

New for the 2009-2010 Academic Year! Point Options for Emerald or Evergreen Status

These additional designations and point options are not part of the law governing the Michigan Green Schools Program. The Southeast Michigan Green Schools Initiative has enhanced their Green Schools Programs to continue to challenge schools to do more environmental activities.

Note: Schools must meet 10 points from the Green Status Points list to achieve initial Green status, and may elect to achieve higher status by choosing additional activities from the list below.

Emerald designation – 15 points

The Emerald designation can be achieved by successfully participating in 15 points. This must include 10 of the 20 original points listed above, and the other 5 points can be from the original 20, the list of new points below, or a combination of both.

Evergreen designation – 20 points

The Evergreen designation can be achieved by successfully participating in 20 points. This must include 10 of the 20 original points listed above, and the other 10 points can be from the original 20, the list of new points below, or a combination of both.

The school/students coordinate a recycling program for any of the following items (each line counts as one point):

1. Plastic Bottles (water, juice, etc.)
2. Computer and/or Electronic Waste
3. Metal/cans
4. Fabric/clothing
5. CDs/DVDs
6. Glass
7. Other

8. The school/students compost food/organic wastes at school.

9. The school/students conduct a waste-free lunch program.

10. The school/students buy recycled, biodegradable, locally produced and/or less toxic materials.

11. The school/students reduce the use of resources by _____ (explain).

12. The school (at least one teacher) teaches a unit on alternative energy.
13. The school/students use alternative energy, renewable fuels, or specialized energy-efficient technology in its operations.
14. Students are involved in a project/event to promote improved vehicle fuel efficiency.
15. The school/students participate in activities promoting the health of the Great Lakes watershed.
16. The students participate in a local community environmental issue via activities such as: letter-writing, attending public hearings, raising funds to protect land, community outreach/education, etc.
17. Propose your own point! A county coordinator must approve this by December 1, 2009.

Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2010 to be considered for award.