

Green Building



“Green” building

or sustainable building practices can reduce the tremendous impact that building design, construction, and maintenance have on both people and the environment. Green building construction and renovation can significantly save schools energy, water, and facility costs. State funding for school construction and renovation encourages green building

Green-built, high performance schools, result in lower teacher/student absence rates and higher test scores. Green-built schools can also reduce the energy and material consumption in buildings that contributes to global climate change.



U.S. Green Building Council

www.usgbc.org

A non-profit composed of leaders from every sector of the building industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. The Council's core purpose is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy, and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life. USGBC administers LEED certification for professionals including the building trades.

California Energy Commission High Performance Schools

www.consumerenergycenter.org/school/hp_schools.html

Resources for developing High Performance Schools, which are healthy, productive or students and teachers, cost-effective, easy to operate and maintain, and sustainable.

Sustainable Buildings Industrial Council

www.sbicouncil.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=98

High Performance School buildings: 7 page Resource and Strategic Guide.

Green Building Schools Resource List

www.nesea.org/buildings/greenschoolsresources.html

A comprehensive list of websites providing information on high performance schools and renewable energy.

City of San José Environmental Services Department Green Building Program

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www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/natural-energy-resources/greenbuilding.htm

Local green building resources and ideas for San José Schools.



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SchoolFacilities.com

www.schoolfacilities.com/

Web site and free e-newsletter promoting clean, safe, secure, and modern learning environments.

City of San José Go Green Schools Program School Facility Assessments

sjgreenschools@sanjoseca.gov

Learn specific ways schools and school districts can save money on water, energy and waste with environmental practices and rebates. City of San José Go Green Schools Program.

California Energy Commission Bright Schools Program

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www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/brightschools/

The Bright Schools Program can help schools get the most from renovation and maintenance investments, along with energy efficient designs for new construction. The program offers free services to identify schools' energy hogs and provide cost effective energy saving solutions for both existing and planned K-12 school facilities. The Energy Efficiency Financing Program provides low interest loans at 3.95% that have helped over 300 school districts install over \$39 million in cost saving projects in their schools.