



# We need you!! Volunteer to review Maryland Green School Program applications!!

## What's MAEOE?

The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) is a statewide nonprofit organization that encourages, engages and empowers our community to understand, responsibly use, and promote the natural world.

## What's the Green Schools Program?

Maryland Green Schools (MDGS) promote teacher professional development and community partnerships that foster student environmental literacy and stewardship, encourages diversity, and environmental justice. Currently, 664 schools have earned the MDGS award.

## How are students impacted by the program?

The MDGS program provides Pre-K to 12th grade students with educational opportunities that empower them to make changes to reduce environmental impact. Students practice environmental stewardship, encourage sustainability, and increase their awareness of how the environment impacts public health and society.



## What's a reviewer?

Volunteer reviewers ensure each application is complete. Anyone can be a reviewer. Many reviewers are in the educational, environmental, non-profit, business, and governmental sectors. The review process provides reviewers with a snapshot of environmental literacy and sustainability efforts, as well as student engagement in schools. MAEOE trains all reviewers and is available to answer questions throughout the process.

## Why do we need reviewers?

Each year MAEOE receives 100 + applications from schools that are applying to become a Maryland Green School for the first time or reapplying to maintain their MDGS status. Each application is reviewed three times by independent reviewers not connected to the school or school system. The review time frame is short so announcements can be made on Earth Day.

## What's the commitment?

Reviewers must attend a one hour training and review at least three applications. On average, each review takes one hour. The training and the reviews must be completed between March 17 and April 6, 2022. Reviews can be completed synchronously, with support from a review team and during scheduled virtual or in-person sessions, or asynchronously on your own time.

## How do I sign-up?

[Click here to register for a training](#)

## More Info:

- [Green Schools Program](#)
- [FAQs](#)

## Questions?

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