



Minnesota Green Schools Resources

Programs and resources for sustainability and to support applications for Green Ribbon Schools Awards: PreK-12 Schools Award, District Sustainability Award, Higher Education Award

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Cross-Cutting Programs:

- [MDE Green Ribbon Schools website](#)
- [School Environmental Health portal, Minnesota Department of Health](#)
- [The State of Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines](#)
- [MPCA Green Schools](#)
- [US Green Building Council's Center for Green Schools](#)
- [Earth Day Network's Green Schools Program](#)
- [Green School Alliance School Program](#)
- [National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA](#)
- [Project Learning Tree's Green Schools!](#)
- [Princeton Review of Green Colleges](#)
- [Second Nature: Higher Education Climate Leadership](#)
- [Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability](#)
- [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#)

Pillar 1

Energy:

- [State of Minnesota's B3 Benchmarking](#)
- [DOE and EPA's ENERGY STAR for K-12 Districts](#)
- [EPA's Portfolio Manager](#)
- [Minnesota Renewable Energy Society's Renewable Energy and Schools Guide](#)
- [EPA Guidelines for Energy Management Overview](#)
- [EPA's Energy Star Benchmarking Kit](#)
- [Open Energy Information Wiki](#)
- [DOE K-12 Energy Education site](#)
- [Youth Energy Summit](#)
- [Collaborative for High Performance Schools](#)

Water and Grounds:

- [EPA WaterSense](#)
- [Minnesota DNR's School Forest Program](#)
- [Minnesota DNR's Landscaping with Native Plants](#)

Waste:

- [EPA WasteWise](#)
- [MPCA Living Green](#)
- [MPCA Helping Schools Reduce Pollution](#)
- [MPCA Green Schools](#)
- [Conservatree](#)
- [FSC Certified Paper](#)
- [PEFC Certified Paper](#)
- [CDC Hazardous Waste Self-Management Checklist](#)
- [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Healthy Sustainable Schools Guide](#)
- [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Mercury in Schools](#)
- [EPA's Safe Chemical Management in Schools](#)
- [EPA's Safer Choice](#)
- [Keep America Beautiful School Recycling Competition](#)
- [Grades of Green Trash Redux](#)
- [EPEAT Green Electronics Registry](#)
- [Consumer Electronics Association Greener Gadgets](#)

Alternative Transportation:

- [Carpool to School](#)
- [EPA's Clean School Bus USA](#)
- [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's School Bus Information](#)
- [Clean Air Minnesota's Project Green Fleet](#)
- [MNDOT's Bicycling in Minnesota](#)
- [MNDOT's Pedestrians in Minnesota](#)
- [Safe Routes to School](#)
- [USDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety](#)
- [Walking School Bus](#)
- [Green Education Foundation I Ride Green Program](#)

Pillar Two

Environmental Health:

- [School Environmental Health portal, MN Department of Health](#)
- [Green Education Foundation Healthy Schools Audit](#)
- [Beyond Pesticides Model School Policy](#)
- [CDC Tools for Making Your School Asthma-Friendly](#)

- [American Lung Association Asthma Friendly Schools](#)
- [CDC Guidelines for Schools to Prevent Tobacco Use](#)
- [EPA Assessing Outdoor Air Near Schools](#)
- [EPA School Flag Program](#)
- [CDC Underground Storage Tank Checklist](#)
- [EPA Drinking Water in Schools Facilities](#)
- [EPA Healthy School Environments](#)
- [Green Seal's Institutional Cleaning Services Standard](#)
- [Green Seal's Green Cleaning Products](#)
- [Ecologo's Cleaning and Janitorial Products](#)
- [Green Guard Environmental Institute](#)
- [Green Cleaning for Healthy Schools](#)

Nutrition and Fitness:

- [USDA Healthier US School Challenge](#)
- [USDA Food and Nutrition Service](#)
- [USDA Farm to School Program](#)
- [USDA National Organic Program](#)
- [National Farm to School Network](#)
- [University of Minnesota Extension's Farm to School Program](#)
- [Minnesota Department of Health's Farm to School Program](#)
- [Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom](#)
- [Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools](#)
- [Green Schools Initiative's Green Food Service](#)
- [The Edible Schoolyard Project](#)
- [CNCS: Expand Access to Healthy Local Food](#)
- [Alliance for a Healthier Generation](#)
- [The Healthy School Lunch Campaign](#)
- [The President's Youth Fitness Challenge](#)
- [Partnership for A Healthier America](#)
- [Healthy Schools Campaign, Food and Fitness](#)
- [Schoolyard Garden Summit Minnesota](#)
- [Consumer Reports Ecolabels](#)

Pillar 3

Environmental and Sustainability Education:

- [SEEK: Minnesota's Home of Environmental Education Resources](#)
- [Minnesota Department of Education K-12 Academic Standards](#)
- [Frameworks for the Minnesota Science and Mathematics Standards](#)
- [State of Minnesota's GreenPrint: State Plan for Environmental Education](#)
- [State of Minnesota's Environmental Literacy Scope and Sequence](#)
- [Climate Generation](#)
- [Jeffers Foundation Environmental Stewardship through Education](#)

- [EPA Learning and Teaching about the Environment](#)
- [North American Association for Environmental Education](#)
- [NAAEE's Excellence in Environmental Education: Guidelines for Learning \(K-12\)](#)
- [Minnesota Association for Environmental Education](#)
- [Green Education Foundation's Curriculum Clearinghouse](#)
- [Advanced Placement's Environmental Science](#)
- [State Education & Environment Roundtable \(SEER\)](#)
- [Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Education Programs](#)
- [Minnesota Department of Natural Resources School Forest Program](#)
- [Minnesota Project Learning Tree](#)
- [getSTEM of Minnesota](#)
- [DOE EnergyKids](#)
- [EPA Student's Guide to Global Climate Change](#)
- [NOAA Climate Services: Education](#)
- [Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network](#)
- [Digital Library for Earth System Education](#)
- [US Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development](#)
- [4-H Exploring Your Environment](#)
- [NOAA/ EPA Environmental Education Evaluation Resource Assistant](#)
- [Eco-Schools USA](#)
- [Project Learning Tree's Green Schools!](#)
- [GLOBE](#)
- [EPA Environmental Education Grants](#)
- [EPA President's Environmental Youth Awards](#)
- [National Environmental Education Week](#)
- [Children and Nature Network](#)
- [NWF Get Outside](#)
- [School Garden Wizard](#)
- [Green Thumb Challenge](#)
- [An introductory guide to teaching and learning for sustainability in HE](#)
- [Northwest Earth Institute \(online courses and discussion forums – Adults\)](#)
- [Sustainability Improves Student Learning \(Higher Ed.\)](#)