



SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

277 Districts 690 Schools Participating



Make a Plan for Certification in 2018

194 schools across New Jersey have become certified in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. Certification provides many benefits and sends a message about your school community. These resources will provide guidance with the application process and introduce new program actions:

Webinar: "Preparing for Certification" Wednesday October 18, 2017 3:00-4:00pm

Learn more about the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification process, navigating the application website and involving your green team for a successful certification application. Register [here.](#)

Webinar: "New Actions & Updates for 2018" Thursday November 16, 2017 3:00-4:00pm

Join the Sustainable Jersey for Schools staff and members of the iSTEAM, Health & Wellness and Energy task force as we provide an overview of new program actions for the 2018 certification Cycle.

Register [here.](#)

Download the Sustainable Jersey for Schools 2018 Certification Cycle Timeline [here.](#)

Here are a few reasons certification should be part of your Green Team's plan for 2018:

Save money. Get money.

Schools will implement practices that lead to cost savings in energy, water and garbage bills. The program will help improve efficiency, cut waste and free up money for the classroom. Participating schools/districts will be alerted to available grant money.

Gain access to training, tools and expert guidance.

Participating schools will have access to clear guidance and NJ specific tools and resources for developing a comprehensive sustainable school program. Training workshops, webinars and leadership meetings will provide your school with the opportunity to connect with experts in important school sustainability issues.

Get recognized. Promote your school.

Participants in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program are promoted on our website, in our publications, in the media and at events. Schools that achieve certification are provided a customized logo that can be used on the school's promotional materials. Schools will be honored at an annual event and awards recognize those schools that excel in leadership, innovation and collaboration. Program participation will enhance your efforts to achieve U.S. Department of Energy Green Ribbon recognition and/or EcoSchools Green Flag status.

Improve your school and district.

Research shows that sustainable practices positively impact student academic performance. Kids learn best when there is good natural classroom light and excellent indoor air quality. Sustainable practices help create healthier learning environments that lower illness and absenteeism.

Conserve valuable resources. Protect the environment.

New Jersey is facing issues of climate change, energy crises, water shortages and environmental pollution. Schools need to be a part of the solution to these challenges and demonstrate their commitment to environmental stewardship. Participants in the program will provide an opportunity for students to connect with curricula in environmental and science technology engineering and mathematics (STEM) education which can also serve as a tool for interactive lessons. By becoming certified, you align your school/district with your community's values while saving your resources as well as nature's.

Dig In! How Waste Audits Can Improve Your Recycling Rate

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Session Spotlight

Workshop 2017 will feature Sustainable Jersey for Schools sessions on each day of Workshop along with NJSBA sustainability support programs for schools.

NJSBA member districts can send up to 18 attendees to Workshop as part of their membership package. Speak with your district business office to register as part of your district member group. For more information about NJSBA Workshop 2017 "Education for a Common Purpose", visit

[http://workshop.njsba.org/.](http://workshop.njsba.org/)

Review all of the Sustainable for Schools Workshops:

<http://ow.ly/P8la30fqZTi>



Session Spotlight: Dig In! How Waste Audits Can Improve your Recycling Rate:

<http://sched.co/BJdB>

Where: NJSBA Workshop in Atlantic City, NJ

When: Wednesday 10/25/17, 9:30-10:30, Room 418:

In order for a school facility to proceed with a waste reduction and recycling plan it must first identify materials that need to be reduced, recycled, re-purposed, or disposed of. A comprehensive waste audit establishes a baseline for all other waste management actions at both individual schools and school districts. Learn about the process of conducting a waste audit and how the results can be used to improve your school or school district's recycling rate.

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The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), as a Sustainable Jersey for Schools program Underwriter, is contributing \$180,000 to support a [Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program cycle](#). With this contribution, NJEA has provided \$750,000 to support a sustainable future for children across the state.

The [2017 NJEA Schools Small Grants Program](#) cycle will award:

- Ten (10) \$10,000 project grants to school districts and schools
- Forty (40) \$2,000 grants to schools to support 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.

[APPLY ONLINE](#)

Deadline: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at midnight

View the recording of our informational webinar [here](#).



\$150,000 in Funding for Energy Projects: Funded by the Gardinier Environmental Fund

\$150,000 in grant money is now available to fund energy projects focused on energy conservation, efficiency and renewable energy. Grant proposals are being accepted from school districts registered with Sustainable Jersey. For this grant cycle, Sustainable Jersey is offering \$30,000 and \$10,000 grants.

DEADLINE: October 31st, midnight

For more information about the grant program and details on how to apply visit: <http://bit.ly/2017GardinierCycle> . View the recording of our informational webinar on this grant opportunity [here](#).

Welcome Newly Registered Schools!

[Monmouth County](#)

Shore Regional High School

[Ocean County](#)

South Toms River Elementary School



EPA 2017 School Bus Replacement and Retrofit Rebates

Deadline November 14th

This EPA rebate program encourages school bus fleet turnover so more children can ride buses with the cleanest emissions standards or buses that have been retrofitted to reduce emissions. The 2017 School Bus Rebate Program will provide over \$7 million to public and private fleet owners for the replacement or retrofit of older school buses. Up to \$1 million of the funding total will be available for retrofit funding requests in the selection process.

<https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-rebates>

New Jersey Natural Gas Annual Kids & Conservation Poster and Video Contests



11th Annual Poster Contest

The poster contest is open to fifth grade classes within NJNG's service territory.

Three students each will have a chance to win the following prizes:

- * An individual tablet
- * Exciting and interactive Brain Show school assembly
- * \$1,000 contribution to their school toward an energy or environmental conservation project
- * \$100 gift card for their teacher

Seventh Annual Video Contest

The video contest is open to high school students (13 years and older) in NJNG's service territory.

Students can submit videos as an individual or group project for a chance to win:

- * \$500 for an individual video project
- * \$2,500 for a group class or club project
- * \$1,000 contribution to their school toward an energy conservation or environmental project
- * \$500 for the Viewer's Choice Award (selected by the public on the Asbury Park Press Web site, app.com)

[Click here](#) for additional information, fliers and rules. All entries need to be received by **November 17, 2017**.

Additional Field Trip Funding Available for 2017

The Field Trip New Jersey fund is re-opening its application process, with additional funding available for field trips taking place in 2017. If you missed the original deadline, or are learning about this opportunity for the first time, now is your chance to seize a unique opportunity for your students.

To apply, [click here](#). The deadline is October 15th, with grant announcements expected in mid-November.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Oct 12, 9:00-3:00pm at NJSBA Headquarters, Trenton

["Sustainable Practices Working 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 four board member academy credits and four sustainability credits for participation in this working session. NJSBA, in cooperation with the NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) and the NJ School Building and Grounds Association, is offering six Continuing Education Credits (#CE-00084) toward certification for schools facilities managers attending this program. Attendance can also contribute toward the sustainability training totals for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. This session will be offered again [March 15, 2018](#).

PEOSH/NJADP STATEWIDE INDOOR AIR QUALITY TRAINING (Free)

Oct 27, 2017 8am-12:30 Washington, NJ

Nov 17, 2017 8am-12:30 Waretown, NJ

Dec 15, 2017 8am-12:30 Metuchen, NJ

View 2017-2018 Schedule [here](#).

EPA "Knowledge-to-Action" On Demand Indoor Air Quality Webinars

Recordings available [here](#).

Topics include: Gaining Buy-in for Optimal Ventilation, Mold Moisture & Money, Using Data to Address Asthma in Schools Healthy Schools & Healthy Students: Improving IAQ.

UPCOMING LIVE WEBINAR November 9, 2017 1:00-2:00pm "A Proactive Approach to IAQ: Saving Monday & Protecting Health with Preventative Maintenance" Register [here](#).

EPA Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy

On Demand Food Waste & Recycling Webinars available [here](#).

NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)

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

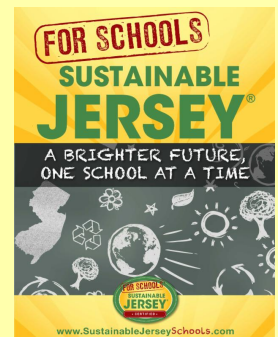
Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more!

Upcoming Live Webinars in the series

September 28, 4:00pm "Go Far, Walk Together: Community Engagement as Transformative Practice" Register [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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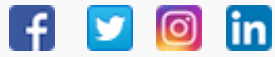
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