



Sustainable Jersey for Schools Previous Program Updates

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On a continuous basis, through the help of the task forces, the Certification Standards Committee reviews Sustainable Jersey for Schools program content, standards, and feedback to ensure actions are relevant, appropriate and up-to-date with current best practices. Sustainable Jersey for Schools announces new program and action updates every year at the annual New Jersey School Boards Workshop in October. New actions and action updates are typically implemented by January 1st.

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2023-2024 Program Updates

Digital Schools Stars Recognition Updates

Updated requirements to apply and reapply for Digital Schools Star Recognition.

New Actions

- Waste Reduction & Recycling
 - Campaign to Reduce School Food Waste
 - Food Service Training & Best Practices to Reduce Food Waste
 - Food Recovery - Share Tables & Donation



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Action Updates

- Digital Learning Leadership
 - District Commitment to Digital Learning
- Digital Learning Practices
 - Professional Growth and Collaboration
- Student Learning
 - Education for Sustainability (EfS) Actions (except Education for Sustainability Integrated Unit)
- Waste Reduction & Recycling
 - Waste Audit
 - Food Waste Recycling or Composting

Retired Actions

- District Professional Development Plan
- Indoor Air Quality Review
- Reporting Process for Indoor Air Quality

2022-2023 Program Updates

Action Updates

- Energy Efficiency
 - Energy Efficiency for School Facilities

Retired Actions

- Asthma Friendly Schools
- Future Ready Schools
- EPA Waste Wi\$e

2021-2022 Program Updates

New Categories and Actions



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- Digital Learning Leadership
 - Community Engagement
 - District Commitment to Digital Learning (Priority Action)
 - District Professional Development Plan
 - Equitable Access to Digital Learning (Priority Action)
- Digital Learning Practice
 - Authentic Application of Digital Learning Tools and Content
 - Digital Citizenship (Priority Action)
 - Personalized Learning and Growing Independent Learners
 - Professional Growth and Collaboration
- Digital Technology Access
 - Data Safety and Security Policy
 - Digital Devices Life Cycle Management
 - Infrastructure
 - Support for Digital Teaching and Learning

Action Updates

In addition to the new Digital Schools actions the existing actions in the following categories were updated to address remote learning and provide associated resources.

- Student Learning
- School Culture and Climate

New Digital Schools Star Recognition

2021 was the first-year applications were accepted for the new Digital Schools Star Recognition. Please see [Digital Schools Star Recognition](#) for more information.

The Sustainable Jersey Digital Schools program was created in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association and endorsed by [New Jersey Leadership for Educational Excellence](#). It builds on the legacy of the Future Ready Schools - New Jersey (FRS-NJ) program by integrating FRS-NJ topical areas and content into the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program, which the original FRS-NJ program was modeled after.