



Want to Become a Green Ribbon School?

Do you have a passion for sustainable, environmentally-friendly, and healthy living? Do you want to make a positive impact on your schools, students, and local community?

Help your local school district become involved today!

The US Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) honors public and nonpublic early childhood, elementary, middle and high schools, school districts and institutions of higher education (depending on State program participation) that demonstrate high achievement in all three of the following areas:

- ❖ Reducing environmental impact and costs
- ❖ Improving health and wellness of schools, students and staff
- ❖ Providing effective environmental and sustainability education

PreK-12 public and nonpublic schools must apply to the New York State Education Department to be nominated for the award. Through the application process members from various sectors of the school community collaborate to improve their efforts toward sustainability. Applying for the award provides an opportunity to review strategies for improved energy efficiency, water quality, waste reduction, alternative transportation, integrated environmental health practices, and curriculum for instruction that effectively incorporates STEM, civic skills, and green career pathways.

Get started by learning more today at: [New York State Green Ribbon Schools Program Website](#) & [U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools](#).

Have Questions? Contact Kateri Sargen, P.E., NYS Department of Education at nysgreenrib@nysed.gov

We look forward to seeing YOUR school becoming a Green Ribbon School!



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