

Green School Environment Resources: Green Building, Connecting Children and Nature, Going Green in school: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Green School Building

Alliance to Save Energy- Green Schools

<http://www.ase.org/>

The Alliance to Save Energy promotes energy efficiency worldwide to achieve a healthier economy, a cleaner environment, and greater energy security. To help free up more resources for education while strengthening academic learning, the Alliance's Green Schools Program engages students in creating energy-saving activities in their schools, using hands-on, real-world projects

Collaborative for High Performance Schools

<http://www.chps.net/>

The Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) is the standard for designing California's public schools. This website includes a Best Practices Manual— a reference for high performance school design. The CHPS program is being adapted by other states, like Massachusetts.

Earth Force

<http://www.earthforce.org/>

Earth Force engages young people as active citizens who improve the environment and their communities now and in the future.

Earthday Network- Green Schools

<http://www.earthday.net/greenschools>

Earth Day Network's successful history of working with teachers, PTAs, students and school administrators has lead us to develop a long term, national campaign on green schools. Our campaigns, in partnership with U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), aims to green all of America's K-12 schools within a generation.

Energy Star for K-12 School Districts

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=k12_schools.bus_schoolsk12

The Energy Star for Schools program assists facilities decision-makers in improving their school's energy performance and labeling their buildings as Energy Star certified.

EPA Region 8 - Mountains & Plains- Teach Green Building

<http://www.epa.gov/region8/ee/teachgreenbuilding.html>

Resources and for green building.

U.S. Department of Energy- EnergySmart Schools

<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/energysmartschools/about.html>

Through the EnergySmart Schools public/private partnership, DOE seeks to catalyze significant improvements in energy efficiency in the nation's K-12 schools at a time of enormous opportunity.

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USGBC Build Green Schools Website

<http://www.buildgreenschools.org/index.html>

<http://usgbccolorado.org/green-buildings/GreenSchoolsColorado.html> (Green Schools Colorado)

Learn about LEED, the national benchmark for high-performance schools. Find videos, research, case studies and other resources. Read the most green school news and get involved.

USGBC - LEED for Schools

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1586>

The LEED for Schools Rating System recognizes the unique nature of the design and construction of K-12 schools. Based on the LEED for New Construction rating system, it addresses issues such as classroom acoustics, master planning, mold prevention and environmental site assessment.

USGBC- Green School Case Studies

<http://www.usgbccolorado.com/green-buildings/summitresources.html#casestudies>

Research performed by students in sustainable building courses at Colorado State University; case studies designed by Krisit Barnes, KB Photography & Design.

Connecting Children with the Outdoors

The Children & Nature Network (C&NN)

<http://www.childrenandnature.org/>

The Children & Nature Network (C&NN) was created to encourage and support the people and organizations working to reconnect children with nature.

North American Association For Environmental Education

<http://naace.org/>

NAAEE is the professional association for environmental education. Our members promote professional excellence in nonformal organizations, K-12 classrooms, universities (both instructors and students), government agencies, and corporate settings throughout North America and in over 55 other countries.

The Orion Society

<http://www.orionsociety.org/pages/oe/index.cfm>

Orion is a leader in educational efforts to foster this engagement, collectively known as place-based education. Teachers guide is available.

http://www.orionsociety.org/pages/oe/The_Future_of_Nature_Teachers_Guide.pdf

U.S. Forest Service – Rocky Mountain Region

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/education/>

Get conservation education help at your local Forest Service office. Teacher materials, kids' activities, and interactive Web sites are available.

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American Forest and Paper Association- School Recycling

http://www.paperrecycles.org/school_recycling/index.html

Learn how to motivate kids to recycle, including a video on how to make your own paper as a classroom activity. Plenty of other activities are available in addition to lesson plans for teachers.

Cornell Composting- Composting in Schools

<http://compost.css.cornell.edu/schools.html>

Teachers guide for composting in and out of the school building.

The Green Squad

http://www.nrdc.org/greensquad/intro/intro_1.asp

The Green Squad teaches kids about the relationship between their schools and environmental and health issues. The Green Squad was made possible through the generous support of Citigroup Foundation and The F. A. O. Schwarz Family Foundation.

Green Up Our Schools

<http://www.greenupourschools.org/>

Green Up Our Schools is a grant program to provide money and resources for elementary school waste reduction and recycling plans.

The Green Schools Initiative- Curriculum Ideas

<http://www.greenschools.net/CurriculumIdeas2.htm>

The Green Schools Initiative works to create opportunities for kids, teachers, and parents to lead efforts to implement environmental and health improvements at their schools and in their communities.

Recycle City

<http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/mainmap.htm>

Recycle City is a fun way to learn about reducing waste.

Waste Free Lunches

<http://www.wastefreelunches.org/>

Moms educate you about how to start packing waste-free lunches for your children and yourself.