

# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

303 Districts    779 Schools    Participating

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## 111 Schools Achieve 2018 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification!

The Sustainable Jersey for Schools announced today the 111 schools that achieved the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. The 111 public schools (kindergarten through twelfth-grade) come from 37 different school districts, across 14 New Jersey counties. In four years, 242 schools have achieved Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. A total of 779 schools and 303 school districts are participating in the program overall. On October 23, 2018, the certified schools and their districts will be celebrated at a reception held during [NJSBA Workshop 2018](#) in Atlantic City. Workshop 2018 will feature [Sustainable Jersey for Schools sessions](#) along with NJSBA sustainability support programs for schools. Read more and see the list of 2018 certified schools [here](#).

Interested in Getting Certified in 2019? Check out the application submission timeline [here](#).

Need more information? Check out our certification webinars [here](#).

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## September 2018 Sustainability Hero

The September 2018 Sustainability Hero is Dr. Diane C. Bates who is a professor of sociology at The College of New Jersey. Read about how for over 18 years she has shared her insights into environmental sociology through her teaching, research and writing. See how the Sustainable Jersey Diversity and Equity Task Force, Superstorm Sandy, Antheil Elementary School Green Team, Ecuadorian Amazon and Humboldt State University fit into her story on the [Sustainable Jersey Heroes page](#).

To celebrate the stories of our local leaders, we recognize a monthly Sustainability Hero. If you have recommendations for someone on your green team, municipal staff, school staff or task force to be recognized as a sustainability hero, complete the [submission form](#) and e-mail it to us at [info@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:info@sustainablejersey.com)

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## Sustainable Practices Working Sessions

As part of their commitment to helping schools across New Jersey reach their sustainability goals, NJSBA, 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. Repeated sessions are offered through February 2019.

- [September 26th](#)- NJSBA Headquarters, Trenton
- [November 14th](#)- Duke Farms, Hillsborough
- [November 29th](#)- Atlantic County Utilities Authority, Egg Harbor
- [February 21st](#)- Atlantic County Utilities Authority, Egg Harbor
- [February 28th](#)- 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!

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## Start the School Year with a Sustainable Jersey Grant!

The Sustainable Jersey for Schools grant program provides opportunities for public schools and school districts to implement sustainability projects. Two grant opportunities are now open through two different funders. Applications are due on **October 31, 2018**.

**\* \$180,000 in Funding for Sustainable School and District Projects**

The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), as a Sustainable Jersey for Schools program underwriter is contributing \$180,000 in grant money to fund sustainable projects at the school and district level. This grant cycle will award: ten \$10,000 grants to school districts or schools and forty \$2,000 grants to support school green teams. For more information about the grant program and details on how to apply, visit: <http://bit.ly/2018NJEAGrantsCycle>

**\* \$150,000 in Funding for School District Energy Projects** provided by the Gardinier Environmental Fund will be awarded as \$30,000 and \$10,000 grants for energy projects focused on conservation, efficiency and renewable energy. For more information about the grant program and details on how to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/2018GardinierGrants>

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## September Certification Webinar Series

For those looking ahead to 2019 bronze or silver certification, mark your calendars for our fall webinar series!

### [September 19, 3-4pm Preparing for Certification:](#)

Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification is good for three years at a time. If you are one of over 30 schools with a certification expiring in August 2019, you will want to attend this informative webinar on the re-certification process. Participants will learn how to determine which actions need to be updated for re-certification and how to make a game plan for maintaining Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification for 2019 and beyond!

### [September 27, 3-4pm Strategizing for Silver Certification:](#)

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Bronze certification is just the beginning of your school's sustainability journey! Learn how to make a plan to take your certification to the next level and get recognized for Silver certification (350 points and up).



## **Sustainable Jersey for Schools Sessions at the 2018 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Workshop**

**October 22-25, 2018 Atlantic City Convention Center**

Workshop 2018 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/>. Review all of the [Sustainable Jersey for Schools Workshop Sessions here.](#)

## **2018 GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

**Nominate your school or district!**

Nominations may be submitted through **Friday, Oct. 5** in these categories: Clean Air, Water Resources, Healthy Ecosystems and Habitats, Innovative Technology, Land Conservation, Healthy and Sustainable Communities, Healthy and Sustainable Businesses, and *two categories in Environmental Education: Educator-Led and Student-Led Projects.*

For a 2018 nominating application and other awards information, visit <https://www.nj.gov/dep/awards/>

To learn more about the program, call DEP employee Tanya Oznowich at (609) 984-9802 or email [Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov)

## **UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **NEW JERSEY AUDUBON**

**Professional Development " On Call: Connecting Children to Nature & STEAM Afterschool PLC" - FREE**

Register teams of five or more for training from Sept-Nov 2018. [View flyer](#)

**EPA WEBINAR "All in for IAQ Preventative Maintenance: Key Strategies for Training Staff & Communicating Success"**

Sept 27th 1-2:30pm, Register [here.](#)

**ARTS EDUCATION SERIES: TRANSFORMING SCHOOLS THROUGH THE POWER OF THE ARTS**

Sponsored by NJPSA & Arts Ed NJ. Registration information [here.](#)

*This training supports the [ISTEAM](#) and [School Culture & Climate](#) suite of actions in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program*

Sept 27th - Fostering Social Emotional Learning in & through Arts

Oct 30th - Thinking About Doing Arts Integration in Schools & Districts

Nov 14th - Embracing the Arts- A Pathway to Well-Rounded Education

Dec 6th - An Introduction to the National Arts Standards & the Vision for the New NJ Student Learning Standards

**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.*

Sept 21st - Washington, NJ

Oct 19th - Paterson, NJ

Nov 30th - Newark, NJ

Dec 14th - Waretown, NJ

Jan 25th - Westampton, NJ

Feb 1st - Mahwah, NJ

Mar 1st - Metuchen, NJ

Apr 26th - Bridgewater, NJ

May 1st - Sicklerville, NJ

June 7th - 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.*

Sept 28th - Robbinsville, NJ

Oct 5th - Westampton, NJ

Nov 2nd - Waretown, NJ

Dec 21st - Newark, NJ

Jan 18th - Paterson, NJ

Feb 15th - Mahwah, NJ

Mar 22nd - Sicklerville, NJ

Apr 12th - Bridgewater, NJ

May 3rd - Metuchen, NJ

May 31 - Washington, NJ

**ANJEE FALL CONFERENCE - "Imagine a World Outdoors"**

September 28, 8:00-4:30pm Duke Farms Coach Barn Hillsborough, NJ

*This training supports the Student Learning actions ["Education for Sustainability"](#) in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program.*

For more than three decades ANJEE has organized one of the leading annual conferences for environmental professionals in NJ designed to promote innovation, networking, learning and dissemination of best practices. This fall's conference will be All Outdoors, ZERO Powerpoint, Maximum Inspiration. Register [here.](#)

**NJAHPERD 100TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

February 24th-27th 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)

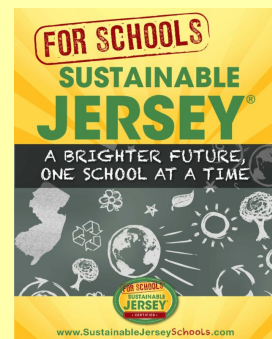
[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)

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](mailto:schools@sustainablejersey.com) or visit [www.SustainableJerseySchools.com](http://www.SustainableJerseySchools.com).

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