



MARYLAND GREEN SCHOOLS Application 5 Worksheet



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Application Item		Assigned To:	Notes
Create your school's online portal account <i>Visit marylandgreenschools.org and create your staff and principal logins. Visit the Online Portal Guide for directions on navigating the portal.</i>			
Complete your school's information <i>Fill in the "about" section of your school account, provide a description your school's green culture, and select the correct application number and year.</i>			
Pay the \$125 Intent to Apply fee <i>Pay via the online portal or mail a check to MAEOE at P.O. Box 1103 Edgewater, MD 21037.</i>			
Objective 1: Systemic Sustainability			
1.1	Environmental Curriculum & Instruction <i>Provide environmental curriculum in multiple grades or subjects.</i>		
1.2.1	School-wide Awareness- Staff <i>Demonstrate that all staff know of the MAEOE Green School application.</i>		
1.2.2	School-wide Celebration <i>Demonstrate how your students celebrate being green in a school-wide event.</i>		
1.3	Professional Development <i>Demonstrate that 10% of instructional staff have had environmental education PD within the last 2-4 years.</i>		
1.4.1	School-wide Staff Sustainability <i>Provide at least one staff-driven sustainable practice.</i>		
1.4.2	Systemic Partnership <i>Provide at least one partnership with a member of your school office.</i>		

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Objective 2: Student Action <i>Provide a total of 4 actions that address 4 of the following sustainability practices.</i>			
2.1	Water Conservation/Pollution Prevention <i>Addresses indoor and outdoor water use, stormwater management, erosion control, outdoor cleanups, and water quality.</i>		
2.2	Energy Conservation <i>Addresses energy/electronic use and reducing carbon footprints.</i>		
2.3	Solid Waste Reduction <i>Addresses resource use, waste disposal, and waste management.</i>		
2.4	Habitat Restoration <i>Addresses native plant and animal habitat, strengthening local ecosystems, and invasive species removal.</i>		
2.5	Opportunities for Nature Exploration <i>Addresses structures, signage, and artwork that encourage the use of outdoor space for environmental learning.</i>		
2.6	Responsible Transportation <i>Addresses sustainable options for school transportation and other strategies to reduce carbon emissions.</i>		
2.7	Healthy Indoor Environments <i>Addresses healthy food and maintenance choices to promote a healthy indoor environment.</i>		
2.8	Citizen/Community/Participatory Science <i>Addresses student participation in scientific research via submissions to GLOBE, iNaturalist, eBird, or other online databases.</i>		

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Objective 3: Community Partnership			
3.1.1	School Active in the Community <i>Provide at least one ongoing partnership in which the school benefits the community.</i>		
3.1.2	Community Active in the School <i>Provide at least one ongoing partnership in which a community partner is working in the school.</i>		
3.2	Additional Achievements (Optional) <i>List any other green accomplishments your school, staff, or students would like to share.</i>		
Legal Permissions <i>Indicate whether MAEOE has permission to use any provided photos/media in promotional materials.</i>			
Green Team <i>List any staff and/or students who worked on the application.</i>			
Top 5 Accomplishments <i>Write one sentence per accomplishment to be shared at Youth Summit award ceremonies.</i>			
Goals and Reflections <i>Reflect on goals set in your last application and set new goals for the next 4, 8, and 12 years.</i>			
School Metrics Survey <i>Quantify the impact of the school’s green actions.</i>			
Submit Application <i>Renewing schools may submit anytime after the Intent to Apply deadline. Applications received after the deadline are not guaranteed a review.</i>			
Register for the Youth Summit <i>May 29, 2025 at Sandy Point State Park</i>			
Apply for Youth Summit Transportation Funding			

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