U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION’S GROWING ROLE IN SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS, CLIMATE, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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WHAT IS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS?
Environmental Impact and Costs

Health and Wellness

Effective Environmental & Sustainability Education
“Al mal tiempo, buena cara.”
When the going gets tough, the tough get going.
The Process

State education authorities nominate

Up to 5 schools or districts and 1 postsecondary institution

Progressing in ALL THREE Pillar
Common misconceptions

Certification or grant

Cumbersome federal application

My state will never participate
Nominees Selected in States

Interested schools, districts, and postsecondary institutions must be nominated by their state education authorities.

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Provisions for disadvantaged, private, charter, magnet, early learning, postsecondary, and district applicant.
Components of the Nomination Package

- Documentation in all three Pillars
- Summary Narrative Highlighting Your Best
- Signed Certifications
Process and Timeframe

- Application to state agency usually in Fall
- Review and select nominees
- Format and signatures
- Nomination to ED by Feb. 1, 2022
- State announcements and festivities
- ED announces national honorees in Spring
- ED invites national honorees to ceremony in Fall
RESOURCES FOR ALL TO ADVANCE: GREEN STRIDES
THE GREEN STRIDES TOUR
NEW LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE ACTION
EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHY, SAFE, SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT, 21ST CENTURY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS
HANDS-ON, OUTDOOR LEARNING
GREEN AND BLUE CAREERS OF THE FUTURE
CONSERVATION, RENEWABLES, AND WASTE MANAGEMENT
SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS & LIFELONG WELLNESS PRACTICES
THE UPCOMING CLIMATE ACTION LISTENING SESSIONS
MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO COME
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