



Illinois Sustainable Schools Compact

IN COOPERATION WITH THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,

AGREES TO THIS VOLUNTARY COMPACT TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING MARKED GOALS BY DECEMBER 31, 2010.

Operations

- Conserve energy and lower carbon emissions by shutting off lights and computers when not in use and adjusting thermostat settings.
- Encourage recycling (including batteries and electronics), composting, and purchasing products with minimal packaging.
- Reduce fuel consumption and pollution from school transportation by limiting car and bus idling, encouraging carpooling, and increasing the fuel efficiency of school vehicles.
- Practice sustainable grounds maintenance by minimizing use of chemical fertilizers and following a conservative watering schedule.

Buildings & Grounds

- Install solar panels, wind turbines, and/or geothermal units on school property.
- Convert a school rooftop to a green roof or a white reflective roof.
- Retrofit existing electric and water fixtures with high-efficiency models.
- Conserve soil and water resources by:
 - Incorporating rain barrels and swales into landscaping to slow and filter stormwater runoff.
 - Planting drought-resistant native species in landscaped areas.
 - Installing or retrofitting parking lots with permeable paving.

Curriculum

- Participate in environmental community service projects, field trips, and assemblies.
- Start an environmental club to promote green awareness and track school-wide sustainability measures.
- Integrate environmental studies and green career development programs into the school curriculum.
- Lead students, teachers, and staff in creating a rain garden on school property.

Signature

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn

Name (please print)

Date

Title

School or School District