

Green and Healthy Schools and the Kansas Green Schools Standards of Excellence



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Kansas Green Schools Standards of Excellence

- Form a school Green Team
- Choose an area to investigate
- Come up with an action plan
- Report your action plan online
- File an annual report that highlights your accomplishments toward your action plan

Different levels of recognition:

- Silver Globe
- Gold Globe
- Green Globe



The Standards of Excellence have 5 areas of investigation:

- Energy
- Water
- Waste
- **Healthy School Environment**
- Learning Community (outdoor learning opportunities)



Example: Transportation



- A school could investigate the forms of transportation used to get to and from school
- Could include students and staff
- Could ask questions about carpooling, bike lanes, sidewalks, and how long cars idle while waiting to pick up students

Example: Green Laboratory

- Does the lab regularly inventory chemicals to avoid overpurchasing?
- Are recycled products purchased when possible?
- Is energy-efficient equipment purchased when possible?
- Does the lab turn off equipment when not in use, and unplug unused equipment to reduce phantom loads?
- Does the lab immediately report water leaks?



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- www.kansasgreenschools.org
- Click on “Investigate” to see the activities and notes for leaders
- Click on “Get Recognized” to learn more about the different levels schools can earn
- For more information, contact Shari Wilson at swilson@kacee.org

