



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

205 Districts 511 Schools
Participating



83 New Jersey Schools Achieve Sustainability Certifications

Sustainable Jersey for Schools announced today the 83 schools that achieved the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. The 83 schools come from 24 different school districts across 13 New Jersey counties. In two years, 118 schools have achieved Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. A total of 509 schools and 204 school districts are participating in the program overall. View the list of newly certified schools [here](#).



Organize Now for 2017 Certification!

Attend our upcoming series of Thursday webinars geared to get your 2017 certification efforts off to a great start! Webinars will be held live from 3-4pm and available as a recording on our website the next day.

Successful School Green Teams

September 29th, 3:00-4:00pm

Participants will learn from other schools and districts about tools to enhance green team participation and strengthen partnerships. Additional clarification and guidance will be offered on fulfilling the requirements for the mandatory "Green Team" action. Register [here](#).

Preparing for Certification

October 6th, 3:00-4:00pm

Is your school or district participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program? Whether you are already certified or just getting started, this webinar will provide helpful tips for making progress toward making your school or district more sustainable. Register [here](#).

The webinar will provide:

- * A brief overview of the program and the Sustainable Jersey for Schools website
- * Tips for selecting and documenting actions at both the district and schools' level
- * Timeline for the certification cycle for 2017

Navigating the Application for First Time Users

October 13th, 3:00-4:00pm

Registered districts and schools will walk through the basics of the online application process to achieve bronze or silver certification for 2017. Learn how to add contributors to your application, search actions, upload documentation, and submit your materials for review. Register [here](#).



Meet Sustainable Jersey's Sustainability Hero for September:

**NANCY YARD, ED.D. Principal and Green Team Coordinator
Holland Township Elementary School (Hunterdon County)**

From her open water diver certification achieved at the Southern Belize reef system to her Earthwatch expedition to track the effects of climate change on caterpillars in Costa Rica to surveying horseshoe crabs at the Jersey shore, Dr. Nancy Yard definitively brings a unique perspective to school leadership. She has been integrating sustainability into her work while serving as an educator for the last 25 years. Dr. Yard just led her school green team to achieve silver-level Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification this summer with only one school in New Jersey receiving more certification points.

Read Dr. Yard's entire story [here](#).



30 Schools from 18 NJ Counties Receive Grants to Fund Health and Wellness Actions

Sustainable Jersey for Schools announces the thirty New Jersey schools that were selected to receive a Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grant of up to \$4,000 funded by the New Jersey Department of Health. These grants will support school health and wellness initiatives

"Sustainable schools are healthy schools, and schools that promote health and well-being will see benefits," said Donna Drewes, who co-directs Sustainable Jersey with Randall Solomon. "These grants funded by the New Jersey Department of Health will support schools as they tackle important health and wellness actions."

The New Jersey Department of Health is funding the grants through its Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant. NJDOH has three regional partners that will provide assistance and support to help schools successfully carry out the funded project. AtlantiCare (south), EmPoWER Somerset (central) and The Center for Prevention and Counseling (north).

Proposals were reviewed by an independent Blue Ribbon Selection Committee. The Sustainable Jersey for Schools grants are intended to help school districts and schools make progress toward a sustainable future in general, and specifically toward Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. Since 2015, \$706,000 in grants has been provided to New Jersey districts and schools.

View the list of successful grant projects [here](#).



\$180,000 in Grants Now Available to Fund NJ School Sustainability Projects

Sustainable Jersey for Schools announces the availability of \$180,000 in new grants funded by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). This 2016 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program cycle funded by NJEA will award: **ten \$10,000** grants to school districts or schools and **forty \$2,000** grants to support school green teams. Applicants must be registered in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program which is free and voluntary. The funded projects will serve as practical and innovative models for the rest of the State and make measurable contributions toward the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey.

Informational Webinar

An informational webinar will be held September 14, 2016, from 3:00pm - 4:00pm to guide applicants through the application process.

[REGISTER](#)

Application Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2016 at midnight

- Click [HERE](#) for the \$10,000 application
 - Click [HERE](#) for the \$2,000 application
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Wanted: Innovative NJ Sustainable Energy Projects

The Gardinier Environmental Fund is contributing \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program cycle for both municipalities and schools. This cycle will award two (2) \$35,000 grants and eight (8) \$10,000 grants.

For this cycle, the Gardinier Environmental Fund will fund energy projects focused on conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy. One **example** of an acceptable energy project is a propane bus fleet, which can save between 40% - 50% on fuel costs. This type of project can be applied to Sustainable Jersey for School's School Carbon Footprint action. For other project ideas, view the recorded informational webinar [presentation](#).

To learn more about eligibility requirements for school districts, click [HERE](#).

Application Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2016 at midnight



afdc.energy.gov/uploads/publication/case-study-propane-school-bus-fleets.pdf

NJ Association of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Mini Grants Now Available

NJAHPERD's goal is to support quality program development in Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance in New Jersey's Pre-K - 12 schools and Colleges and Universities. The mini grant provides financial assistance up to \$1000 for new program development or to expand an existing program. Grants may be used to purchase equipment, software, or other materials that focus on student learning in Health, Physical Education, Recreation or Dance.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2016

Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

Monmouth County

Brielle Borough School District

Morris County

Jefferson Elementary School (Roxbury)

Kennedy Elementary School (Roxbury)

Sussex County

Florence M. Burd Elementary School (Andover)

Frankford Township Elementary School (Frankford Twp)

Long Pond Middle School (Andover)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM, GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE, HAMILTON, NJ

NJ Arts Education Collective

"Advocacy & Opportunity"

Learn about "ARTS ED NOW" a statewide campaign to increase participation in arts education, launching in September 2016. Participate in workshops and presentations designed to help teaching artists find opportunities in schools and communities.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM, WEBINAR

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors

"Leveraging School Improvement Plans to Strengthen Health & Wellness"

This webinar will provide an overview of school improvement plans (SIP) and highlight the opportunity to leverage these plans to strengthen student health and wellness. It will describe the general process schools use to develop SIPs, the variability across school districts and states, and how the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model provides a valuable framework for the SIP assessment, planning and development process

OCTOBER 20, 2016 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM, CHATHAM, NJ

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Project WET Curriculum Guide Workshops for Educators

OCTOBER 20, 2016 8:00-5:00 PM NEWARK, NJ
OCTOBER 21, 2016 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM, LYNDHURST, NJ
Newark Environmental Sustainability Institute (NESI)

[Building Partnerships: Education & Community as a Path to Urban Sustainability](#)

SCHOOL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TRAINING 2016-2016

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

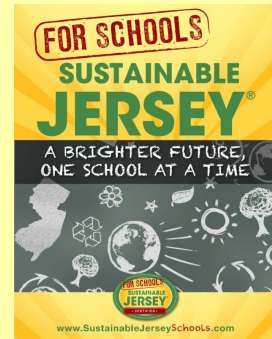
Throughout the state, every month beginning in November

See the complete schedule for dates & locations

[here.](#)

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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