

*Can Virginia Do Net Zero
(energy) Schools?*

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- Recognizes schools that meet a variety of existing standards, implementing or employing numerous complementary policies and resources.
- A nation-wide recognition award, *not a grant*.
- Incentives change by communicating high standards and recognizing the most exemplary schools or individuals according to specified criteria.
- State applications are a learning tool for schools to obtain a baseline assessment in all three Pillars/Goals



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Goal I:

Reduce environmental impact and costs.



Goal II:

Improve the health and wellness of students and staff.



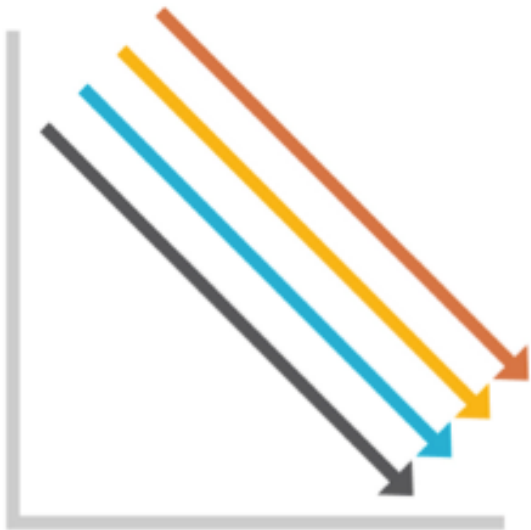
Goal III:

Provide effective environmental and sustainability education, incorporating STEM, civic skills, and green career pathways.



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Net impact
(waste, water, energy, CO₂)



Health & performance



Environmental literacy



Programs to Support the Journey to USED Green Ribbon Schools

- **Virginia Naturally School Program**
- **VSBA/VAIS Green Schools** – District-Level Program
- Project Learning Tree Green Schools
[Project Learning Tree® \(PLT\) GreenSchools!](#)
- James River Green Building Council
[Connect the Dots for Green Schools Challenge](#)
- **LEED** (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for Schools
New construction/major renovations
- **LEED EBOM** (Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance)
- **CHPS** (Collaborative for High Performance Schools)





Resources to Assist in Completing the Application

Information Session Webinars

A two-part informational webinar session will be held on September 26, 2012 and October 17, 2012. Please register using the following links:

September 26, 2012 – [Introduction to the Green Ribbon Schools](#)

October 17, 2012 – [GRS Question and Answer Session](#)

The Green Strides Webinar Series Continues

The [Green Strides Webinar Series](#) continues weekly with dozens of sessions to help all schools reduce environmental impact and costs; improve health and wellness; and provide effective education for the challenges of the 21st century.

Resources for Green Ribbon Schools

The [Green Ribbon School Resource page](#) is designed to assist interested schools find resources more easily.





Virginia Green Ribbon Schools Partnership

