

### Our Mission

Oregon Green Schools is dedicated to:

- Helping Oregon schools set up and maintain effective, permanent waste reduction and resource efficiency programs that improve schools and communities
- Recognizing schools for their efforts and achievements

### How we operate

Oregon Green Schools is a nonprofit organization that was formed in 1997. We have over 25 regional coordinators throughout the state and nearly 200 participating schools.

Our regional coordinators help schools conduct waste audits, provide guidance and training for new programs and recommend curriculum resources and grant opportunities.

Schools apply to be recognized at Green, Merit or Premier levels. Merit- and Premier-level schools build on the basic Green criteria with more far-reaching programs. Green-level schools receive certificates and window decals, Merit-level schools receive plaques and Premier-level schools receive Oregon Green Schools flags.

### Oregon Green Schools Association

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# JOIN THE

# OREGON GREEN SCHOOLS

## Team!

Make a Difference.  
Take Pride.  
Get Noticed.



## We're saving resources one school at a time.

In schools across Oregon, students, teachers and staff are conserving resources and making a difference in their communities. Oregon Green Schools is helping with:

- Hands-on assistance
- Curriculum and funding resources
- Recognition

### Put your school on the map.

From Roseburg to Portland to Baker, nearly 200 schools are on the Oregon Green Schools map with effective programs to recycle, reduce waste, save energy and conserve water. Our regional coordinators can help your school make its mark, too, whether your program is just beginning or already established.



# Become an Oregon Green School.

Follow these steps to join the Green Schools movement:

## 1. Build a team

Recruit an enthusiastic staff member to coordinate your resource efficiency program and involve students and staff from the start.

## 2. Get help

Contact your local Green Schools coordinator for help with planning, waste audits, educational resources and inspiration. To find your local coordinator and other resources, visit our website.

## 3. Make a plan

Decide what your recycling, waste reduction and resource conservation goals are and how your school will meet them. Use the Oregon Green Schools application form to help organize your goals and action plan and document your achievements.

## 4. Get going

Involve students and staff in working toward your goals and keep track of your progress. Your Green Schools coordinator



can help here, too. When your program is underway, send your completed Green Schools application to your coordinator.

## 5. Celebrate

Recognize the efforts of students and staff with assemblies, awards and letters of recognition. Share your successes with the community through news releases and other outreach. Your Green Schools coordinator can help you with all these efforts.

## See you at the Summit!

The Oregon Green School Summit is one of the highlights of our program. Each year, students and staff from participating Green Schools and Green Schools coordinators gather for a full day of celebration, learning and networking.

Each Green School is invited to send a team of students and one adult to participate in the Summit at no charge. The event is a fun, enriching opportunity to celebrate successes, gain new skills, generate enthusiasm and share ideas with peers from across Oregon. The location of the Summit changes each year.

### Inspiring, hands-on fun

Summit activities include motivational opening and closing assemblies, interactive grade-specific sessions and a fun, waste-wise lunch break.

Popular hands-on Summit sessions include:

- How to build a worm bin
- How to do a waste audit
- Naturescaping
- Creative reuse
- Papermaking



The day also includes a showcase of green school programs in the exhibit hall. Each school brings a display to demonstrate the achievements of its resource efficiency program or showcase a specific topic.

The Summit is a powerful opportunity for students to see how their efforts are magnified by the efforts of students at other schools. By the end of the day, everyone returns home with a broader sense of community and renewed enthusiasm.



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