



Healthy Schools **Action Plan**

What is the problem and why is it a problem?

How is it hurting or bothering people, the school and/or the environment?

What action(s) will we take?

How will we persuade people at school to change current practices in order to solve the problem?

K-2

After spraying cleaner on student's desks, several students didn't like the smell, some students coughed and sneezed. Students want to investigate natural cleaners opposed to chemical cleaners. Natural cleaners are not toxic to students or the environment.

3-5

Students want to install a salsa garden, but first our team tested the soil's fertility and checked for contaminants. The soil contained lead levels out of normal and healthy range. Our team wants to investigate the reason behind the soil contamination and work with the school and community to find a solution, allowing them to safely install and maintain a garden whose harvest is safe for consumption.

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- Talk to our custodians about the cleaning products used in the school.
- Investigate green cleaning products.
- Present our reports to our custodian and school administration

3-5

- Share our findings with the school administrators and determine next steps.
- Find the right people in the school district and community to help us.
- Investigate why lead can end up in the soil.
- Help our school communicate the problem and solution.
- Work with local landscape architects to help us with our garden designs.



How will we check our progress to see how are we doing?

- K-2**
 - Make updates during our bi-monthly Eco-Action team meetings.
 - Set a date for our report to be ready to present.
- 3-5**
 - Monthly-Eco-Action team meetings that include our school administrator and community members helping to solve the problem.
 - Every two weeks-Updates during our regular Eco-Action team meetings.

What will it look like or what will happen if we solve the problem?

- K-2**
Our school will switch from chemical cleaners to green certified cleaners.
- 3-5**
 - A soil remediation plan is in place or has been remediated.
 - We have a plan and the go-ahead to begin building our salsa garden.

**What materials do we need to solve our problem?
Do we have them at school? Will we need any money? Where can we find donations?**

- K-2**
Samples of green cleaners
Paper towels or reusable rags
- 3-5**
No supplies needed.