


# MCPS GREEN CENTER PARTNERS

(DSC/SERT, OEEP, Nature Forward, Montgomery Parks)

## Maryland Green School Application Guide

Part 1	Part 2	Objective 1	Objective 2	Objective 3
<p><b>Create Account/ Create Application</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application Manager creates one school account with school info</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Collaborators added</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Application created</p>	<p><b>School Survey</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Picture permissions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> List all team members</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Top five accomplishments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Metrics Survey based on sustainability practices (Obj. 2)</p>	<p><b>Systemic Sustainability</b></p> <p><b><u>MEET ALL CRITERIA</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum &amp; Instruction (Two per grade)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certification announcement</li> <li>Professional Development                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*10% of teaching Staff</li> <li>* Less than 4yrs</li> </ul> </li> <li>PD older than 4yrs (optional)</li> </ol> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Schools</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School-wide Behavior changes</li> <li>Systemic partnership</li> </ol> <p><input type="checkbox"/> School celebrations</p>	<p><b>Sustainability Practices</b></p> <p><b><u>EIGHT ACTIVITIES TOTAL: DIVIDED INTO THREE OR MORE PRACTICES</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Water Conservation/Water Pollution Prevention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Energy Conservation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Reduction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Restoration</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Structures for Environmental Learning</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Responsible Transportation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Healthy School Environment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Science / Community Science</p>	<p><b>Community Partnerships</b></p> <p><b><u>MEET ALL CRITERIA</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Active in community</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community Partnership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Awards and special recognition (optional)</p>
<p><b>Application Fee <u>Due: 12/15/23</u></b> MCPS will pay for the application for the schools <b><u>Schools Do Not Have Pay</u></b></p> <p><b>Application <u>Due: 3/1/2024</u></b></p> <p><b>For more information:</b></p> <p>DSC/SERT email: <a href="mailto:sustainability@mcpsmd.org">sustainability@mcpsmd.org</a> Phone: 240-314-1090</p> <p>OEEP email: <a href="mailto:MCPSOutdoors@mcpsmd.org">MCPSOutdoors@mcpsmd.org</a> Phone: 240-740-1404</p>				

### Youth Summit Celebration & Awards Ceremony May 30, 2024

- Youth Summit Fee \$2 per person payable to MAEOE
- Bus funding needs to be identified (grant) and date need to be reserved in advance



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## Recertifying Sustainable Schools - New This Year!

Starting in the 2020-2021 school year, the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE), is modifying the Maryland Green Schools program. This modification will impact a school that has successfully completed four or more applications and is recognized as Sustainable. Starting in 2022, Sustainable Schools will need to reapply every four years to maintain their Sustainable status. This process will allow schools to continue their best practices, encourage environmental education, participate in conservation professional development, and grow student stewardship.

The application has been revised and simplified for Sustainable Schools. The Green Center network, the MAEOE staff, and other partners are ready to offer support through staff and Green Leader turnover at schools. With over 70 Sustainable Maryland Green Schools, the green work you are doing impacts thousands of students every year. Sustainable Schools will lead to future generations of educators and students who reduce the carbon footprint of a school and to ongoing learning and stewardship opportunities for our students.

MAEOE recognizes that Sustainable Schools were not expecting to complete another Green School application. With the world around us changing so rapidly it is imperative that we prepare our students to meet these challenges and allow green schools to maintain viable and sustainable green school programs. By continuing the strong sustainable culture in your school, you are creating a better world for future generations of Maryland children and a culture we want to recognize and celebrate for its accomplishments.

\*\*\* This language taken from the MAEOE.org Website\*\*\*

Applications will be accepted in March 2022 for the first cohort. See the table below to check the year you need to reapply:

4 <sup>th</sup> Application Submitted	Application Deadline
2017 or earlier	March 2022
2018, 2019, 2020	March 2024
2021	March 2025
2022	March 2026

***This process will continue every four years for all Sustainable Schools***

The simplified sustainable process will be:

- **Cover Sheet**
- **One-Page Summary**
- **One-Page Goal Summary**
- **Top Five Accomplishments**
- **Metrics Survey**

