

National Level School Greening Programs

The following list is a comprehensive list of initiatives and programs across the United States that support greening schools.

Bon Appétit Management Company guide to Student Farming

Bon Appétit Management Company is a leader in sustainable food service and has created a guide to help student gardeners establish a successful relationship between campus food service teams and student gardens.

http://www.circleofresponsibility.com/uploads/documents/student_garden_guide_final_-_food_service.pdf

U.S. Green Building Council Center for Green Schools

The U.S. Green Building Council has a vision of green schools for every student within this generation. For this reason, the Center for Green Schools expands efforts to drive change in how schools are designed, constructed and operated, so they will enhance student learning experiences.

<http://www.centerforgreenschools.org/welcome.aspx>

Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS)

The mission of the Collaborative for High Performance Schools is to facilitate the design, construction and operation of high performance schools: environments that are not only energy and resource efficient, but are also healthy, comfortable, well lit, and contain the amenities for a quality education.

<http://www.chps.net/dev/Drupal/node>

LEED for school rating system

<http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=2593>

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

NREL's sustainability practices incorporate a framework of economic viability, environmental stewardship, and public responsibility. NREL formalized its Sustainable NREL initiative in 2000 to proactively pursue sustainability in all its operations including the laboratory's [Environmental Management System](#) in order to meet NREL's environmental stewardship goals.

<http://www.nrel.gov/>

Ohio School Facilities Commission Green Schools

OSFC has passed a resolution to require all schools to aspire to reach the highest level of LEED certification possible.

<http://www.osfc.ohio.gov/Home/GreenSchools.aspx>

Green Education Foundation (GEF)

A non-profit organization, GEF is committed to creating a sustainable future through education. It provides curriculum and resources to K-12 students and teachers worldwide with the goal of challenging youth to think holistically and critically about global environmental concerns and solutions.

<http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/>

Green Schools Fellow Programs

This program provides partner school districts with a fully-funded, dedicated expert who will collaborate with district leadership to change the culture of the district from the inside out, by providing clear direction, comprehensive training, and valuable resources.

<http://www.centerforgreenschools.org/fellowship-program.aspx>

Green Schools Caucus

The Green Schools Caucus, formed by retired Rep. Darlene Hooley, D-Ore., Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, and Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah, aim to raise awareness of the benefits of green schools, lead the policy discussion on the topic in various forums, create legislative opportunities for the collective efforts of the caucus members, and provide members of Congress with constituent outreach resources.

http://www.greenschoolbuildings.org/action/join/green_schools_caucus.aspx

Green Schools Initiatives

The Green Schools Initiative was founded in 2004 by parent-environmentalists who were shocked by how un-environmental their kids' schools were and mobilized to improve the environmental health and ecological sustainability of schools in the U.S.

<http://www.greenschools.net/>

Healthy Schools Network (HSN)

A national, environmental, "not-for-profit" organization that promotes the development of national and state policies and regulations which will improve the conditions of school facilities and promote children's environmental-occupational health in the classroom.

<http://www.healthyschools.org/index.html>

Kids Gardening

The organization emphasizes gardening as a vehicle for encouraging children to make good food choices, augmenting classroom studies with experiential learning, building a love of nature, stimulating social interaction, facilitating cultural exchange, and more.

<http://www.kidsgardening.org/>

Washington Green Schools Resource Page

Washington state schools have enacted a vision that all schools in the state will be sustainable and environmentally responsible.

<http://www.wagreenschools.org/1178/program-info.html>

US Department of Energy Smart Schools Site

State and local agencies are planning to invest more than \$60 billion in the next three years to build or renovate schools. Through the Energy Smart Schools public/private partnership, the Department of Education seeks to catalyze significant improvements in energy efficiency in the nation's K-12 schools at a time of enormous opportunity.

<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/energysmartschools/>