Guide to Resources for Green Ribbon Schools Applications

The Center for Green Schools has a library full of free resources to assist project teams in creating, maintaining and documenting best practices in green school facilities. Here, we’ve pulled out the essential tools you’ll need to successfully complete portions of your application for the U.S. Department of Education’s Green Ribbon Schools voluntary recognition program. Using the sample state application provided at www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools as a framework, we have linked to relevant, helpful resources below. Be sure to check out the Center for Green Schools online library for helpful guides, studies, project profiles and more!

Pillar 1: Reduced Environmental Impacts and Costs

Energy

Energy Star Certification

Information Worksheet for the K-12 Space Type, Portfolio Manager Implementation Workbook p. 56

Non-Transportation Energy Use

Green Schools Implementation Workbook - p. 40 - Sample Building Operating Plan
p. 45 Energy Efficiency Improvements and Annual Savings

Green Existing Schools Web Trainings: Materials and Sustainable Purchasing

Energy Consumption

Green Existing Schools Web Trainings: Energy Management

New construction or major renovation

LEED for Schools Rating System
LEED for Existing Building Operations & Maintenance Rating System

Water and Grounds

Water Consumption

Water-Use Performance Calculations - Data Collection Worksheet Implementation Workbook p.30


Green Existing Schools Web Trainings: Water Management
Outdoor Landscapes

Sample Integrated Pest Management, Erosion Control and Landscape Management Plan Implementation Workbook p.17

Green Existing Schools Web Trainings: Groundskeeping

Stormwater Runoff Efforts

Stormwater Quantity Control – Data Collection Worksheet Implementation Workbook p. 24

Waste

Waste diverted from the landfill

Guidance for Solid Waste Management Policy Implementation Workbook p.70

Green Existing Schools Web Trainings: Recycling and Waste Management

Post Consumer Paper Content by Cost

Guidance for Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy Implementation Workbook p.67

Hazard Waste Monitoring, Management, Storage and Disposal

Guidance for Resources and Implementation Implementation Workbook p.91

Green Cleaning

Green Existing Schools Web Trainings: Green Cleaning

Alternative transportation

Student Walkers, Bikers, Bus riders and Carpoolers

Sample Commute Survey for Staff and Faculty Implementation Workbook p.21

Efficient school transportation

Green Existing School Web Trainings: Transportation

Additional efforts to reduce environmental impact

LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance
Pillar 2: Improve the health and wellness of students and staff

Environmental Health

Pesticide Use and Reduction Efforts

Sample Integrated Pest Management, Erosion Control, and Landscape Managements Plan Implementation Workbook p. 17

Sample Indoor Integrated Pest Management Plan Implementation Workbook p.98

Hazardous Contaminants

Guidance for Purchasing Plan p.69 Implementation Workbook

Chemical Management

Guidance for Green Cleaning Policy Implementation Workbook p.74

Sample High Performance Cleaning Program Implementation Workbook p.91

Indoor Air Quality

Sample IAQ Management Plan Implementation Workbook p.76

Green Existing Schools Web Modules: Indoor Environmental Quality