



Illinois Sustainable Schools Compact

IN COOPERATION WITH THE 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 active transportation and 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

- Improve energy efficiency of buildings; install solar panels, wind turbines, and/or geothermal units.
- 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.

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