

Efficient and Healthy Schools Campaign 2022/2023 Recognition

Information for Planning Track

Overview

In 2022/2023, the Efficient and Healthy Schools Campaign will recognize exemplary solutions and efforts by K-12 schools in the categories of *Energy Efficiency Plus Health* and *Emissions Reduction and Resilience*. Title I schoolwide program schools, rural schools, and schools in disadvantaged communities are especially encouraged to apply. Recognition will be awarded to schools and districts for demonstrating best practices in planning and implementation in each category. Schools and districts can gain national recognition and share their success stories among peers. This document is specific to the planning track.

This application explains the 2022/2023 recognition program, including a description of the recognition categories and an overview of the webinars for the planning track, where the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab) are bringing together free webinars to help schools and districts complete planning activities. The Campaign also has the support of the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



The Campaign is planning an in-person recognition event for June 2023 to celebrate the success of schools and districts. Please visit the Campaign website and sign up to receive the latest news. Join us to learn how to improve energy performance, reduce carbon emissions, and promote a healthy and resilient learning environment in schools.

Recognition Categories

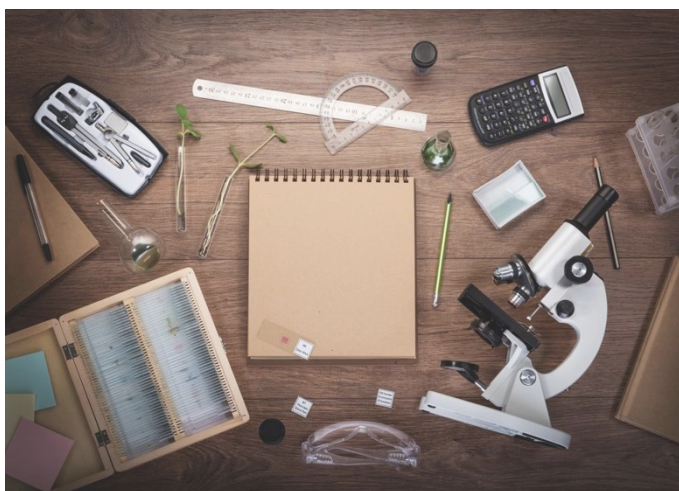
The Efficient and Healthy Schools Campaign aims to recognize K-12 schools and districts that have already implemented solutions or their planning activities, in the following categories:

- **Energy Efficiency Plus Health** – The Campaign will recognize schools and districts that have implemented retrofits that improve energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality (IEQ): indoor air quality, lighting, thermal comfort, and/or acoustics. Also recognized will be those who have performed building assessments and planning in preparation for retrofits with the goal of providing an energy-efficient and healthy learning environment.
- **Emissions Reduction and Resilience** – The Campaign also will recognize schools and districts that have implemented strategies to reduce carbon emissions and taken actions to improve resilience, or have identified pathways and planned activities with the goal of reducing emissions and improving resilience.

Each category features two tracks: planning and implementation. A school or district may apply to one or more categories and tracks for recognition.

- The **Planning track** recognizes efforts by schools and districts to assess their facilities and plan improvements in the categories above using recommended approaches. Schools and districts will complete a series of webinars to learn about assessment tools and can access direct technical assistance through group discussions and one-on-one meetings to help complete planning activities.
- The **Implementation track** recognizes completed projects in the categories above. Applicants can describe their approach and document success by providing data that shows facilities improvements and outcomes.

This document covers the planning track only. Submissions will receive special mention if the work involved Title I schoolwide program schools, rural schools, and schools in disadvantaged communities. Schools and districts also are encouraged to describe their efforts to incorporate learning opportunities for students about energy efficiency and sustainability. Efforts to provide workforce training for facilities, school staff, and other workers also will be recognized.





Planning Track – Recognition Overview

Webinar Series

U.S. DOE and Berkeley Lab will bring together a webinar series to help interested schools and districts with their planning efforts. Those who participate in a three-part webinar series between January and March 2023 and share more about their plan will earn recognition for their efforts. You can find the exact dates and sign up by clicking the link for each category below.

This table provides an overview of the webinars for the two planning tracks: *Energy Efficiency Plus Health* and *Emissions Reduction and Resilience*.

Schedule	Energy Efficiency Plus Health Planning Track	Emissions Reduction and Resilience Planning Track
		
Webinar 1 Jan 2023	Making the Case to Save Energy and Improve Indoor Environmental Quality in Schools	Making the Case for Carbon Reduction and Electrification Readiness for School Districts
Webinar 2 Feb 2023	Understanding your building stock: Energy benchmarking and IEQ assessments for schools	Understanding greenhouse gas tracking and reporting in school districts
Webinar 3 Mar 2023	Building assessment tools for school energy retrofits	Take action on climate! Planning for climate vulnerability and resilience in schools

Each webinar will include presentations from experts and case studies to show how the recommended tools and approaches can be used in practice. During the webinars, participants will have a chance to gather data and identify ways to overcome common challenges they may face when applying these tools in their schools. Attending these webinars will expand participant’s knowledge, and the Campaign can provide technical assistance for using these tools by connecting participants with experts.

To receive recognition, participants must complete a final plan – whether in the form of a short technical memo, presentation, or alternative format – to describe how the tools or approaches covered from the webinars can inform decision making about improving their school facilities. The Campaign will host office hours to provide guidance and assistance to participants in preparing their plan.

Planning Track Recognition Requirements

- Complete all three webinars or watch the recordings.
- Submit a final plan that describes how the tools or approaches covered from the webinars can inform decision making about improving their school facilities.
- Schools and districts that apply the tools or approaches and share their process with the Campaign will receive a special mention as part of their recognition.
- All planning track submission materials must be received by **May 1, 2023**, to be considered for recognition.

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