

Suggested Plan Pathways

2025-2026

Begin Your Journey: Primary

From waste to energy, water to wildlife, and food to climate, begin your sustainability journey with actions that build a solid foundation for environmental learning and action at your school. Start small and have fun making a difference!

Begin Your Journey: Secondary

Kick-start your action team's year with actions that support leadership, community engagement, and are bound to make a big impact in your school community!

Green STEAM

Dive into STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) through a green lens that explores the outdoors and innovative and sustainable solutions.

Waste

Help divert waste from landfills by collecting and analyzing data, communicating effective alternatives, and identifying ways to reduce, reuse, repurpose, and compost.

Nature Connection

Engage in activities that promote nature connection, create habitats for local wildlife, and bring the community together. Discover how small actions can make a big difference on health, well-being, behavior, and academic success.

Action Card	Points	Level	Action Card	Points	Level	Action Card	Points	Level	Action Card	Points	Level	Action Card	Points	Level
 About Your Eco-Schools Program	10	Participant	 About Your Eco-Schools Program	10	Participant	 About Your Eco-Schools Program	10	Participant	 About Your Eco-Schools Program	10	Participant	 About Your Eco-Schools Program	10	Participant
 Create an EcoCode	10		 Create an EcoCode	10		 Create an EcoCode	10		 Create an EcoCode	10		 Create an EcoCode	10	
 Tell Your Eco-Schools U.S. Story	15		 Tell Your Eco-Schools U.S. Story	15		 Tell Your Eco-Schools U.S. Story	15		 Tell Your Eco-Schools U.S. Story	15		 Tell Your Eco-Schools U.S. Story	15	
Bird-Friendly Schools	15	Bronze	Days of Service	15	Bronze	Species Diversity	15	Bronze	Waste Audit	15	Bronze	Sit Spot	10	Bronze
Sit Spot	10	Silver	Divert Textile Waste	15	Silver	Water Quality Testing	15	Silver	Redesign a Product for the Circular Economy	15	Silver	Create School Field Guides	10	
Waste Audit	15		Waterway Cleanup	15	Gold	Macroinvertebrate Surveying	15	Gold	Vermicomposting and School-Based Composting	20	Gold	Bird-Friendly Schools	15	Silver
Repurposing and Innovative Recycling	10	Gold	Exploring Green Careers	10		Using Art to Represent Climate Change Data	15	Green Flag	Low to No Waste School Events	15	Green Flag	Create a Garden	25	Gold
Explore Green Careers	10	Green Flag	Single Use Plastics	10		Redesign a Product for the Circular Economy	15		EOY Survey	5		Create a Garden	25	Green Flag
Create an Endangered Species Coloring Book	10		EOY Survey	5		EOY Survey	5				EOY Survey	5		
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Total Points	110		Total Points	105		Total Points	115		Total Points	105		Total Points	115	

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Climate			Wildlife			Trees			Create Your Own			Notes
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Tell Your Eco-Schools U.S. Story	15		Tell Your Eco-Schools U.S. Story	15		Tell Your Eco-Schools U.S. Story	15		Tell Your Eco-Schools U.S. Story	15		
Using Art to Represent Climate Data	15	Bronze	Species Diversity	15	Bronze	Species Diversity	15	Bronze	Choose a selection of actions from the ECA Action Library to reach the team's certification goal.			
Climate StoryMap: Unnatural Disasters	15	Silver	Create an Endangered Species Coloring Book	10	Silver	LEAF: Learning about Ecosystems and Forests	20	Silver				
Active and Sustainable Transportation	15	Gold	Become a Citizen Scientist	15		Water Quality Testing	15	Gold				
Growing a Schoolyard Forest	20	Green Flag	Macroinvertebrate Surveying	15	Gold	Grow a Schoolyard Forest	25	Green Flag				
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