

School Grounds and Operations as Environmental Teaching Tools



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1. Schools' and their occupants' impact on the environment;
2. Schools' environmental and behavioral impact on occupants; and
3. How schools teach students about the environment and sustainability to prepare them for citizenship and employment in the 21st century.



A Means To Use Existing Resources to
Achieve Current National Goals...



...And Schools and Students' goals

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*Green Ribbon Schools is **not***
an additional or new set of
priorities for schools.

Green Ribbon Schools ties
together *current* programs
and goals.



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Purpose

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) that save energy, reduce costs, foster well spaces, protect health, foster welln boost academic achievement and award is part of a larger U.S. Department identify and disseminate knowledge improved student engagement, academic workforce preparedness, as well as independence and economic security.

As part of its effort, the Department

- Facilitate the dissemination of regarding energy efficient and environmentally sustainable among federal agencies, state
- Achieve these objectives by the public (at federal, state and sectors and among schools to

Beginning in the 2011-2012 school where staff, students, officials and produce energy efficient, sustainable ensure the sustainability and environment.

- [Fact Sheet](#) [PDF, 119K]
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Thanking Mrs. Silverman →

U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools

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The Department of Education, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the White House Council on Environmental Quality launched the concept of the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools on April 26, 2011. **Further information and applications will be announced in September 2011.**

The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) recognizes public and private elementary, middle and high schools that save energy, reduce costs, protect health and exemplify environmentally sustainable learning spaces and educational programs to boost academic achievement and community engagement.



Education Secretary Duncan, EPA Administrator Jackson and CEQ Chair Sutley announce the Green Ribbon Schools program with local students.

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Eco-Schools USA



- 42,000 schools globally
- 760 schools in U.S. to date
- 3,500 by 2014
- Seven steps
- Eight pathways
- Measurable results



Schoolyard Habitats



- 4,050 Schools
- 6,000 by 2014
- Curriculum and volunteer support
- Wildlife gardening
- Measurable results

Lanier Middle School, VA



Maryland Public School Construction

Interagency Committee on School Construction

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Education**

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Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment on School Sites



*Burleigh Manor Middle School, Howard County
7th Graders Planting a Bioretention Area*



*Mary Harris "Mother" Jones Elementary,
Prince George's County
Wetlands Environmental Study Area*

MARYLAND POLICIES AND INITIATIVES

Tri-annual meetings among school district facility planners



*Quince Orchard High School, Gaithersburg, MD
Montgomery County
319 KW photovoltaic power purchase agreement
(PPA) system*

MARYLAND POLICIES AND INITIATIVES

The High Performance Buildings Act of 2008



*Evergreen Elementary,
St. Mary's County*





Promoting Green and Sustainable Investments in Pennsylvania Schools

Sustainable Buildings As Teaching Tools



**Middle School
Radnor Township School District**

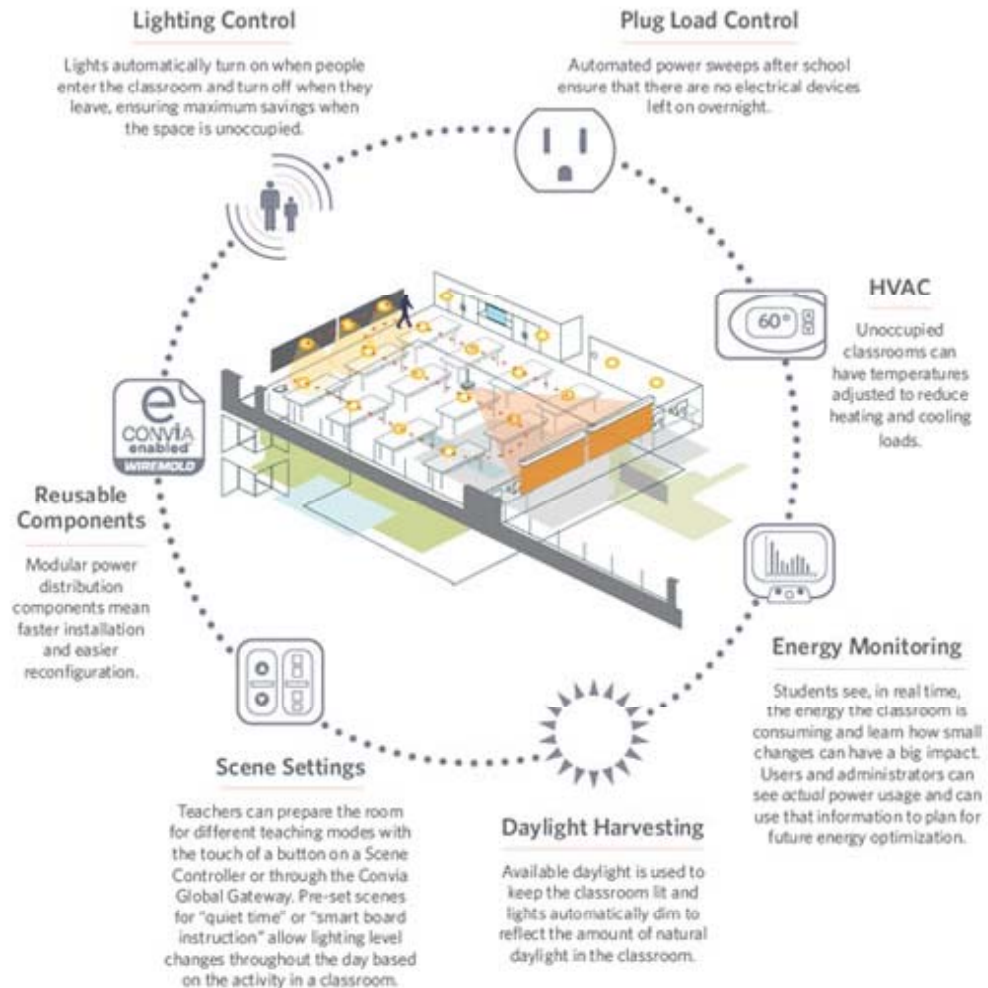


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