

# Wisconsin Green & Healthy Schools Program

## Opportunities Bulletin

- \*NEW\* [Free GHS Workshop in February, 2010](#)
- [Green & Healthy School Recycling Bin Grant Program](#)
- [KEEP Bright Ideas Fundraiser \[exit DNR\]](#)
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- [Important News for Schools in Waukesha County \[exit DNR\]](#)

Schools across Wisconsin are demonstrating their commitment to a more sustainable Earth, stronger communities and healthier, more productive learning environments for students by choosing to join the Wisconsin Green and Healthy Schools program. The Wisconsin Green and Healthy Schools program is a web-based, self-paced and voluntary program available to all Wisconsin public and private elementary, middle and high schools. The program is designed to support and encourage schools in their quest for a healthy, safe, and environmentally-friendly learning environment..

## Our Mission

The Wisconsin Green and Healthy Schools program aims to increase the students' knowledge and awareness of Wisconsin's natural resources and the environmental, health, and safety concerns and challenges that face our schools, our communities, and our Earth. The Green and Healthy Schools program will help students develop the necessary skills and expertise to address these challenges, and to foster life-long attitudes, behaviors, and commitments in order to make informed decisions and to encourage students to become active participants in their communities\*. Furthermore, by completing the steps of the program schools will discover ways that their individual school can provide a safe, clean, and green school that promotes a productive learning environment and in doing so will help to conserve and protect our valuable natural resources. (\*Portions of the Green and Healthy Mission were taken from UNESCO, Tbilisi Declaration, 1977).

## Awards and Recognitions

The journey to becoming a Wisconsin Green and Healthy School requires hard work, active participation, and a strong commitment to attaining a healthy and environmentally responsible school. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction want to recognize your school's achievements at every step of the program through a succession of [awards and recognitions \[PDF 33KB\]](#). Your school is encouraged to display these awards around your school building to inform staff, students, parents, and the community of your continued commitment to providing students and staff with a healthier and greener learning environment.

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Further information will be posted as it becomes available.