



WELCOME TO

THE OREGON GREEN SCHOOL PROGRAM

OGS Mission: The mission of the OGSA is to assist Oregon schools in setting up and maintaining effective, permanent waste reduction and resource efficiency programs that improve the school environment and community and to recognize schools for their efforts and achievements.

Three Levels of Recognition:

1. Green School: Awarded a certificate and window decal
2. Merit: Awarded a plaque
3. Premier: Awarded a flag

How to Apply: Five major sections of application

- 1. Involvement:** School appoints an on-site recycling coordinator
Green – Involve staff and students in waste reduction efforts
Merit – Provide waste reduction education and assistance to another school
Premier – Provide waste reduction education and assistance to the community
- 2. Evaluation:** School conducts a waste assessment and describes what they are throwing away
Green – Calculate volume of waste, calculate energy and water use
Merit – Identify and document key waste materials
Premier – Graph and describe annual solid waste and recycling trends at school
- 3. Goals (and permanence):** School determines waste reduction goals
Green – List goals and describe a plan to maintain the program over time
Merit – Identify school-wide policy for reducing waste.
Premier – Complete goals for first year and describe obstacles
- 4. Reduction:** Describe schools recycling and energy conservation practices
Green – List at least 3 materials being recycled
Merit - Recycle at least 6 materials and purchase at least 1 item with post-consumer recycled content
Premier – Demonstrate reduction in purchase or consumption of a product
- 5. Reporting:** Inform school community
Green – Inform principal, custodian, food service, teaching staff, and students
Merit – Parent/teacher organization, student government
Premier – School board

Your Green School Coordinator will support you and your school by assisting with waste audits, advising about grants and workshops, providing lesson plans and information about field trips.

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