



USGBC LOUISIANA GREEN SCHOOLS

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GREEN SCHOOLS CHALLENGE
ENERGY SOLAR SCHOOLS
GREEN APPLE DAY OF SERVICE
GREEN SCHOOLS TEACHER WORKSHOPS
GREEN SCHOOLS YOUTH SUMMIT
SCHOOL DONATION PROGRAM

2017 IMPACT REPORT



Visit [the Entergy Solar Schools website](#) to see solar power in action in five New Orleans Schools!



“Our school is located in a low income neighborhood. No one paid us much attention until a little program called the Green Schools Challenge came along. Our students learned about lighting audits, they learned how to calculate their carbon footprints, and they rejuvenated a neglected garden. We won second place the first year we entered and then the next year we won first place! Suddenly the community noticed us and wanted to get engaged. They were proud of what we had accomplished and that fostered pride among our students and our faculty. Now the Green Club is one of the most popular clubs on our campus. Not only are our students learning about how to take care of our planet, our community and our school, they believe in themselves and feel empowered to change their world.”

The need in our state



In Louisiana, 27% of the public school children in grades K-8 go to a school rated D or F and 22% of public high school students go to a school rated D or F. School districts across the state struggle with decreasing budgets and increasing pressure to succeed. Studies show green schools reduce operating costs, improve occupant health, and most importantly, increase student performance.

Every student in Louisiana deserves to go to a green school.

OUR REACH SO FAR & WE'RE GOING TO KEEP ON GOING!



Tressa Hart Jackson
Magnet Specialist
Greenville Park Leadership Academy
Hammond, Louisiana

95
Schools

300+
Teachers

48,000
Students

19
Parishes

63
Mentors

\$350,000
Prize Money &
Equipment





Since 2016 five K-12 schools in Louisiana have been honored as U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools. This program recognizes schools that reduce environmental impacts and costs; improve health and wellness of schools, staff, and students; and provide environmental education. Four of the five honorees are Green Schools Challenge Schools. They are Benjamin Franklin High School, Westdale Heights Academic Magnet School, Mayfair Lab School, and Belle Chasse Academy. We are proud to collaborate with the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries and the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission.

2017 Green Schools Challenge Winners

Challenge School Students:

- Reduced paper waste
- Reduced Styrofoam use in cafeterias
- Held drive to recycle toys
- Started organic gardens
- Cultivated worm farms
- Conducted community clean up drives
- Performed energy audits at school and home

- Learned to read gas and electric meters
- Collected rainwater
- Created student run farmer's markets
- Composted
- Planted gardens at neighboring schools
- Integrated environmental education into curriculum
- Conducted coastal debris sweeps



The People's Choice Competition on Facebook received **24,600** unique views during competition week.



This year's winners:
 Westwood Elementary, Shreveport
 McKinney Byrd Academy, Shreveport
 St. Margaret's Catholic School, Lake Charles
 Mayfair Lab School, Baton Rouge
 Greenville Park Leadership Academy, Hammond
 Tangipahoa Alternative Solutions, Hammond
 Isadore Newman High School, New Orleans
 Benjamin Franklin High School, New Orleans
 St. Paul's Episcopal School, New Orleans
 West Jefferson High School, Harvey



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