






# EcoSchools US Certification Rubric

## Levels of Achievement

Please refer to the EcoSchools Framework and the rubric below for guidance on the criteria EcoSchools U.S. uses to assess school action plans. EcoSchools' assessors evaluate your plan based on the rubric. Be sure your plan thoroughly reflects the incredible work the school community is implementing.

<div>  </div> <div> <h3>Participant</h3> <p><b>PROGRAM INITIATED</b> The EcoSchools program was initiated, an action team is in place, and long-term plans are explored. <b>Participant schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create an action plan in the ECA.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Align their plan with the EcoSchools Framework.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upload their EcoCode.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explore how to engage more of the school community.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin exploring and identifying school collaborations and community partners.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify student leadership opportunities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consistently share stories.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Effectively describe actions and provide documentation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit application before deadline.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achieve at least 35 points.</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  </div> <div> <h3>Bronze</h3> <p><b>EMERGING PROGRAM</b> The EcoSchools program is in its early stages and some environmental learning and action has been demonstrated. <b>Bronze schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create an action plan in the ECA.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Align their plan with the EcoSchools Framework.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upload their EcoCode.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Build opportunities to engage more of the school community.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish family and school district collaborations.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish student leadership opportunities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consistently share stories.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Effectively describe actions and provide documentation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit application before deadline.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achieve at least 50-64 points.</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  </div> <div> <h3>Silver</h3> <p><b>DEVELOPING PROGRAM</b> The EcoSchools program is in development and environmental learning and action has been demonstrated throughout the school. <b>Silver schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create an action plan in the ECA.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Align their plan with the EcoSchools Framework.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upload their EcoCode.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 30-50% of school community engages in EcoSchools.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish family and school district collaborations and transactional partnerships.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Student leadership opportunities are the norm.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consistently share stories.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Effectively describe actions and provide documentation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit application before deadline.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achieve at least 65-79 points.</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  </div> <div> <h3>Gold</h3> <p><b>ACCOMPLISHED PROGRAM</b> The EcoSchools program has a strong foundation and the majority of the school community engaged. Environmental learning and action is well-integrated throughout the school year. <b>Gold schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create an action plan in the ECA.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Align their plan with the EcoSchools Framework.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upload their EcoCode.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 50-75% of school community engages in EcoSchools.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish budding or existing collaborations and community partnerships that are moving toward reciprocity.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Student leadership opportunities are the norm.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consistently share stories.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Effectively describe actions and provide documentation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit application before deadline.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achieve at least 80-99 points.</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  </div> <div> <h3>Green Flag</h3> <p><b>EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM</b> The EcoSchools program is well-established. Environmental learning and action are a defining element of school culture, extending beyond the school walls. <b>Green Flag schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create an action plan in the ECA.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Align their plan with the EcoSchools Framework.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upload their EcoCode.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 75-100% of school community engages in EcoSchools.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish collaborations and community partnerships that are mostly reciprocal.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Student leadership opportunities are the norm.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consistently share stories.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Effectively describe actions and provide documentation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit application before deadline.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achieve 100+ points.</li> </ul> </div>
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