



Get a Head Start on Your School's 2020 Certification Application

The first application submission deadline of the 2020 certification cycle is **Friday, January 17**. Submitting your application in January gives the advantage of multiple opportunities for feedback and a higher likelihood of success.

Application Deadlines:

Friday, January 17, 2020 - First certification application deadline
Friday, March 27, 2020 - Second certification application deadline
Friday, June 22, 2020 - Final certification application deadline



To view more details about the 2020 certification cycle, click [here](#). If you are unsure where to begin with the application process, check out our [Green Team Resources page](#), which includes our [Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet template](#) to help you keep track of your points, [Application User Guide](#) and [recorded certification webinars](#). If you have any further questions feel free to reach out to us at schools@sustainablejersey.com.

Funding Available for Schools and Municipalities



The PSEG Foundation is contributing \$100,000 to support a schools grants program cycle and \$200,000 to support a municipal grants program cycle.

The schools' cycle will award four (4) \$10,000 grants for school or school district projects, and thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to support school sustainability efforts. For more information, click [here](#). The schools' application deadline is **Friday, March 13, 2020**.

Schools are encouraged to collaborate with their municipality on these projects. The municipal cycle will award four (4) \$20,000, eight (8) \$10,000 and twenty (20) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey actions. For more information, click [here](#). The municipal application deadline is Friday, February 14, 2020.

Informational Webinar

Click [here](#) for a recorded webinar that reviews the application process, eligibility requirements and eligible projects, describes the online submission procedures, and shares tips for how to create a successful Sustainable Jersey for Schools grant application.

To learn more about this opportunity and to access the online grant applications, click [here](#). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kaitlyn Vollmer, Grants Program Coordinator, at grants@sustainablejersey.com or at 609-771-3189.

Sustainable Practices Working Session

New Jersey School Boards Association, in collaboration with Sustainable Jersey for Schools, is offering members and school district personnel opportunities to attend a one-day Sustainable Practices Working Session as part of its commitment to helping schools across New Jersey reach their sustainability goals. Pre-registration is required and seats are limited. For more information click [here](#).

Participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the [Sustainable Jersey for Schools](#) certification program. Board members will receive and four [board member academy credits](#) and four [Green Leader credits](#) for participating in a working session.

Thursday, February 20, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Atlantic County Utilities Authority
6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
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Welcome Newly-Registered Schools!

Bergen County

Midland Park Public School District
Highland Avenue Elementary School
Pascack Valley Regional High School District
Pascack Valley High School

Camden County

Leap Academy University Charter School District

Cape May County

North Wildwood School District

Essex County

Caldwell-West Caldwell Public School District
Jefferson Elementary School

Hudson County

Jersey City School District
Charles E. Trefurt P.S. 8 Elementary School

Hunterdon County

South Hunterdon Regional School District
South Hunterdon Regional High School

Mercer County

Princeton Public School District
Princeton Charter School
Trenton Public School District
Parker Elementary School

Delran Township School District (Burlington County) Reduces Energy Costs by 32 Percent!

For schools and municipalities that want to take a comprehensive approach to energy upgrades in their facilities, an Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) can be an important financing tool. ESIPs allow government agencies to pay for energy-related improvements through the value of the resulting cost savings.

Delran Township School District in Burlington County used an ESIP to implement a \$4.5 million capital improvement project that reduced the district's energy costs by 32 percent, or nearly \$285,000 per year. To help cover the costs of the energy upgrades, the district secured roughly \$256,000 in incentives through the "[Pay for Performance \(P4P\)](#)" program within the [New Jersey Clean Energy Program](#). The full case study about Delran's energy upgrades is featured in Sustainable Jersey's newly-updated [ESIP How-To Guide](#). To learn how an ESIP can save money and energy within your school or municipal facility, [listen to the recording](#) and [view the PowerPoint presentation](#) from our recent webinar on this subject.



The Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Youth and Educator Awards

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now accepting applications for the 2020 Presidential Environmental Youth Awards (PEYA) and Presidential Innovation Awards for Environmental Educators (PIAEE). Established in 1990 by the National Environmental Education Act (NEEA), these awards recognize outstanding students and teachers that are dedicated to furthering environmental education in their classrooms and communities. For more information, click [here](#).

Application Deadline: Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Other Upcoming Events and Training

35th Annual ANJEE Environmental Education Conference

The Annual Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education (ANJEE) Conference will focus on the many ways that education is helping to create a more just and sustainable future for all. Workshop topics include building leadership for environmental literacy, connecting with nature, conservation, sustainable communities, green schools and career-connected learning, and linking research to increase impact. For more information, click [here](#).

Friday, January 24, 2020, 8:00am - 5:30pm
Crowne Plaza Princeton Conference Center
900 Scudders Mill Road
Plainsboro Township, NJ 08536
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Indoor Air Quality Training

The Pediatric/Adult Asthma Coalition of New Jersey has arranged to provide assistance to public employers in meeting the Designated Persons Training requirements contained in the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Indoor Air Quality Standard (IAQ) by arranging training sessions throughout New Jersey. There will be one training each month until June. This program will address any questions/changes about the IAQ Standard as well as the roles of the school nurse in these standards. This training supports the [Asthma Friendly Schools and Indoor Air Quality Review](#) Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions. For more information and registration, click [here](#).

Friday, January 24, 2020
Sicklerville, NJ

Friday April 3, 2020
Bridgewater, NJ

Friday, June 5, 2020
Neptune NJ

Friday, February 21, 2020
Mahwah, NJ

Friday April 24, 2020
Newark, NJ

Friday, March 6, 2020
Westampton, NJ

Friday, May 22, 2020
Washington, NJ

Integrated Pest Management Training

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) training sessions are offered for school IPM Coordinators and other school

personnel with administrative responsibilities in accordance with the new IPM laws. IPM Coordinators receive certification of attendance to fulfill the mandatory training requirement as stated in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Pesticide Control Program regulations. These sessions help IPM Coordinators implement the new IPM law with regards to such things as: non-pesticide pest management, parental notification, the 72 hour notification rule, low-impact pest management; record keeping, and dealing with pest emergencies. Participants will receive 4 Continuing Education Units (CEUs). This training support the [Integrated Pest Management action](#) toward Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. For more information and registration, click [here](#).

Friday, January 10, 2020
Sicklerville, NJ

Friday, February 7, 2020
Mahwah, NJ

Friday, March 13, 2020
Metuchen, NJ

Friday, April 17, 2020
Bridgewater, NJ

Friday May 8, 2020
Paterson, NJ

Friday, May 15, 2020
Newark, NJ

Environmental Sustainability Education Teacher Summit

This second-annual event, hosted by the College of New Jersey, will bring together p-12 educators, school administrators, preservice teachers, and college faculty for a day of collaboration and networking. Featured workshop topics include Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), inquiry-based teaching, hydroponic gardens, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), Exceptional Student Education (ESE) curriculum, integrating sustainability with STEAM, and urban/suburban Farm to School programs. This event supports a number of [Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions](#) including Education for Sustainability, School Gardens, iSTEAM, Curriculum Mapping, and Social Emotional Learning Integrated Unit. For more information, click [here](#) or email esesummitcnj@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 8:30am - 1:00pm
School of Education at The College of New Jersey
2000 Pennington Road
Ewing Township, NJ 08618
[REGISTER](#)

Green Team Resources

Energy Tracking and Management

The [New Jersey Clean Energy](#) Learning Center has added a new section on Sustainable Jersey which will feature videos on how to successfully complete energy actions. The first video in the series is on [Energy Tracking & Management](#). This video series explains how to **earn 10 to 20 points** for completing the Sustainable Jersey for Schools [Energy Tracking and Management action](#).

NJDEP Food Waste Guidelines

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has released a set of instructions designed to help K-12 schools and higher education institutions pursue best practices for managing school waste. The guidelines were created following a request from the New Jersey School Food Waste Guidelines legislation. To view the guidelines, click [here](#). You can use these guidelines to implement [Food Waste Management](#) and [Waste Audit](#) actions toward your Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. [Egg Harbor Township High School](#), silver certified in 2016 and bronze certified in 2015 and 2019, as well as [Reeds Road Elementary School](#) in Galloway Township, silver certified in 2016, are both featured in the guidelines for their incredible on-site composting systems.

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

It Pay\$ to Plug In provides grants to offset the cost of purchasing and installing electric vehicle charging stations. The program is designed to expand New Jersey's growing network of electric vehicle infrastructure, allowing residents, businesses, and government agencies to purchase and drive electric vehicles. EVs dramatically reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality for everyone.

It Pay\$ to Plug In has expanded its eligibility criteria to include workplaces, public places, and multi-unit dwellings (apartments, condominiums, and townhouses). The program is open to businesses, governments, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions. Private residential dwellings other than multi-unit dwellings are not eligible for grants.

Upon completion of work in accordance with the eligibility criteria, DEP will reimburse each applicant for a percentage of eligible costs up to a maximum of:

- \$750 per Level 1 charging station
- \$5,000 per single-port Level 2 charging station
- \$6,000 per dual-port Level 2 charging station

All application forms can be found on DriveGreen.NJ. Please direct questions to the Bureau of Mobile Sources at DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov.

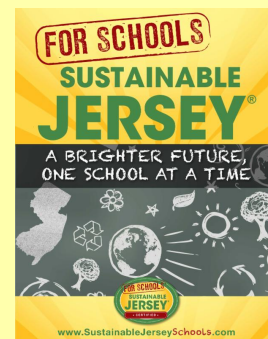
Mark Your Calendars!

See below for important dates of Sustainable Jersey for Schools events, trainings, funding opportunities and more!

- **Jan. 17:** First Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle
- **Mar. 14:** Sustainable Jersey for Schools PSEG Grant Application Deadline
- **March 27:** Second Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle
- **Feb. 20:** Sustainable Practices Working Session
- **June 22:** Final Application Deadline for 2020 Certification Cycle

Download Program Resources

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [District Registration Instructions](#)
- [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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