

Sustainable Schools Program

Participation Requirements

Sign Principals Pledge
Place SCUSD Sustainable School Banner in/near front office
Select one staff person to serve as Sustainability Leader
Create a school sustainability team
Participate in Green Week each year
Establish annual sustainability goals for school
Incorporate sustainability curriculum into classrooms

Benefits to Participating

One-on-one guidance from Facilities Department staff
Rewards from earning sustainability badges
Standards-aligned sustainability curriculum
Sustainable Schools Resources

- Sustainable Schools Banner
- Operations Guidance
- Sustainability Report
- Tracking Materials
- Marketing Materials

How to earn a badge

A school must check all of the requirements listed under the category to earn a badge. Badges can be earned by submitting proof that the requirements have been met. Proof will consist of submitting an updated sustainable school report detailing actions taken to fulfill the requirements. When District Sustainability staff are satisfied the school has met each requirement, they will approve the badge and issue it to the school site. School can submit reports at any time to prove they have met badge requirements.

How to lose a badge

School can lose a badge if they do not complete the annual requirements to maintain the badge. If a school site loses a badge they must submit proof they have met the badge requirements to earn the badge again. Rewards for earning badges will not be given for the second time a school site earns the same badge.

Receiving Reward

Rewards will only be given for the first year a school achieves a badge. If a school site loses a badge and then earns it again they will not receive another reward in the category. Reward will be dependent on needs of the site, cost of project, and future goals for school site.

Sustainability Badges

Energy

Maintain

- Maintain or improve energy use annually

Reward Examples

- LED Lighting project
- Real-Time Data Monitoring Display

Waste

Maintain

- Maintain or improve recycling rate annually
- Establish food waste collection in cafeteria by 2019-2020 SY

Reward Examples

- Classroom Recycling Bins
- Hydration Station in Cafeteria
- Hand Dryers in Bathrooms

Water

Maintain

- Maintain or improve water use annually

Reward Examples

- Low Flow Bathroom Fixtures
- Water Catchment System for garden

Schoolyard

Maintain

- Track outdoor learning area usage annually

Reward Examples

- Tree Planting
- Outdoor benches
- Raised garden beds

Transportation

Maintain

- Complete Annual Transportation Audit
- Participate in National Bike to School Day

Reward Examples

- Bike Rack
- EV Charging Station