State and national recognition for

✓ reducing environmental impact and costs
✓ improving health and wellness
✓ increasing environmental literacy and sustainability

Plant the seeds for

Healthy Kids & Sustainable Communities

Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin

GHSWisconsin.org
Why become ‘Green & Healthy’?

Everyone benefits from a safe, healthy learning environment. Green & Healthy Schools experience educational, environmental and economic benefits.

Academic Achievement
Engage students using a meaningful “real-world” context to apply knowledge and skills from a variety of content area state standards to improve academic achievement.

Healthy Kids and Schools
Support the development of healthy life-long habits. Create and maintain healthy school environments for successful teaching and learning.

Environmental Protection
Conserve valuable natural resources by implementing green, healthy and environmentally sound practices and behaviors.

Financial Savings
Enhance school budgets and save funds by improving school resource efficiency, recognizing cost saving opportunities and promoting environmentally sustainable practices.

Community Involvement
Support students to connect, explore, and engage in their community by developing life-long attitudes, behaviors, and commitments to make informed environmental decisions.
Get Started Today!

Take action in any focus area:
- Community Involvement
- Energy
- Environmental Health
- Environmental & Sustainability Education
- Health & Wellness
- Recycling & Waste Management
- School Site
- Transportation
- Water

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Recognition Levels

- **Sprout School**
  Register and provide statement of intent

- **Seedling School**
  Document achievement in at least one focus area

- **Sapling School**
  Document achievement in five focus areas (energy, environmental health, recycling & waste management, school site, and water)

- **Sugar Maple School**
  Document achievement in all nine focus areas

Recognition from Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin may lead to additional recognition for your school from national programs.

**Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin**
empowers, supports, and recognizes schools for nurturing healthy kids and sustainable communities.
We believe...

• Every school can be a green and healthy school.
• Small actions add up.
• Connecting ideas, people, and organizations strengthens schools.
• Green and healthy schools are economically and environmentally sustainable.
• Sustainability stems from shifting mindsets, habits, and school culture.
• Environmental literacy and stewardship engages students and increases academic achievement.
• Green and healthy schools encourage active and happy lifestyles.
• Nature nourishes physical and mental wellbeing for the whole school community.
• Embracing equity, diversity, and inclusivity lead to strong school communities.
• Green and healthy schools serve as models to uplift and empower healthy and resilient communities.