

# SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

321 Districts    828 Schools    Participating

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## Now accepting applications 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 application process. Applicants who begin the process early have a greater chance of success.

**GET CERTIFIED**

### UPCOMING DEADLINES:

- January 18 - First 2019 Online Application Submission Deadline
- 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 being accepted now, 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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### Welcome Newly Registered Districts & Schools!

#### Burlington County

Marlton Elementary School (Marlton)  
Robert B. Jaggard Elementary School (Marlton)  
Wilbur Watts Intermediate School (Burlington)

#### Camden County

Loring-Flemming Elementary School (Blackwood)

#### Essex County

George Washington Carver Elementary School (Newark)

#### Mercer County

Hamilton Township School District  
Hamilton West-Watson High School (Hamilton)

#### Middlesex County

Old Bridge Township School District

#### Monmouth County

Betty McElmon Elementary School (West Long Branch)  
Frank Antonides Elementary School (West Long Branch)

#### Warren County

Lopatcong Township School District  
Lopatcong Township Middle School

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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](#).

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.*

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.*

Jan 18 - Paterson, NJ

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**

NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (NAAEE)

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

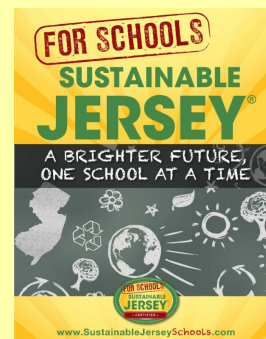
Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more!

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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