

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

319 Districts 819 Schools Participating

GET CERTIFIED

**Mark Your Calendars!
2019 application submission
deadlines are approaching**

Applications are open for the 2019 Sustainable Jersey for Schools [certification cycle](#). Applications may be submitted for the first time by any of the deadline dates below. However, it is advantageous to use all three opportunities for feedback throughout the certification process. Applicants who begin the certification process early have a greater chance of success.

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

- **January 18th**- First 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline
- **March 29th**- Second 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline
- **June 24th**- FINAL 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline

Not sure how to where to begin? Check out our [application user guide](#), view a recorded [certification webinar](#) and plan for success using our [Master Action Tracking spreadsheet](#).



**Already Certified?
Get honored for your
achievements
at the national level!**

The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) recognizes public and private K-12 schools, districts and Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) that:

- Reduce environmental impact and costs;
- Improve the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff; and
- Provide E/S education incorporating STEM, civic skills, and green career pathways.

All of the actions documented in your Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification application can easily support your Green Ribbon Schools application narrative. New Jersey can only nominate up to 5 schools per year for this prestigious designation. Learn more about the Green Ribbon Schools program [here](#). **Deadline December 14th.**



**Two Dates Remaining!
Bring your Green Team to a
Sustainable Practices Working
Session**

As part of their commitment to helping schools across New Jersey reach their sustainability

goals, the New Jersey School Boards Association, in collaboration with Sustainable Jersey for Schools, is offering members and school district personnel an opportunity to attend a free one-day Sustainable Practices Working Session. In this session participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program. This is the perfect opportunity to gather your green team and strategize for certification and cost savings in 2019!

The free program begins at 9 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m.

[February 21-](#) Atlantic County Utilities Authority, Egg Harbor

[February 28-](#) NJSBA Headquarters, Trenton

Professional Development: Earn 4 [Board Member Academy](#) credits and 4 [Certified Green Leader](#) credits for attending this program. This program is sponsored by the Educational Leadership Foundation of New Jersey. Download & share the [informational flyer](#) with your green team!

Support Your Certification Projects with a Grant!



PSEG Foundation is contributing \$100,000 to support another cycle of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Program:

- Four (4) \$10,000 grants to school districts, and
- Thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to school green teams

Go [HERE](#) for more information and links to application pages.

Welcome Newly Registered Schools & Districts!

Burlington County

H.L. Beeler Elementary School (Marlton)

Hunterdon County

Clinton Township School District

Clinton Township Middle School

South Hunterdon Regional School District

Lambertville Public School (South Hunterdon)

West Amwell School (South Hunterdon)

Monmouth County

Roosevelt Public School District
Roosevelt Elementary School
West Long Branch School District

Morris County

Rockaway Township School District

Somerset County

Bridgewater-Raritan High School
Milltown School (Bridgewater)

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ALLIANCE FOR NJ ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (ANJEE)

Winter Conference: "A Force for the Future"

Registration information [here](#).

Jan 24th- Pre-Conference Sessions 8:30-3:00pm

Jan 25th Main Conference 8:00-5:30pm

The ANJEE Annual Conference will focus on the power of education to create positive change for the future. EE is a force for building a more civically engaged citizenry. It's a force for creating a more diverse and inclusive movement. It's a force for linking research and practice, and for demonstrating the impact of interdisciplinary education. It's a force for optimizing human potential and delivering excellent educational opportunities for all. Join us as we share ideas and explore ways to create a more sustainable future through the great power of environmental education.

The Friday conference will include hour-long workshops in the following strands:

- Building Leadership for Environmental Literacy
- Connecting with Nature
- Conservation and Environmental Education
- Educating for Sustainable Communities
- Green Schools and Career-Connected Learning
- Linking Research and Practice to Increase Impact

COMMUNITY SOLAR IN NEW JERSEY WEBINAR

Registration information [here](#).

Dec 12 1:00-2:00pm

Municipalities & schools can be key players in the new landscape for community solar whether in working with housing authorities, municipal utility authorities, local developers and/or other stakeholders to identify and assess sites for solar installations. Community solar allows one solar installation to serve many customers, making it a desirable option for those whose rooftops are not well-suited for solar, including renters and multifamily residents who cannot install solar on the roof.

This webinar will discuss the multiple roles that municipalities & schools can play in promoting, managing, and/or developing community solar projects. Green team members, municipal leaders and staff, elected officials, school facilities staff and housing authority officials are welcome to attend the webinar to learn more about New Jersey's latest market transforming solar initiative.

GREEN TEACHER WEBINAR SERIES

Registration information [here](#).

Jan 16- Exploring Learning Stories 7:30-8:30pm

Feb 13- Using Progressive Skits to Teach Food Chains 7:30-8:30pm

INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ) TRAINING by PEOSH/NJADP

Various dates & locations 8am-12:30pm. FREE. Register [here.](#)

This free training supports the [Indoor Air Quality Review](#) and [Asthma Friendly School](#) actions in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, which require staff training.

Dec 14 - Waretown, NJ

Jan 25 - Westampton, NJ

Feb 1 - Mahwah, NJ

Mar 1 - Metuchen, NJ

Apr 26 - Bridgewater, NJ

May 1 - Sicklerville, NJ

June 7 - Robbinsville, NJ

FREE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) TRAINING SERIES

Various dates & locations 8am-12:30pm. FREE. Register [here.](#)

Training sessions are offered for school IPM Coordinators and other school personnel with administrative responsibilities. Knowledge received from this training can be applied to the [Integrated Pest Management - Education & Organic Lawn Care Action](#) in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.

Dec 21 - Newark, NJ

Jan 18 - Paterson, NJ

Feb 15 - Mahwah, NJ

Mar 22 - Sicklerville, NJ

Apr 12 - Bridgewater, NJ

May 3 - Metuchen, NJ

May 31 - Washington, NJ

NJASPERD 100TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

February 24-27 Long Branch, NJ

This training supports the [Programs to Promote Physical Activities & Education for Sustainability: Health](#) actions in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.

The NJ Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance is holding its 100th Annual Convention. More information & opportunities to submit a proposal [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.

EPA SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT WEB ACADEMY

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

NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)

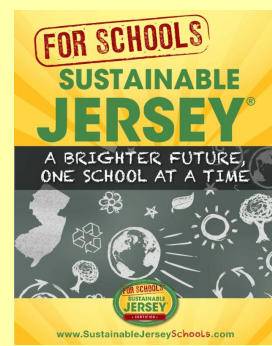
[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)

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

Upcoming Live Webinars in the series

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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