

2015-2016 EverGreen Schools Application

Please complete this registration form and return it to your EverGreen School Coordinator BEFORE downloading and completing the Activity Log.

SCHOOL _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY & ZIP _____

CONTACT _____

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ROLE ☐ Teacher ☐ Admin ☐ PTA ☐ Other _____

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What is the EverGreen Schools Partnership?

The EverGreen Schools Partnership is a program managed by the cities of Alpharetta, Milton, and Roswell, as well as Keep Johns Creek Beautiful. This partnership promotes environmental stewardship in schools. K-12 public, private, and home schools are encouraged to participate annually. The program is free and is supported by the local governments.

Our goals are to provide environmental education resources to teachers, assist with developing environmentally based education initiatives at schools, and encourage collaboration between schools in the area.

How do I become an EverGreen School?

Schools interested in achieving annual EverGreen status at the Green, Silver or Gold levels must first complete the application form and return it to their EverGreen School coordinator. They then must achieve a minimum number of points as follows:

Green Status - 20 points

Silver Status - 30 points

Gold Status - 40 points

GUIDELINES

1. Points must be recorded in the Activity Log.
Download the Excel spreadsheet at <http://eenorthfulton.weebly.com>
2. The completed Activity Log must be submitted to your EverGreen coordinator by April 1, 2016 to be eligible for the EverGreen annual award. Activities scheduled for later in the year can be included with a future date.
3. Each lesson/program/project can only earn points in ONE of the scoring categories. If you are unsure how to categorize your points, contact your EverGreen School coordinator.
4. Each school must earn points from two or more categories to achieve EverGreen status each year.

Awards

Schools who achieve EverGreen status by April 1, 2016 will be awarded a metal outdoor sign for display outside the school (first year) or a sticker indicating their EverGreen status and the current school year (subsequent years). Your EverGreen coordinator can work with you to plan other recognition events, such as an official presentation during an assembly or over the morning announcements, a social media announcement, or a press release.

Scoring Categories

Staff Professional Development - 1 point

- Examples: The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia's Annual Conference or Outdoor Learning Symposium, curriculum workshops such as Project WET, Project Learning Tree, or Project WILD.
- 1 point earned for each teacher or staff member that attends professional development related to environmental education.

Environmental Education Classroom Programs and Field Trips - 1 point

- Examples: Any classroom lesson related to the environment, such as the Non-Point Source Enviroscope, erosion and weathering, adaptations, food web, etc.
- Can be taught by school staff, volunteers, or special guest speakers.
- Points are awarded per 40+ minute program, per class.
- You may earn a maximum of 10 points in this category.

Community Service Projects - 2 points

- Examples: Adopt-A-Road, Adopt-A-Stream, Storm Drain Marking, Rivers Alive Cleanup, Bring One for the Chipper.
- Points are per each service project day (ie. Each road cleanup or stream monitoring event will earn 2 points), with no limit on the same project.

Previous Project Maintenance - 2 points

- Examples: Continuing your school recycling program, maintaining the school garden through weeding and watering.
- 2 points are earned for each completed previous project that is being maintained for the current school year.

One-time Environmental Project - 5 points

- Examples: Waste Free Lunch Day, Earth Day Festival, Science Night, Walk to School Day, Schoolyard Cleanup Day, Green Apple Day of Service, OMG Plastic Awareness Week, America Recycles Day.
- Points are per project, with no more than 2 of the same project per year (ie. If you hold 4 Waste Free lunch days over the course of the school year, you would earn 10 points).

Sustainable Environmental Project - 10 points

- Examples: Implement or enhance a recycling program, create or enhance a school garden, start or enhance an Environmental Club.