

# Benefits of becoming 'Green & Healthy'



## Academic Achievement

Provide a meaningful “real world” context for engaging students in mastering state curriculum standards and improving academic achievement. Schools can address over 70 standards through related program activities!

## Healthy School Environments

Create and maintain healthy school environments for successful teaching and learning.

## Environmental Protection

Conserve valuable natural resources by implementing green, healthy and environmentally sound practices and behaviors.

## Financial Savings

Enhance school budgets and save funds by improving school resource efficiency, recognizing cost saving opportunities and promoting environmentally sustainable practices.

## Community Involvement

Empower students in developing life-long attitudes, behaviors and commitments to make informed environmental decisions and become active community participants.

**Everyone benefits from a safe, healthy learning environment. Green & Healthy Schools experience educational, environmental and economic benefits.**



# Where do we start?

## Take action in any focus area:

- Energy
- Recycling & Waste Management
- Environmental Health
- Transportation
- Water
- School Site
- Health & Wellness
- Environmental & Sustainability Education
- Community Involvement

**Visit [GHSWisconsin.org](http://GHSWisconsin.org) for example actions and more ideas!**



# Certification Levels

- **Sprout School**  
Registered and provide statement of intent
- **Seedling School**  
Documented achievement in at least one focus area
- **Sapling School**  
Documented achievement in five focus areas (water, energy, environmental health, recycling & waste management, school site)
- **Sugar Maple School**  
Documented achievement in all nine focus areas

*When your school becomes a Green & Healthy School, your school may receive certification in other national programs as well.*

**Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin** supports and encourages schools to create safe and healthy learning environments, and prepare students to understand, analyze, and address the major environmental and sustainability challenges now and in the future.

Visit [www.GHSWisconsin.org](http://www.GHSWisconsin.org) to access a variety of resources, classroom activities, and project ideas to help your school achieve its Green & Healthy goals.

**Resources include:**

- Suggested actions your school can implement in each focus area.
- Curriculum and lesson plans for a variety of sustainability topics.
- Web links to locate guest speakers or field trip sites in your area.

Combine these with your existing resources—your school, grounds, surrounding community, curriculum, and an active student body—and you are destined for success!



Plant the seed for a



# Green & Healthy School

*Receive recognition for*

- ☛ reducing environmental impact and costs
- ☛ improving health and wellness
- ☛ increasing environmental and sustainability literacy

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## Share your Green & Healthy Schools story

Go to [myGHSWisconsin.org](http://myGHSWisconsin.org) > Schools > Add a School and create a profile to share what your school has done to become green and healthy.



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