

Michigan Green Ribbon Schools



Help Michigan Schools Get a Green Ribbon

Each year Michigan schools are invited to apply for the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Recognition Award which recognizes the highest performing green schools in the country. To achieve green ribbon status, schools must demonstrate actions they have undertaken to reduce environmental impact and cost; improve health and wellness of students, staff and visitors; and provide effective environmental and sustainability education.

You can help a Michigan school in your area compete for this achievement in two ways:

1. Schools may be seeking partners to provide technical assistance to help them understand energy efficiency issues, waste reduction, air quality improvement or options for safe, non-toxic chemicals available for school maintenance. If you can assist school in these or other areas related to the three U.S. Green Ribbon School pillars, please contact Joshua Scheels (scheelsj@michigan.gov) to add your name and contact information to the list of advisors or resources that is available to schools wishing to participate in Green Ribbon Schools.
2. Help promote the program to Michigan schools. Simply share the Green Ribbon Schools message found on the Michigan Department of Education website at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_2629-271090--,00.html. For greatest impact, this message should be distributed when the annual application announcement comes out in December 2013.

Green Ribbon School nominees must be submitted through the Michigan Department of Education. For more information, visit: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_2629-271090--,00.html.

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 should not be confused with any green schools program conducted by non-governmental entities.

"The green schools movement is the biggest thing to happen to education since the introduction of technology to the classroom."

Glenn Cook, Editor in Chief,
American School Board
Journal



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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