

MICHIGAN GREEN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

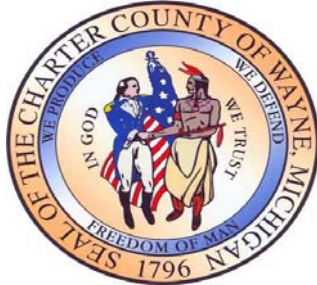
The state of Michigan now has an official Michigan Green School Law, which encourages all public and private schools to participate in easy to administer energy-saving and environmental activities in a suggested plan with 20 choices. Any school that achieves 10 of these points in an academic year will receive an official Michigan Green School Designation. Qualifying schools will receive an official Michigan Green School flag and large handsome certificate to proudly display as you continue to work to save taxpayer dollars and protect Michigan's precious natural resources.

5 EASY STEPS

1. Wayne County CEO Robert A. Ficano, would like to recognize your school's environmental leadership, while encouraging students, staff, and parents to improve energy conservation.
2. Designate a coordinator or a team of coordinators to help implement this easy, streamlined program.
3. The school coordinator or team leader must complete the application form. The school principal must sign the application form verifying that at least 10 points of the 20 have been successfully met.
4. The application form must be submitted to Wayne County Department of Environment Water Quality Division, 3600 Commerce Court, Wayne, MI 48184.
5. All schools recognized as an official Michigan Green School will receive the official Michigan Green School banner and a large handsome certificate to proudly display your efforts. Your school will also receive special recognition from Wayne County CEO Robert A. Ficano – and he might even visit your school to celebrate your success.



Robert A. Ficano
Wayne County Executive



Wayne County's "Green School" Program Requirements

Are you interested in being a "Green School?" Wayne County is ready to help! Under State Law, a public or private school may apply to be designated as a "Green School" by submitting an application to the Wayne County Department of Environment if it meets 10 of the following 20 criteria:

- (1) The school recycles paper.
- (2) The school reuses its magazines and newspapers for other projects.
- (3) The school has adopted an endangered species animal from one of several organizations and posted a picture of the animal in a main traffic area.
- (4) The school media center updates its print and nonprint ecological materials regularly.
- (5) An energy savings program has been instituted at the school.
- (6) Students at the school participate in a planned program of energy savings, including dusting coils on cafeteria refrigerators, placing film on windows, setting hot water heaters one degree lower, seeing how plants and trees strategically placed can save energy for the school, and checking proper inflation on bus tires and other school vehicles once a month.
- (7) The school has hosted a visit by an ecological spokesperson, a representative of an environmental group, an endangered animals species show, or a similar presentation.

- (8) The school has a birdhouse habitat project.
- (9) The school has established a natural Michigan garden project with native plants.
- (10) The school has solar power presentations or experiments, such as a solar cookout.
- (11) Classes do energy audits of their classrooms and make improvements, such as placing film on windows, caulking windows, or using kits to make windows more energy efficient.
- (12) The school has a printer cartridge-recycling program through which the school earns money by selling the cartridges to one or more companies that buy cartridges from schools.
- (13) The school recycles batteries and has designated a representative to return them to an appropriate recycling program.
- (14) The school recycles cellular telephones and receives money for the telephones from recycling companies that work with schools.
- (15) The school observes earth day in some way in April.
- (16) Art classes at the school have a poster contest to support ecology concerns and a schoolwide display in conjunction with earth day activities.
- (17) The school has science class projects in which students do several home energy improvements, such as turn down hot water heaters, install home window insulation kits, clean coils on home refrigerators, and install draft guards for doors.
- (18) The school has an ecology club, whose activities include such activities as helping senior citizens make their homes more energy efficient, putting in new furnace filters, caulking windows, cleaning refrigerator coils in homes, and setting water heaters one degree lower.
- (19) The school's classes visit internet sites where clicking saves rainforest habitat and teachers document the students' efforts.
- (20) The school sets a goal of 5% less energy usage in the school and works with local power utilities to see progress toward the goal.

Questions, comments? Check the Wayne County Department of Environment website, www.wcdoe.org or by calling Nancy Gregor at (734) 326-3936.



MICHIGAN GREEN SCHOOLS APPLICATION For 2009-2010

School Name:

Address:

Program Coordinator:

E-Mail & Phone Number:

Date Submitted:

Deadline to submit the application is March 17, 2010.

Document at least ten of the twenty Green School Points. Please describe what was done to achieve a specific point, who was involved, when and for how long was the activity done, and any special achievements under this point. Please enclose any pictures of activities for the statewide newsletter and website. You may include activities that you have not yet completed, such as Earth Day celebrations, Michigan native plant garden installation, poster contests, etc. You must include a detailed description of the event.

When submitting the application, this front "contact info" page and the following "signature page" must be included. Feel free to add additional comments and/or any suggestions to add or improve The Michigan Green Schools Program.

Principal's Signature: _____

Principal's Name: _____

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Coordinator's Signature: _____

Coordinator's Name: _____

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Date Completed: _____