRIGHTER FUTURE

one school at a time

ABOUT

ACTIONS & CERTIFICATION

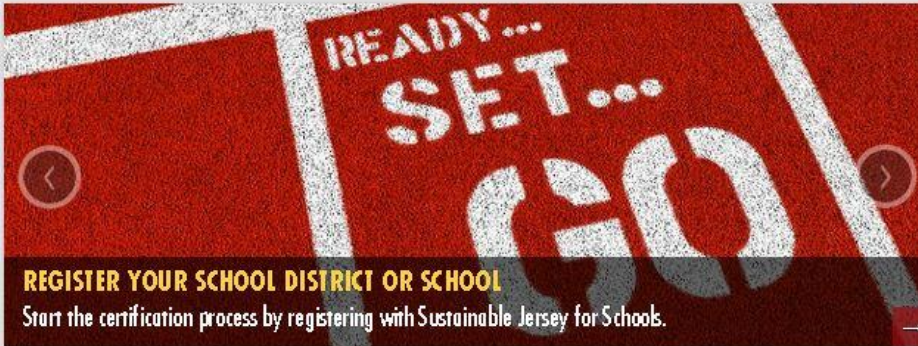
EVENTS & TRAININGS

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REGISTER



REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL

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HEADLINES

South Jersey Gas Announced as Founding Sponsor of Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program

New Jersey Natural Gas Named Founding Sponsor of Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program

ABOUT SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a certification program for New Jersey public schools that want to go green, conserve resources and take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time. Learn More ->

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTICIPANTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program Launch New Jersey School Boards Association Conference

GETTING STARTED

Review the certification resources now available to help you get a head start on the program. Learn More ->

PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES

Registration will begin on October 28, 2014. Check back to see the first schools to register. View Map ->



CERTIFICATION ACTIONS

Review our menu of sustainable actions that schools choose from in order to achieve certification.

THREE EQUAL, INTERRELATED COMPONENTS OF SUSTAINABILITY



People

Contribute to a strong civil society that provides

PROGRAM FUNDERS

LEARN MORE ->



Collaborative Process for Content Development

- Define Best Practices that advance Sustainability
- Identify Key Partners-link policy, program delivery and grants/funding
- Link & Leverage Existing Programs and Resources
- Drives more resources to existing programs
- Strategically supports all program goals

