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# 2017 New Jersey Sustainable Schools List Announced

*91 schools achieve Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification in 2017*

**Ewing, NJ** – Sustainable Jersey for Schools announced today the 91 schools that achieved the prestigious Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. The 91 kindergarten through twelfth-grade schools come from 43 different school districts across 18 New Jersey counties. In three years, 194 schools have achieved Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. A total of 679 schools and 273 school districts are participating in the program overall.

“As students and teachers head back to school this year, they will learn the good news that their hard work has paid off,” said Randall Solomon, executive director of Sustainable Jersey. “Becoming certified with Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a significant achievement for schools and their school district. The number of schools participating in the program is truly remarkable.” Sustainable Jersey for Schools, a program for kindergarten through twelfth-grade public schools in New Jersey, is voluntary, but achieving certification is not easy. Each school that is certified at the bronze level must submit documentation to show it has completed a balanced portfolio of the program’s [sustainability actions](#), attaining a minimum of 150 points.

Four schools achieved certification at the more advanced silver-level: Tabernacle Elementary School from Tabernacle Township School District and George L. Catrambone Elementary School, Long Branch Middle School and Morris Avenue Elementary School from Long Branch Public School District. Silver-level certification requires a minimum of 350 points of sustainability actions. The past year has been exceptional. Over 2,700 sustainability actions were completed by schools and districts participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program - from performing energy audits and boosting recycling efforts to integrating sustainability into student learning and promoting student and staff wellness.

The Sustainable Jersey for Schools program partners include: New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA), New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO), New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), New Jersey Parent Teacher Association (NJPTA), New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA), New Jersey School Buildings and Grounds Association (NJSBGA) and The Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey.

“We are proud of the leadership provided by the boards of education and their superintendents, as well as the contributions of principals, teachers, education support professionals and parents, that made this important milestone a reality,” said Dr. Lawrence S. Feinsod, New Jersey School Boards Association executive director. “We congratulate the schools on achieving Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.” On October 24, 2017, the certified schools and their districts will be celebrated at a reception held during NJSBA Workshop 2017 in Atlantic City. Workshop 2017 will feature Sustainable Jersey for Schools sessions along with NJSBA sustainability support programs for schools.

<b>County</b>	<b>School District</b>	<b>2017 Certified School</b>	<b>Level</b>
Atlantic	Somers Point School	Dawes Avenue Elementary School	BRONZE
Bergen	Franklin Lakes School	Colonial Road School	BRONZE
Bergen	Franklin Lakes School	Franklin Avenue Middle School	BRONZE
Bergen	Franklin Lakes School	High Mountain Road Elementary School	BRONZE
Bergen	Franklin Lakes School	Woodside Avenue Elementary School	BRONZE
Burlington	Delran Township School	Delran Intermediate School	BRONZE
Burlington	Delran Township School	Delran Middle School	BRONZE
Burlington	Northern Burlington County Regional School	Northern Burl. County Reg. Sr. High School	BRONZE
Burlington	Tabernacle Township School	Kenneth R. Olson Middle School	BRONZE
Burlington	Tabernacle Township School	Tabernacle Elementary School	SILVER
Camden	Bellmawr Public School	Bell Oaks Elementary School	BRONZE

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Camden	Bellmawr Public School	Bellmawr Park Elementary School	BRONZE
Camden	Bellmawr Public School	Ethel M. Burke Elementary School	BRONZE
Cape May	Ocean City School	Ocean City Intermediate School	BRONZE
Cape May	Upper Township School	Upper Township Middle School	BRONZE
Essex	Essex County Vocational Technical Schools	Essex County - West Caldwell Technical School	BRONZE
Essex	South Orange-Maplewood School	South Mountain Elementary School/Annex	BRONZE
Gloucester	Monroe Township Public School	Williamstown Middle School	BRONZE
Gloucester	Township of Franklin School	Caroline L. Reutter Elementary School	BRONZE
Hudson	Hoboken Public School	Thomas G. Connors Elementary School	BRONZE
Hunterdon	High Bridge Borough School	High Bridge Elementary School	BRONZE
Mercer	Lawrence Township Public School	Benjamin Franklin Elementary School	BRONZE
Mercer	Lawrence Township Public School	Eldridge Park Elementary School	BRONZE
Mercer	Lawrence Township Public School	Lawrence High School	BRONZE
Mercer	Lawrence Township Public School	Lawrence Intermediate School	BRONZE
Mercer	Lawrence Township Public School	Lawrence Middle School	BRONZE
Mercer	Lawrence Township Public School	Lawrenceville Elementary School	BRONZE
Mercer	Lawrence Township Public School	Slackwood Elementary School	BRONZE
Mercer	Princeton Public Schools	John Witherspoon Middle School	BRONZE
Mercer	Princeton Public Schools	Johnson Park School	BRONZE
Mercer	Princeton Public Schools	Littlebrook Elementary School	BRONZE
Mercer	West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School	J.V.B. Wicoff Elementary School	BRONZE
Middlesex	Cranbury Township School	Cranbury Elementary School	BRONZE
Middlesex	Metuchen Public School	Campbell Elementary School	BRONZE
Middlesex	Metuchen Public School	Edgar Middle School	BRONZE
Middlesex	Metuchen Public School	Metuchen High School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Atlantic Highlands School	Atlantic Highlands Elementary School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Hazlet Township Public School	Cove Road Elementary School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Hazlet Township Public School	Lillian Drive Elementary School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Hazlet Township Public School	Raritan High School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Highlands Borough School	Highlands Elementary School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Long Branch Public School	A.A. Anastasia Elementary School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Long Branch Public School	Audrey W. Clark Elementary School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Long Branch Public School	George L. Catrambone Elementary School	SILVER
Monmouth	Long Branch Public School	Gregory Elementary School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Long Branch Public School	Joseph M. Ferraina Childhood Learning Center	BRONZE
Monmouth	Long Branch Public School	Lenna W. Conrow Elementary School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Long Branch Public School	Long Branch High School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Long Branch Public School	Long Branch Middle School	SILVER
Monmouth	Long Branch Public School	Morris Avenue Elementary School	SILVER
Monmouth	Middletown Township Public School	Middletown - North High School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Monmouth Regional High School	Monmouth Regional High School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Rumson Borough School	Deane-Porter Elementary School	BRONZE
Monmouth	Rumson Borough School	Forrestdale Middle School	BRONZE
Morris	Boonton Township School	Rockaway Valley Elementary School	BRONZE
Morris	Chester School	Black River Middle School	BRONZE
Morris	Chester School	Bragg Elementary School	BRONZE
Morris	Chester School	Dickerson Elementary School	BRONZE
Morris	Denville Township K-8 School	Lakeview Elementary School	BRONZE
Morris	Denville Township K-8 School	Riverview Elementary School	BRONZE
Morris	Denville Township K-8 School	Valleyview Middle School	BRONZE
Morris	Madison Public School	Kings Road Elementary School	BRONZE
Morris	Montville Township School	Robert R. Lazar Middle School	BRONZE
Morris	The School of the Chathams	Lafayette Elementary School	BRONZE

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Morris	Unity Charter	Unity Charter School	BRONZE
Ocean	Brick Township Public Schools	Lanes Mill Road Elementary School	BRONZE
Ocean	Island Heights Board of Education	Island Heights Elementary School	BRONZE
Ocean	Jackson Township School	Carl W. Goetz Middle School	BRONZE
Ocean	Jackson Township School	Christa McAuliffe Middle School	BRONZE
Ocean	Jackson Township School	Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary School	BRONZE
Ocean	Jackson Township School	Elms Elementary School	BRONZE
Ocean	Jackson Township School	Howard C. Johnson Elementary School	BRONZE
Ocean	Jackson Township School	Jackson Liberty High School	BRONZE
Ocean	Jackson Township School	Jackson Memorial High School	BRONZE
Ocean	Jackson Township School	Lucy N. Holman Elementary School	BRONZE
Ocean	Jackson Township School	Switlik Elementary School	BRONZE
Ocean	Jackson Township School	Sylvia Rosenauer Elementary School	BRONZE
Somerset	North Plainfield School	East End Elementary School	BRONZE
Somerset	North Plainfield School	North Plainfield Middle School	BRONZE
Somerset	North Plainfield School	Stony Brook Elementary School	BRONZE
Somerset	North Plainfield School	West End Elementary School	BRONZE
Somerset	Watchung Hills Regional High School	Watchung Hills Regional High School	BRONZE
Sussex	Andover Regional School	Florence M. Burd Elementary School	BRONZE
Sussex	Andover Regional School	Long Pond Middle School	BRONZE
Sussex	Newton Public School	Halsted Street Middle School	BRONZE
Sussex	Newton Public School	Merriam Ave Elementary School	BRONZE
Sussex	Newton Public School	Newton High School	BRONZE
Sussex	Stillwater Township School	Stillwater Township Elementary School	BRONZE
Union	Mountainside School	Beechwood School	BRONZE
Union	Mountainside School	Deerfield Elementary School	BRONZE
Warren	Blairstown Township School	Blairstown Elementary School	BRONZE

### **About Sustainable Jersey for Schools**

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a certification program for public schools in New Jersey. It was launched by Sustainable Jersey, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support and reward municipalities and schools as they pursue sustainability programs. To date, 274 school districts and 679 schools are participating in the program. The district participation has grown to include 46 percent of all New Jersey school districts.

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