

# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

325 Districts    836 Schools    Participating

2019 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet									
<small>Updated 01/17/2019</small> <small>* Look Back Period is how long ago, or a period during which, an activity or initiative could have occurred to be valid for meeting an action's submission criteria. Time periods are from the January submission deadline unless otherwise noted.</small> <small>** Approval Expiration is the length of time that, or date until which, the action will retain its approved status. Time periods are from date of action implementation, unless otherwise noted.</small> <small>Note: Certification lasts for 3 years and is not impacted by the expiration of individual actions in the application.</small>									
Action	Prior	Eligible	Abbreviated Submission Requirements	Look Back Period	Approval Expiration	Resubmission Requirements	Points	Points	
<b>BOARD LEADERSHIP &amp; PLANNING</b>									
Professional Development for Sustainability	PRIORITY	School & District	1. Description of implementation: Explain what has been accomplished and the impact it has/will have on the school community. 2. Documentation showing that five, ten, fifteen, or twenty personnel (for corresponding number of points awarded) have each received two hours of training, including details about personnel and the training.	2 years	2 years	Full submission requirements	Variable: 5, 10, 15, 20 <small>Enter targeted point value in adjacent cell</small>		Enter points in this cell; track total in rightmost
District Sustainability Policy		District	1. Description of implementation: Explain what has been accomplished and the impact it has/will have on the school community. 2. Approved and dated copy of the Sustainability Policy. 3. Evidence that policy is posted on the district website with samples of district outreach to staff, students and parents.	No limit for policy 1 year for outreach	August 31 of year application submitted	1. Documentation that the Board informed the school staff, students and parents about the district's progress in implementing the policy through various outreach techniques 2. Evidence that policy is posted on district website	10		
Green Enhancement of District Strategic Plans <small>(Prerequisite for Strategic Plan Implementation of Green Initiative)</small>		District	1. Description of implementation: Explain what has been accomplished and the impact it has/will have on the school community. 2. Strategic Plan with green enhancements 3. Resolution or meeting minutes that show Strategic Plan with green enhancements was adopted by school board, and documentation of notification of school community.	2 years	Dates covered by Strategic Plan Planning Period	Full submission requirements	10		
Strategic Plan Implementation of Green Initiatives		District	1. Description of implementation: Explain what has been accomplished and the impact it has/will have on the school community. 2. Resolute Plan: review committee's recommendations; Resolution at least 3 meetings in a	1 year	August 31 of year application submitted	Full submission requirements	10		

**Master your sustainability efforts!  
The Sustainable Jersey for Schools  
Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet is here to help.**

Not sure where to begin finding 150 points for Bronze certification? Not sure who does which action? Unsure if past projects count? Plan for certification success using our [Master Action Tracking spreadsheet](#).



**The 2019 Certification Cycle is Underway!  
Next submission deadline is March 29**

Applications may be submitted for the first time by any of the deadline dates below. However, it is advantageous to use at least two opportunities for feedback during the application process. Applicants who begin the process early have a greater chance of success.

# GET CERTIFIED

## UPCOMING DEADLINES:

- March 29 - Second 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline
- June 24 - 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](#).

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## 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!

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## 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.



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## STEAM Tank 2018 Winners Announced; 2019 Applications Open

Sponsored and created by NJSBA and the U.S. Army, the STEAM Tank competition, which is modeled after the TV show "Shark Tank," provides New Jersey students a platform to experience real-world problem

solving, allowing them to think like entrepreneurs and design and create whatever they can dream using the fields of STEAM - science, technology, engineering, the arts and math. In STEAM Tank, students create innovative products and solutions to problems, which they enter into competition. Winners at the regional level compete in the finals at NJSBA's annual Workshop, before a judging panel of entrepreneurs and business leaders. **Applications for the 2019 competition are due by January 31st.** Click [here](#) for more information.



# STEAM TANK



## President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) & Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators (PIAEE)

Nominations open through February 1st

Each year the [PEYA program](#) honors a wide variety of projects developed by young individuals, school classes (kindergarten through high school), summer camps, public interest groups, and youth organizations to promote environmental awareness. Winning projects in the past have covered a wide range of subject areas, including:

- restoring native habitats
- recycling in schools and communities

- construction of nature preserves
- tree planting
- installing renewable energy projects
- creating videos, skits and newsletters that focused on environmental issues
- participating in many other creative sustainability efforts

The [Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators](#) recognizes outstanding kindergarten through grade 12 teachers who employ innovative approaches to environmental education and use the environment as a context for learning for their students. Up to two teachers from each of EPA's 10 regions, from different states, will be selected to receive this award.

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## 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

### NJAHPERD 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](#).

### GREEN TEACHER WEBINAR SERIES

Registration information [here](#).

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.*

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.

Feb 15 - Mahwah, NJ

Mar 22 - Sicklerville, NJ

Apr 12 - Bridgewater, NJ

May 3 - Metuchen, NJ

May 31 - Washington, NJ

## 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)

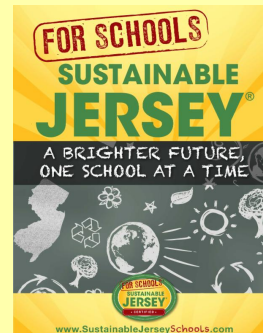
[Free Monthly Webinar Series, live & recorded \(ongoing\)](#)

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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