



KPS Green Schools Challenge Program Overview 2018-2019



The Green Schools Challenge (GSC) program continues in 2018-2019 as a behavior-based energy conservation and sustainability program. As in previous years, the GSC is a voluntary program that is designed to provide guidance, resources, and support to KPS Green Teams. It includes monthly “challenges” (i.e., activities) and provides ample opportunity for student involvement. This year’s subject areas take a broader look at sustainability by incorporating issues such as waste, local foods and water quality in addition to energy conservation.

The 2018-2019 program offers monthly topics with example activities, along with plenty of flexibility throughout the year for Green Teams to design their own activities. The example monthly activity structure is based on feedback from Green Team Champions.

STRUCTURE & ACTIVITIES

- **Structure:** This year the GSC will continue to provide a flexible structure with monthly activity themes, instead of semester-long themes.
- **Activity Themes:** The GSC will provide an activity theme each month to guide actions. The schools are *not* required to stay within these topics. The resources provided for these topics will focus on both classroom activities and after-school activities.
 - **September - Lights Out Campaign**
Sample Activities: Post visual reminders, lights out sweep, focus on gyms, communicate, and submit photos.
 - **October - Recycling**
Sample Activities: Create a recycling game to test students’ and staff members’ knowledge of correct recycling practices, calculate a classroom diversion rate, complete a recycling bin assessment, submit photos.
 - **November - Waste Reduction**
 - **December - LifeCycle Analysis**
 - **January - Lights Out Campaign**
 - **February - Local Foods**
 - **March - Solar Energy**
 - **April - Water Quality and Nitrates & Earth Day**
 - **May- Feedback and Recognition**

RECOGNITION & INCENTIVES

- **Levels of Recognition/Incentives:** There are three levels of recognition/incentives based on participation.
 - **Level 1 (Green Performance)** - Participation in five activities.
 - Receive a framed certificate of recognition and \$50 for Green Team Activities next year and \$100 for the Principal's budget
 - **Level 2 (Green Achievement)**- Participation in six to nine activities.
 - Receive \$150 for Green Team activities next year and a small award banner and \$200 for the Principal's budget
 - **Level 3 (Green Excellence)** - Participation in ten or more activities.
 - Receive \$300 for Green Team activities next year and a large award banner and \$400 for the Principal's budget
 - All schools that achieve Level 3 participation are placed into a raffle; the selected school receives \$450 to spend on district-approved items. Approved items could entail smart power strips, vending machine energy misers, native landscaping/trees, rain barrels, native plants for classrooms, and indoor/outdoor recycling containers. All items must be approved by Chris Nelson prior to purchase.

Resources and Activity Reporting

Resources: Guidance documents will be provided on a monthly basis. The District will provide a subscription to the [USGBC's Learning Lab](#) for each participating school that requests one.

Activity Reporting Form: Completed activities will be submitted via a [survey link](#).

Recognition levels will be determined based on the number of activities a school completes in a school year (see above).