



352 Districts

969 Schools

Participating

Just Released: Remote Digital Learning Roadmap

The Remote Digital Learning Roadmap is a primer and a practical guide for New Jersey schools, districts, and teachers to help them implement remote learning programs that provide every student with the best education possible, with as little disruption as possible, when schools are forced to limit in-person instruction. It uses research and gathers what many districts have learned to characterize the current state of the field and provide guidance and examples for schools implementing remote digital learning.

The roadmap is the first product to come out of the new [Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools program](#), a multi-agency partnership formed to help schools and their students prepare for a future of new challenges, during and beyond the pandemic. As we learn from the successful efforts of teachers and administrators on the ground, and as we work together to develop new resources, the Roadmap will be updated. The Roadmap was created with the input and guidance of teachers, administrators, and academics. We invite your feedback and contributions to this critical effort. To provide feedback on this document, or to discuss the Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools Program, please contact Larry Cocco at coccol@tcnj.edu.



Download Remote Digital Learning Roadmap

Need Funding? Grants Cycle for Energy Projects Announced



The Gardinier Environmental Fund is contributing \$100,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Grants Program cycle for [schools](#) and [municipalities](#) to fund projects focused on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. The cycle will award two \$20,000 grants and six \$10,000 grants. These grants support energy projects that help participating schools and municipalities gain points toward the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. To view the promotional flyer, click [here](#). For more information and details on the cycle, visit our website [here](#).

Informational Webinar

An informational webinar will be held to review eligible projects, available energy incentive and grant programs, application process and online submission procedures. The recording and presentation will be posted on the municipal and school's program websites following the webinar event.

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[REGISTER](#)

Application Deadline: Friday, October 30, 2020 at 11:59pm

Applications must be completed using the online form available [here](#). To learn more about the requirements, view the grant's [Application Information Package](#) or visit our [website](#).

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kaitlyn Vollmer, Grants Program Coordinator, at grants@sustainablejersey.com or 609-771-3189.

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Funding for Sustainability Projects



The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), a Sustainable Jersey for Schools program Underwriter, is contributing \$180,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Program cycle. The cycle offers ten \$10,000 district or school project grants and forty \$2,000 school green team grants. With this contribution, NJEA has provided \$1,500,000 to support a sustainable future for children and communities across the state. The funding supports efforts to implement projects that help participating schools make progress toward a sustainable future and gain points needed for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. To see if you are eligible for this grant, click [here](#).

In recognition of the radically altered environment schools face due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the national movement for racial justice, project proposals that support teaching and learning in a virtual or hybrid environment and those that address equity and anti-bias initiatives are encouraged. Additionally, Sustainable Jersey will be flexible with all grant recipient requests to modify their project scope, timeline, and budget due to changing circumstances.

Informational Webinar

Last week an informational webinar was held to learn more about this opportunity and walk-through of the online grant application process. To view a recording of the webinar, click [here](#). To view the slideshow presentation, click [here](#).

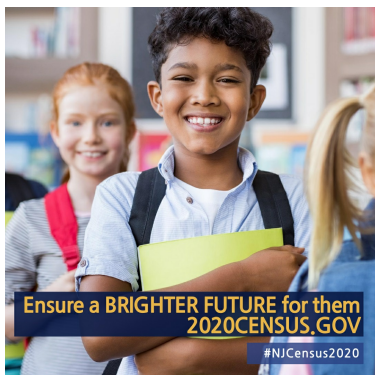
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Ensuring a Brighter Future for Your Community Complete the 2020 Census Today!



The Census response period will end on September 30 and it is urgent now, more than ever, for every household in New Jersey to complete their Census. The New Jersey Complete Count Commission and the New Jersey Department of State's Census theme for this week is, "Ensuring a Brighter Future for Your Community." When you respond to the Census, you help your community gets its fair share of federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs. That funding shapes the future of EVERY community, no matter the size, location or race/faith/heritage of the people. Your community benefits the most when the Census counts EVERYONE.

One major way we ensure a brighter future? Our children, and their education:

- The 2020 Census will likely determine future funding for programs in your school system for the next 10 years.
- Not counting every child has consequences that will impact their lives and schooling through 2030 – for a newborn, that means 2020 Census data affects their education through at least 4th grade!
- Census results help determine how money is allocated for programs like Head Start, the Title IV-E foster care program and school lunch/breakfast programs, as well as Title I grants that support special education and local educational agencies.

How You Can Help Ensure a Complete Count

As a teacher, principal, superintendent, school board member and education advocate, you are already engaged in school outreach efforts, and can help contribute to a complete count by sending information to students' homes available on the US Census Bureau's Statistics in Schools (SIS) [website](#) that explains how and why to complete the 2020 Census and the importance of counting all children, especially those under age 5 or those living in complex households. Sample informational flyers about completing the Census that can be distributed to the school community electronically are available [here](#).

Earn Sustainable Jersey for Schools Points

There are two ways schools and districts engaged in Census efforts can earn certification points in Sustainable Jersey for Schools for the 2021 certification cycle. One is through outreach to the school community, which qualifies for points in the **Community Education and Outreach** action. The other

is integration of SIS activities into student learning which qualifies for points in the **Student Learning** suite of actions. Additionally, substantial district-wide efforts can be recognized as an Innovative Project in the district application. For more information, download the flyer [here](#). Sample classroom activities are available on the SIS website by both [grade level](#) and [subject area](#). There are also many home and distance learning activities available [here](#).

And remember, if you haven't completed your family's Census yet, complete it today online, over the phone or by mail. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming Award Nomination Opportunities

2020 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award Application

For more information about the program and qualifications, click [here](#).

[Application Deadline:](#) Friday, October 2, 2020, 5:00pm

2020 ANJEE Educator Award Nominations

For more information or to nominate a talented environmental education professional, click [here](#).

[Application Deadline:](#) Saturday, October 31, 2020

Other Funding Opportunities

It Pay\$ to Plug In: NJDEP's Electric Vehicle Charging Grants Program

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)'s *It Pay\$ to Plug In* program provides grants to offset the cost of purchasing and installing electric vehicle charging stations. The program is open to government entities, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and businesses. The EV charging infrastructure supports adoption of electric vehicles by New Jersey residents, businesses, and government agencies. EV chargers can be used for employees to charge while at work, for fleet vehicles, and for public use in parking lots.

NJDEP will reimburse each applicant for a percentage of eligible costs up to a maximum of:

- \$750 per Level 1 charging station
- \$4,000 per Level 2 charging port

Application forms can be found on [DriveGreen NJ](#). Please direct questions to the Bureau of Mobile Sources at DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov.

EV charging infrastructure can support the Sustainable Jersey for Schools [Sustainable Fleets](#) action.

Curriculum Training & Resources

Climate Change Curriculum Resources

In June 2020, New Jersey became the first state in the nation to incorporate climate change education across its K-12 learning standards when the New Jersey State Board of Education updated the [New Jersey Student Learning Standards](#). Sustainable Jersey for Schools has compiled a list of curriculum resources to support educators seeking to incorporate climate change education into their pre-K - 12 lessons. Visit our [Climate Change Curriculum Resources](#) page.

Summer Syllabus Remote Training Resources

Tap into virtual training resources to brush up on your sustainability knowledge! Visit the Sustainable

Jersey for Schools [Summer Syllabus webpage](#) of virtual resources available for professional development. Use the summer as an opportunity to maximize your certification points in the [Professional Development for Sustainability action](#). Earn up to 20 points: 5 points for every 5 staff and/or board members who have each completed at least two hours of training.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sustainable Jersey for Schools events, trainings, funding opportunities, and more!

- Sept. 16: [Gardinier Energy Grant Cycle Webinar](#)
- Oct. 30: [NJEA Grant Application Deadline](#)
- Oct. 30: [Gardinier Energy Grant Cycle Application Deadline](#)

Download Program Resources

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [District Registration Instruction](#)
- [School Registration Instruction](#)

We hope you will join us to take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time! If you have questions, email us at schools@sustainablejersey.com or visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com

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