



IS YOUR SCHOOL A

Digital Schools Star?

ENHANCE YOUR BRONZE OR SILVER CERTIFICATION WITH DIGITAL SCHOOLS STAR RECOGNITION!

Digital Schools Star Recognition

A Digital Schools Star embraces the mindful implementation of effective digital learning and communication tools, resources, and practices – a commitment that is evident in its mission, culture, classrooms, and interactions with its stakeholders.

Schools that have met or will meet the Sustainable Jersey for Schools (SJS) certification requirements are eligible to earn Digital Schools Star recognition in the same application cycle if they successfully complete the required actions. All Digital Schools actions count towards Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification and Digital Schools Star recognition. The actions are completed in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools District and School applications. Approved district actions count towards Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification and Digital Schools Star recognition for all district schools. Schools apply for Digital Schools Star recognition in the Digital School Star application accessible from their Sustainable Jersey for Schools website Dashboard. Working towards Digital Schools Star status will help schools achieve both certification and Digital Schools Star recognition.

Pursuing Digital Schools Star recognition encourages school personnel at all levels and in all departments to work together to improve planning, decision making, curriculum, pedagogy, budgeting, and technology resources to help students become better prepared for the future. The new and revised actions are designed to:

- Encourage board members, district administrators, and school leadership to take stock of what systems, technologies, policies, and practices are in place and how effectively they help meet educational goals
- Help administrators, educators, students, and families better understand the benefits of digital tools, resources, strategies, and equitable access
- Review, design and plan for future digital learning needs to keep pace with an ever-evolving digital world

Digital Schools Star Requirements

Schools can earn recognition as a Digital Schools Star by meeting the following requirements as part of their certification application:

- Successfully complete a minimum of 7 of the new 12 Digital Schools actions. Some of these actions are for districts only and would be completed in the district application. District actions earn points for all registered schools in the district. Actions identified as School Only can only be completed at the school level.
- Successfully complete three of the Student Learning actions with documentation submitted for lessons delivered in a remote digital or hybrid learning environment. NOTE: Schools with fewer than three grade levels are only required to complete one Student Learning action per grade level.
- Successfully complete one of the School Culture and Climate actions. The submission must include steps taken to address the challenges associated with a remote digital or hybrid learning environment.

How to Apply for Digital Schools Star Recognition

To apply for Digital Schools Star recognition, a school must submit both a certification application and a Digital Schools Star application. The Digital Schools Star application action requires the school to identify the Digital Schools actions in its certification application that have been approved or that are anticipated to be approved by the end of the certification cycle.

It is recommended that a school wait until the second or final application submission deadline to submit the Digital Schools Star application since the recognition is contingent on actions being approved in its certification application.

QUESTIONS?

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Steps to achieving a Digital Schools Star



STEP ONE

To meet the Digital Schools Star requirements, in addition to submitting your Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification application, you must complete:

- A minimum of 7 actions
- At least 5 of the 7 must be from the **Foundational Actions** highlighted in red
- At least 1 of the 7 must be from each category

STEP TWO

Successfully complete at least three of the **Student Learning actions**. To meet Digital Schools Star requirements, the submissions must address lessons delivered in a remote digital or hybrid learning environment. Schools serving **only** PK – 3 students with **fewer than 3 grade levels** are only required to complete one Student Learning action per grade level. For example, a school with only kindergarten and 1st grade classes would be required to complete two Student Learning actions.

STEP THREE

Successfully complete at least one of the **School Culture and Climate (SCC) Actions**. To meet the Digital Schools Star requirements the submission must include steps taken to address the challenges associated with a remote digital or hybrid learning environment.

STEP FOUR

Document the completion of these actions in your Digital Schools Star application.

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ACTION TYPES: DISTRICT ONLY SCHOOL ONLY	
Category - Digital Learning Leadership POINTS	
District Commitment to Digital Learning (Certification Priority)	10-15
Community Engagement (District or School Action)	10
District Professional Development Plan	10
Equitable Access to Digital Learning (Certification Priority)	10-15
Category - Digital Learning Practices	
Authentic Application of Digital Learning Tools and Content	10-15
Digital Citizenship (Certification Priority)	10
Personalized Learning and Growing Independent Learners	15
Professional Growth and Collaboration	15
Category - Digital Technology Access	
Data Safety and Security Policy	10
Digital Device Life Cycle Management	10
Infrastructure	10
Support for Digital Teaching and Learning	20
Student Learning Actions POINTS	
Education for Sustainability Integrated Unit	10-50
Education for Sustainability Pre-Kindergarten	5
Education for Sustainability Kindergarten	5
Education for Sustainability 1st Grade	5
Education for Sustainability 2nd Grade	5
Education for Sustainability 3rd Grade	5
Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Arts	5
Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Career and Technical Education	5
Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 English Language Arts	5
Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Health	5
Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Math	5
Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Science	5
Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Social Studies	5
Education for Sustainability Grades 4-12 Technology	5
School Culture and Climate (SCC) Actions POINTS	
Inclusive Environments Where All Can Thrive	10
School Culture and Climate Needs Assessment	20
Social Emotional Learning	10

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