



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

228 Districts 565 Schools
Participating



Resource Spotlight: Does your school have what it takes to earn 20 points in Sustainable Jersey for Schools Arts Actions?

Did you know that [NJ Standards](#) call for every School District in NJ to provide sequential learning of dance, theater, music and visual arts for K-12?

Did you know that NJ has a [new grade weighting law](#) that requires schools to equally weigh arts classes with other academic subjects starting in the 2016/2017 school year?

Sustainable Jersey for Schools encourages participation in the arts as an important component of sustainability education. Participating schools can earn up to 20 points by documenting [Student Participation in the Arts](#) and [All Arts Disciplines Offered](#) actions located in the Learning Environment category. Check out what Sustainable Jersey for Schools certified schools are doing in the field of arts education:

- 2016 Silver Certified Elementary School, Cape May City Elementary received 10 points in the "Student Participation in the Arts" action category. Scroll down through their certification report to read their story and see their arts documentation [here](#).
- All seven 2015 Bronze Certified schools in the Medford Township School district received 20 points for completing both the [Student Participation in the Arts](#) and the [All Arts Disciplines Offered](#) actions. Not only does each school earn 20 points, but the district proudly meets the NJ standards to provide dance, theater, music and visual arts for K-12 students using a highly qualified teacher. See a summary of the Medford Township School district's arts offerings and action documentation [here](#).

If you are not sure if your school meets the NJ Standards or qualifies for points under the Sustainable Jersey for Schools arts actions, enter your school name into the [Arts Ed Now](#) search feature to see how your school stacks up.

Reminder: PSEG Sponsored Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grant Applications due February 3, 2017

Visit the Sustainable Jersey for Schools [Grants & Resources](#) page to learn more about funding for registered schools to support action related sustainability initiatives. Grants are available at the \$2,000 and \$10,000 level. If your school has not received a \$2,000 capacity building grant from Sustainable Jersey for Schools, we strongly suggest viewing the [informational webinar](#) and submitting an application for 2017.

Application Deadline is February 3, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.



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Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

Atlantic County

Estell Manor Elementary School

Bergen County

Midland Park School District

Camden County

Bingham Elementary School (Runnemede)
Downing Elementary School (Rinnemede)
Mary E. Volz Elementary School (Runnemede)
Winslow Township High School

Cape May County

Dennis Township School District

Essex County

Washington Elementary School (West Caldwell)

Morris County

Boonton High School
Kings Road Elementary School (Madison)
Torey J. Sabatini Elementary School (Madison)

Ocean County

Toms River Regional School District

Sussex County

High Point High School (Sussex)

NJ Agricultural Society Learning Through Gardening Grants

The NJ Agricultural Society [Learning Through Gardening](#) grant provides teachers with curriculum, training and materials for three raised beds so that they can use the school garden to teach their core curriculum, including math, social studies, language arts, and science.

A [Learning Through Gardening grant](#) is awarded to schools planning to launch a schoolwide gardening program during school hours. Grants are not awarded to schools that intend to use the garden solely for after-school or club activities. Grant recipients must assemble a garden management committee of teachers from various grade levels. Garden committees can also include administrators and other stakeholders such as custodians, cafeteria managers, and parents. Grant recipients must plan for the garden to be used by at least two grade levels during the first year, and show plans to expand the garden's use by additional grade levels in future years. Every application must be accompanied by a letter of support from the school principal.

[Application deadline](#) February 1, 2017

NJDEP Conserve Wildlife Matching Grant Program

With funding from the Conserve Wildlife License Plate renewal fund, the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP) offers small matching grants for projects that advance nongame wildlife conservation and education. Approved projects are funded on a single-year basis and must be located in New Jersey. Grants are awarded every other year.

The total amount available through the [Conserve Wildlife Matching Grant Program](#) in 2017 is \$39,000. The maximum request per proposal is \$3,500 (\$1,000 is the minimum). This is a 1:1 matching grant; therefore grant funds cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost. At least 25% of the grantee's share of project funding must be monetary, and the remainder may be from in-kind support.

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organizations are eligible to apply. Partner with your School Foundation or a local environmental nonprofit to bring project funds to your school.

[Application deadline](#) December 15, 2015.

NJHI: Next Generation Community Leaders Youth Engagement Grants

[New Jersey Health Initiatives: Next Generation Community Leaders](#) is intended to further the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's vision of building a Culture of Health by leveraging the strengths of youth to affect change in their communities. This program will support communities in preparing the next generation of civic and community leaders by providing them with the resources and technical assistance they need to focus the time,

talent, and energy of youth and providing the youth with an opportunity to make meaningful change in their communities through summer employment on a self-designed, community-focused project. At the conclusion of this three-year initiative, successful grantees will have engaged teams of 10-15 youth in the following actions:

- Developing Civic Engagement and Leadership Skills
- Participating in Meaningful Summer Employment
- Participating in Civic Engagement Opportunities
- Actively Engaging in an Alumni Network

Grants will total up to \$200,000 per grantee over three years, beginning July 2017. Visit NJHI information page [here](#).

Application Deadline: January 12, 2017

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

DECEMBER 14, 2016, 4:00PM- 5:00PM, Free Webinar Series

Eco-Schools USA

[Conducting Student-Led Audits for Water Consumption & Waste](#), December 14th 4-5pm

**Please note that student led energy audits do not meet the criteria for the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Energy Audit action, but can serve as practical educational tools. [Eco-Schools](#) is an international program, hosted in the US by the National Wildlife Federation.*

JANUARY 20, 2017 9:30AM-3:30PM, Trenton, NJ

[NJSBA Sustainable Practices Working Sessions](#)

In the one-day sessions, participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program. Board members will receive three board member academy credits for participation in this working session. Register for this free training [here](#).

JANUARY 21, 2017, 9:00AM- 3:00PM, Duke Farms, Hillsborough, NJ

[Bald Eagle Ecology for Teachers \(K-12\)](#)

The Eagle Cam is a wonderful tool for teaching about ecology, endangered species or animal adaptations. Enhance your understanding of the science behind NJ's bald eagle management program and discover the many ways this technology can be used in your classroom. Register for this \$25/pp. training [here](#).

FEBRUARY 4, 2017, 9:00AM- 3:00PM, Duke Farms, Hillsborough, NJ

[Bald Eagles in the Classroom: Using an NGSS Aligned & Problem Based Approach](#)

Teachers will explore the power of PBL as they spend the day working with other teachers at their grade level and will then leave with new tools including a problem-based task, analytic rubric, unit level scaffold, and tools for facilitation to implement a new bald eagle unit in their classrooms. Register for this \$30/pp. training [here](#).

SCHOOL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TRAINING 2016-2016

NJ Association for Designated Persons, NJDEP, NJ School Buildings & Grounds Association

Throughout the state, every month beginning in November

See the complete schedule for dates & locations [here](#).

NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)

[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)

Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more! Visit the NAAEE page [here](#).

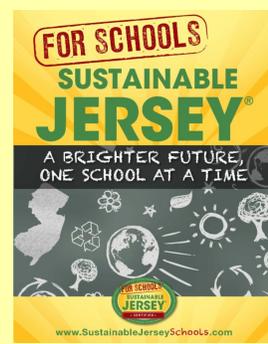
NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, Podcast series (ongoing)

"Discover DEP"

[Episode 25- Environmental Education w/ Tanya Oznovich, Environmental Education Supervisor](#)

Download Program Resources

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

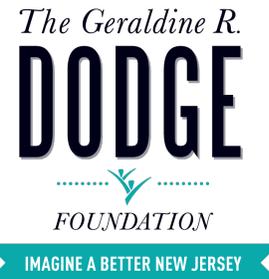


We hope you will join us to take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time! If you have questions, email us at schools@sustainablejersey.com or visit www.SustainableJerseySchools.com.

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