

Michigan Green Ribbon Schools



Easing Your School's Participation

Green Ribbon School is not an additional set of priorities, but it is an opportunity for state and national recognition that is consistent with other green school initiatives and opportunities for recognition of Michigan schools. In fact, your school may already be doing activities that are consistent with the three Green Ribbon Schools pillars. If your school is just getting started working toward the three pillars, you could use some help, or you want to add to what your school is already doing, there are programs and organizations to support you.

There are many resources to support your participation that can be found on the Green Ribbon Schools web page, http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_2629-271090--,00.html. The following is a sampling of the tools and programs listed online that complement, support or ease your participation in Green Ribbon Schools:

Organization:	Program/Tool/Certification	GRS Pillar
National Wildlife Federation – Great Lakes Regional Center	Eco-Schools (a seven-step framework for greening your school building, grounds and curriculum	All
US Green Building Council – Michigan Chapters	School sustainability, especially Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification	Pillar 1
Michigan Economic Development Corporation	ReBuild Michigan	Pillar 1
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality	Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support (MEECS)	Pillar 2
Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative		Pillar 3

Being honored as a Green Ribbon School is a noteworthy achievement and a source of pride for your school and community – but most importantly striving toward and achieving the Green Ribbon Schools pillars creates a healthier environment for teaching and learning and sets the stage for student success.

Questions About the Program? Want to Apply?

Contact Patty Cantu (cantup@michigan.gov) at the Michigan Department of Education

Please note:
U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools is a federal recognition award and

“While green schools complement much of America's core educational mission, they also nurture unique skills of special value in a knowledge-based economy.”

U.S. Secretary of Education
Arne Duncan



Green Ribbon Schools annually recognizes the highest performing green schools in the nation that are exemplary in reducing environmental impact and costs; improving health and wellness; and providing effective environmental and sustainability education

For more information on the benefits of greening your school or to get started, check out [Eco-Schools USA](http://www.ecoschoolsusa.org) (www.ecoschoolsusa.org)

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