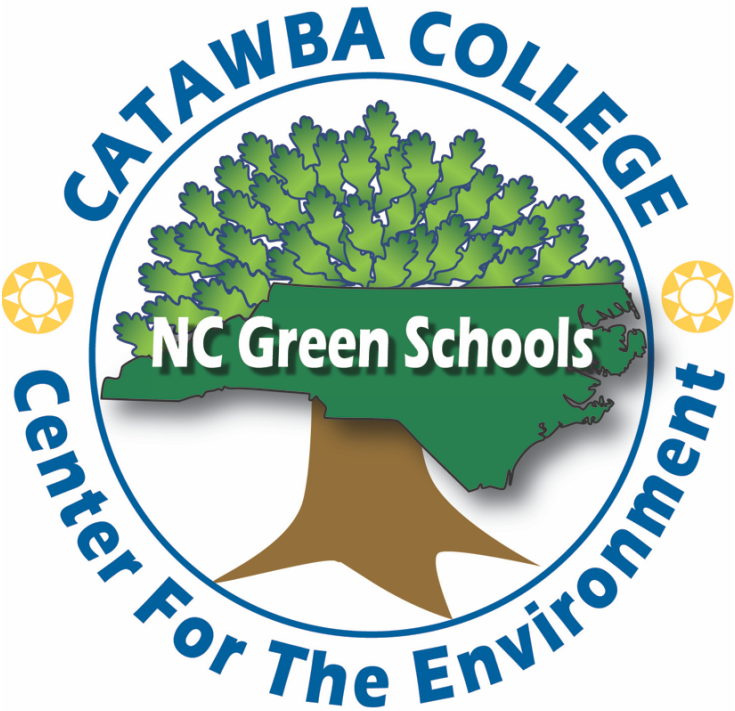




Recognition
Program
For NC Green Schools



Are you interested in your schools being recognized for its sustainable campus and environmental curriculum?

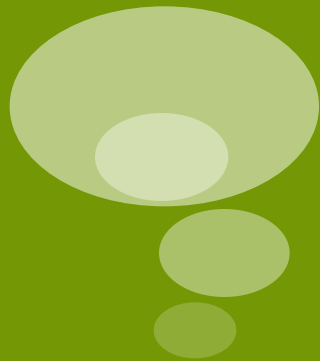
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We support all
NC Schools PK-12 to
Go Green
through
recognition
and resources



What is a Green School?

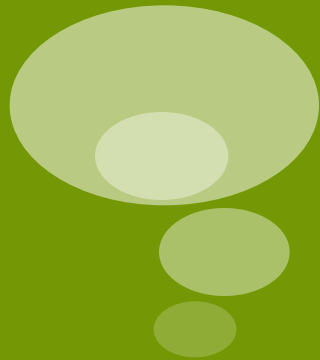
A Green School...



- ✓ Saves energy
- ✓ Reduces costs
- ✓ Features environmentally sustainable learning spaces
- ✓ Protects health
- ✓ Fosters wellness
- ✓ Offers environmental education to boost academic achievement and community engagement

From U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools

NC Green Schools Recognition Program



Recognizes
North Carolina PK-12
public and private
schools that engage
in sustainability in 5
designated areas.



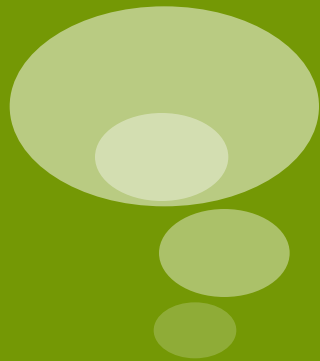
The NC Green Schools Rubric

An easy to follow guideline
for earning recognition
for the work you're doing
at your school



5 Components

- Culture and Community
 - School Sustainability
 - Healthy Schools
- Curriculum Integration
 - Innovation



Culture and Community

1

Creating a school philosophy and culture that embraces sustainability, encourages ongoing professional development and sparks the creativity and engagement of all its members.



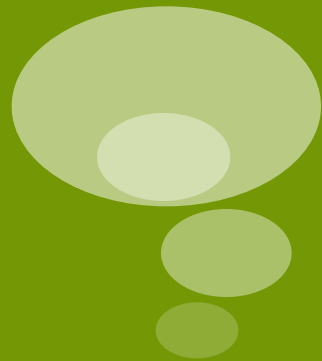
The Principle at Jones Elementary in Asheville NC leads the way!



Culture and Community

20 Possible Points

- School Philosophy
- Professional Development
 - Planning
 - Outreach
- Community Partnerships



School Sustainability

2

Conserving energy and water, reducing solid waste, and increasing transportation options, with a healthy dose of student engagement



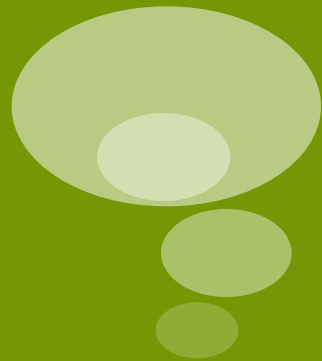
Solar Array at Owen Middle School In Swannanoa North Carolina



School Sustainability

24 Possible Points

- Energy Conservation
 - Water Conservation
- Recycling and Solid Waste Reduction
 - Transportation
- Student Engagement



Healthy Schools

3

Creating school grounds that enhance their use as learning environments, planting gardens, and promoting a healthy and fit lifestyle



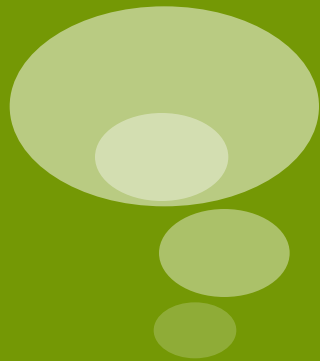
Rain gardens at Evergreen Community Charter School Asheville North Carolina



Healthy Schools

24 Possible Points

- Outdoor Learning Labs and Spaces
- Habitat Improvement and Restoration
 - School Gardens
 - Air Quality
- Whole Nutrition
- Health and Fitness



Curriculum Integration

4

Integrating curriculum that helps students experience and understand the natural environment and their place in it



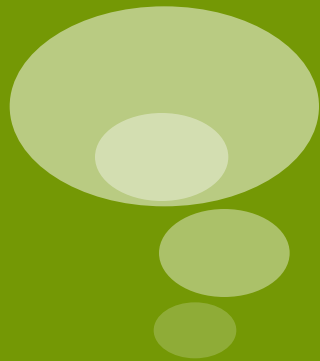
Outdoor exploration at Hall Fletcher Elementary in Asheville NC



Curriculum Integration

24 Possible Points

- Interdisciplinary Approach
 - Environmental Education
- Field Studies and Hands-on Learning
 - Responsible Citizenship
 - STE(A)M Integration
 - Service Learning



Innovation

5

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Innovation

8 Possible Points

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What are the levels of Green School Recognition Awards?

NC Green School Of Promise

A school that scores 40-59 points in 3 of the 5 categories and is taking the beginning steps to improve sustainability.

NC Green School Of Quality

A school that scores 60-79 points in 4 of the 5 categories and is taking active strides in improving and maintaining sustainable practices.

NC Green School Of Excellence

A school that scores 80-100 points in all 5 categories points and shows the highest level of commitment to sustainability.

What are the steps for applying?



Applications are due by
midnight of May 5

Step 1: Review Webinar (*doing that now!*)

Step 2: Submit Registration

Step 3: Review the Rubric

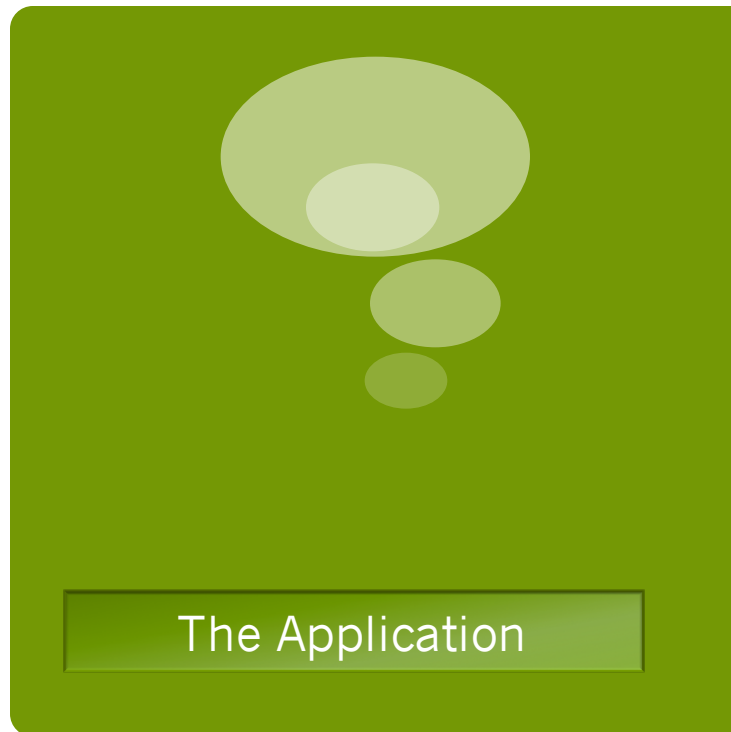
Step 4: Build your green school team
and divide up the work!

Step 5: Create your school application
file (Take photos and document events
along the way!)

Step 6: Upload your application!

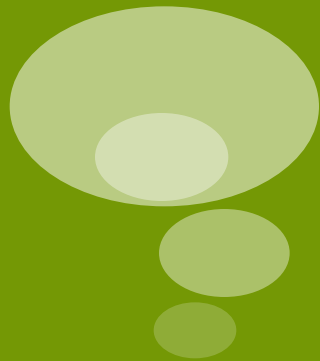
(*NCDPI accepts application for the DOE Green Ribbons Nomination Program in December*)

The major components of the application include:



- *Cover sheet with signatures
- *Narrative summary of your school's green activities
- *Narrative for each component
- *Documentation to support narrative submission
- *Rubric submission form
- *At least 5 digital photos with captions in a power point

(*NCDPI accepts application for the DOE Green Ribbons Nomination Program in December*)



School will be notified as soon as possible

How are applications graded and scored?

A team of volunteer judges reviews the submissions and scores them.

Each school is reviewed by more than one judge and the average of all scores are compiled

Press announcements!





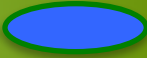

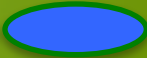

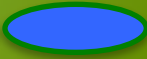
Green School Assemblies and Celebrations!

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What's in it for the Schools?


- Certificates of Recognition for all schools
- Digital Seal for your promotional purposes
 - Media Recognition and Press Releases
 - Celebrations and Accolades
- Green Seed Money for School Projects (as available)
 - A step toward being a US Green Ribbon School

How does the NC Green Schools Recognition Program align with the US Department of Education Green Ribbons Program?

NC Green Schools Recognition Program	Dept of Education Green Ribbon Pillars
Culture and Community	 
School Sustainability	  
Healthy Schools	 
Curriculum Integration	 

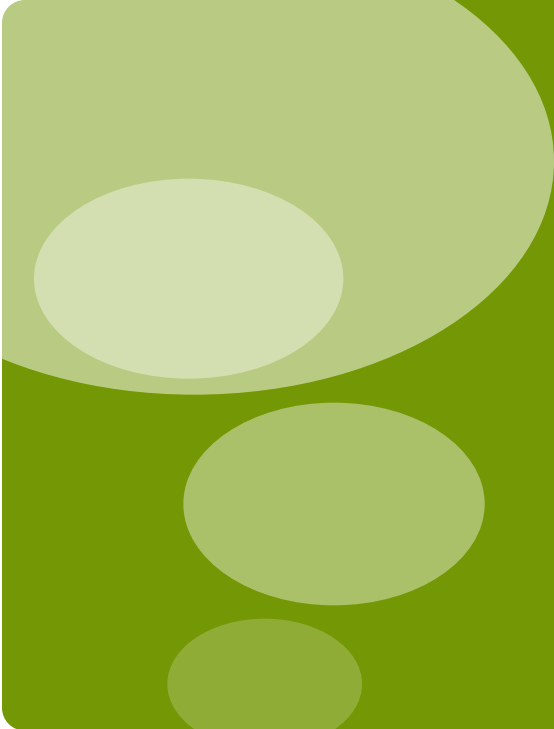
DOE Green Ribbon Schools Pillars

Environmental Impact & Energy Efficiency	Healthy School Environment	Environmental and Sustainability Education
		



The US DoE Green Ribbons Program is like the Olympics of Green Schools

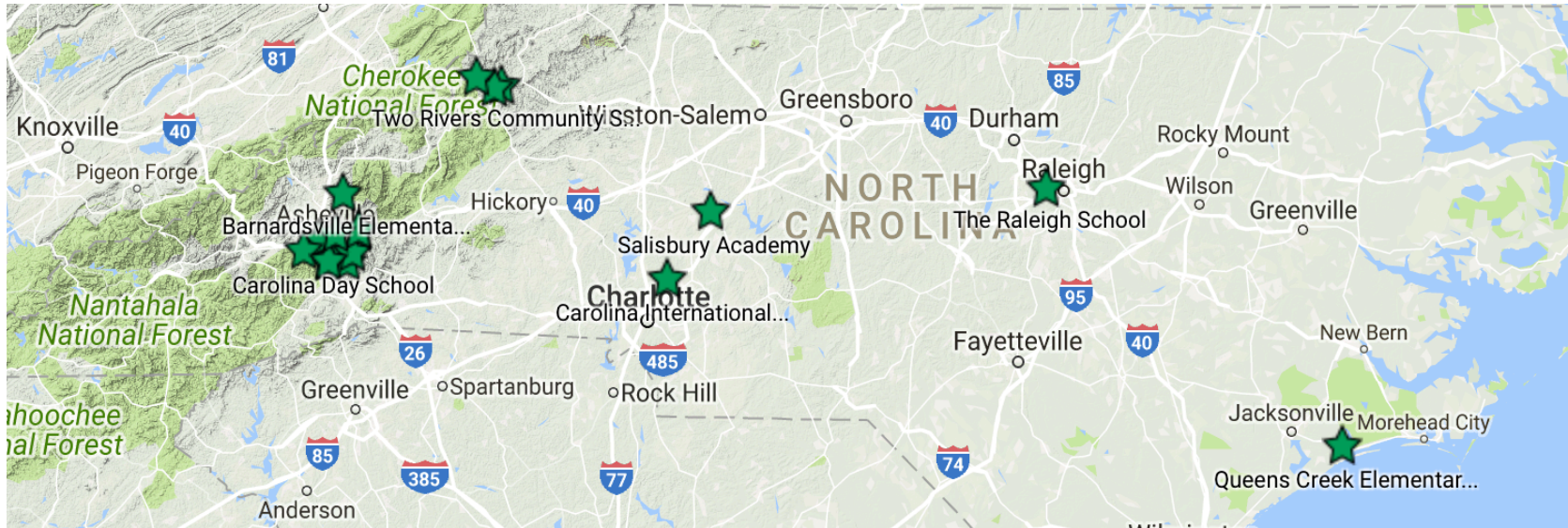
Only highest performing schools can win awards and recognition from the Department of Education Program



The NC Green Schools Recognition Program is like a track team in every School!

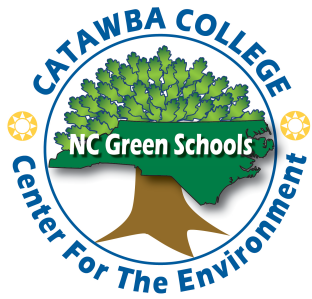
All North Carolina Schools have the
opportunity to move forward in their efforts
and receive recognition for their successes
and initiatives

21 Recognized NC Green Schools* from the mountains to the coast



We hope you join us!

*As of Spring 2020



Thank you to all our partners and supporters!

*Center for the Environment at Catawba College,
Asheville Buncombe Sustainable Community Initiatives (ABSCI),
Blue Ridge Sustainability Institute (BRSI),
Florida Atlantic University Pine Jog Educational Center,
The NC Office of Environmental Education,
Environmental Educators of NC,
Department of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service,
Land of Sky Regional Council,
Evergreen Community Charter School,
The Green Schools National Network...
AND ALL OF YOU!*



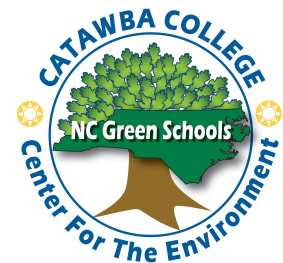
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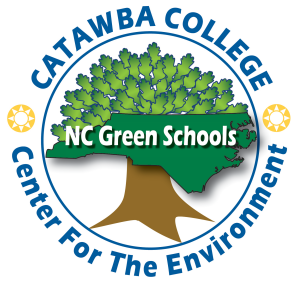
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MORE RESOURCES FOR YOU!



- NC Project Green
- NC Office of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service
- State Energy Office
- NC Environmental Education and Public Affairs
- Waste Reduction Partners
- USGBC Green School Chapters
- One North Carolina Naturally
- NC Safe Routes to School
- NC Wildlife Federation
- NC Division of Air Quality
- Environmental Educators of NC
- Recycle More NC
- NC Division of Pollution Prevention and Environment
- RE3.org
- USGBC Center for Green Schools
- The list goes on...

We are here to connect teachers, students and administrators to NC state agencies and resources to support your efforts in going green!