



New Actions & 2020 Certification

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Grant Funding Opportunities

Accepting Applications Now:

NJEA Grants / Deadline October 31, 2019

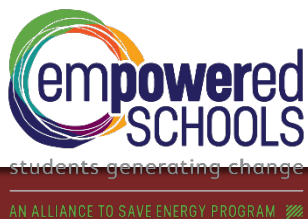
- \$10,000 and \$2,000 grants for any initiative that would earn points towards Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification

For more details, visit www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/grants-resources





Sustainable Jersey is partnering with [South Jersey Gas](#) (SJG) and the [Alliance to Save Energy](#) (The Alliance) to bring the PowerSave Schools program to 40 schools within the [SJG service territory](#). Eleven (11) schools are returning for another year in the program and **29 additional schools will be admitted** for the 2019-20 school year. SJG will fund the direct program costs for the 40 schools, while The Alliance will lead implementation of the PowerSave program in schools, providing the tools and resources to ensure a successful program outcome, including access to the new empowered web platform. Learn more about the program and apply [here](#) on our website. The application period will close once all slots are filled.





As part of its commitment to helping schools across New Jersey reach their sustainability goals, The New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), in collaboration with Sustainable Jersey for Schools, is offering members and school district personnel opportunities to attend a one-day Sustainable Practices Working Session. In each session, participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which aligns with the [Sustainable Jersey for Schools](#) certification program. Board members will receive four board member academy credits and four board member academy credits and four Green Leader credits for participating in a working session. Pre-registration is required and seats are limited. Learn more [here](#).

- [REGISTER](#)- November 21, Hackettstown, NJ
- [REGISTER](#)- February, 20, Egg Harbor Township, NJ



FREE!

FALL WEBINARS

WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS



- **Leveling Up: Going for Silver and National Recognition**

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Bronze certification is just the beginning of your school's sustainability journey! Learn how to make a plan to take your certification to the next level and get recognized for Silver certification (350 points and up). For those already Silver certified, learn how to translate your Sustainable Jersey materials into a Green Ribbon School certification at the national level!

- **October 30, 3-4pm** [Register Here](#)

- **Ready, Set, Certified**

Learn how to organize for sustainability at the district and school level for certification success. Topics will include green team best practices, incorporating sustainable actions into your annual goals and professional development and working as a team to achieve certification.

- **October 9, 3-4pm** [Register Here](#)

- **Planning for Recertification**

Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification is good for three years at a time. If you are one of over 30 schools with a certification expiring in August 2019, you will want to attend this informative webinar on the re-certification process. Participants will learn how to determine which actions need to be updated for re-certification and how to make a game plan for maintaining Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification for 2019 and beyond!

- **November 20, 3-4pm** [Register Here](#)





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FOR SCHOOLS
**SUSTAINABLE
JERSEY**

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one school
at a time

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Save money & get FREE resources for energy efficiency education. Applications now being accepted!



HEADLINES



**2019 Certified Schools List
Released by Sustainable
Jersey for Schools**

SEP 16, 2019



**Sustainable Jersey
Funding Awarded to 34
School Sustainability
Projects**

JUN 04, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS



**New Actions & Program
Updates Webinar**

Online

OCT 02, 2019 - 03:00 PM TO
04:00 PM



**Ready, Set, Certified
Webinar**

Online

OCT 09, 2019 - 03:00 PM TO
04:00 PM

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](#) →

CERTIFICATION ACTIONS

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS & SCHOOLS

View the map of participating districts and schools, and register your district or school today! [View Map](#) →
Or download a [printable list](#).



PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS & SCHOOLS

Webinar Agenda

- Changes to Approved Action Expiration Dates
- Retired Action
- New Actions
- Final Thoughts
- Question & Answer Session



Approval Extensions

Changes to Approved Action Expiration Dates

- Annual Actions ***used to*** expire Aug 31st of certification year
- ***Now extended*** for a full year of approval credit



Now, when you open your application on September 1st, you will still retain your annual action points into the next certification year!



Approval Extensions

Changes to Approved Action Expiration Dates

- Policy Actions ***used to*** expire at different rates
- ***Now standardized*** for 2 years of approval credit



Now, when you open your application on September 1st, you will still retain your policy action points into the 2nd year after certification!



Approval Extensions

If you resubmit annually, instead of waiting for your certification to expire in 3 yrs...

you can build on these extended points for Silver Certification instead of starting from zero!



The bronze level of certification requires:

- The establishment of a mandatory green team
- Implementation of **2 OUT OF 10** ★ priority actions
- Actions must be completed in **6 OF 19** categories
- A total of **150** points



The silver level of certification requires:

- The establishment of a mandatory green team
- Implementation of **3 OUT OF 10** ★ priority actions
- Actions must be completed in **8 OF 19** categories
- A total of **350** points



Retired Action

Energy Efficient
Equipment or
Appliance Purchase

(10pts)  District  School



New Priority Action

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY (10pts) District

At a minimum, the district sustainability policy language should include:

- A definition of sustainability.
- An intent to use the principals of sustainability as a framework for decision making.
- A list of school district priorities to include an intent to:
 - a. Protect students, staff, and the community from environmental harm. The district will strive to eliminate the use of potentially toxic and harmful substances.
 - b. Prepare students for the future. The district will provide a high-quality education that support concepts and practices of environmental, social, and economic responsibility and sustainability.
 - c. Preserving current and future resources. The district will adopt practices in operations that balance environmental, social, and fiscal responsibility to protect and enhance the future quality of life.



New Opportunities for Additional Points

GREEN TEAM (10-15pts)  District  School

FOR CURRENTLY CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

Earn an ***additional 5 points*** by showing evidence of promoting your Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification



New Opportunities for Additional Points

SCHOOL GARDENS (10-30 pts) School

- 10 points will be awarded for each distinct type of ***food-producing*** garden on school property, up to a maximum of 30 points. Examples include:
- Outdoor soil-based plots/raised bed gardens
- greenhouse gardens
- hydroponic gardens (includes aeroponic systems)
- aquaponic gardens



New Opportunities for Additional Points

NON-MANDATED MATERIALS RECYCLING (5-20 pts)



This is a variable point action allowing schools to earn 5 points for each initiative **active in the current school year** up to a total of 20 points. The non-mandated recycling initiatives should be ongoing throughout the school year, with the exception of seasonal collection of certain items such as coats, prom dresses, and other important recycling collections that might not otherwise happen due to the scale of the collection and ability to store the materials for a long period of time. School initiatives to collect non-mandated materials can include but are not limited to:

- Recycling milk cartons
- Recycling old toys
- Recycling crayons/markers
- Plastic bag/film collection
- Battery/ink toner recycling
- Other initiatives

OLD ACTION= Points awarded for only **one** initiative

NEW ACTION= Earn multiple points for **multiple** initiatives



New Action

FUTURE READY SCHOOLS CERTIFICATION (10-15 pts)

This action awards points for current certification in the Future Ready Schools program. Future Ready Schools – New Jersey (FRS-NJ) is a certification program designed to promote transformational change in schools related to the use of technology in the classroom and the technical, professional, and leadership support needed

FRS-NJ Bronze certifications earn 10 points & Silver certifications earn 15 points.



New Action

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM (10 pts) School

This action awards points for an outdoor classroom that allows educators to move their teaching curriculum outdoors and incorporate the study of nature.

To qualify for points, the outdoor classroom must be located on school grounds, must have natural elements/features, and must have been used for instruction on a regular basis in the current school year. Schools also need to demonstrate that they have provided professional development to teaching staff to support effective use of the outdoor classroom.



New Action

SUSTAINABLE FLEETS (5-15 pts) District

Districts can reduce their carbon footprint through procuring more fuel-efficient and low impact vehicles (cars, buses, and service vehicles). Motor vehicles account for 45.8% of total GHG emissions in the New Jersey.

To receive points for this action, a District must do ONE of the following:

- **5 points:** Acquire one plug-in hybrid passenger class vehicle
- **10 points:** Acquire one of the following:
 - o Plug-in fully electric vehicle (any vehicle class), golf carts are not eligible
 - o Compressed natural gas (CNG) heavy duty vehicle OR propane school bus
 - o A service contract that specifies either:
 - Passenger transportation services (bussing) be provided via electric or propane vehicles
 - Heavy duty vehicle services, such as trash collection, be provided via CNG vehicle

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New Action

SUSTAINABLE FLEETS (5-15 pts) - Continued District

To receive 15 points for this action, a District must do the following:

- 15 Points: Convert 5% of total district fleet, including vehicle use provided by service contract and shared service contract, to eligible vehicles. For smaller fleets, such as those maintained by a one school district, a minimum of two eligible vehicles applies.

OR

Acquire (via purchase, lease, service contractor or shared service) an electric school bus.



Action Under Development

EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool)

- GREEN PURCHASING FOR I.T.



First Certification Application Deadline:

Friday, Jan 17, 2020 at 11:59pm



Questions?

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is here to help!

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