



## EcoSource Elementary Green Schools Program Program Application

The Green Schools program is an empowering partnership between EcoSource and selected elementary schools in Mississauga. This engaging one-year program is designed to provide extra support to staff and students to green the school culture and practices. Throughout the school year, EcoSource facilitates a series of fun activities to address waste reduction in the school and inspire change.

The Green Schools program takes a whole-school approach to environmental education, which aims to minimize the gaps between environmentally related curriculum and school practices. By engaging a multitude of stakeholders, including teachers, administration, custodians and students, the Green Schools program facilitates activities that green the school using proactive solutions.

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**Application process:** There are 3 sections in this application that must be read and filled-in.

- 1) **Section 1:** This section outlines the program components and what an EcoSource Green School will receive from EcoSource. It will also explain the commitment required from each school to run a successful Green School program. Please read through this section very thoroughly.
- 2) **Section 2:** After reading section 1, please explain why you would like to become an EcoSource Green School (in approximately 200 words).
- 3) **Section 3:** Please fill in your school's contact information along with the collective interest agreement.
- 4) **Please send completed applications to the attention of Katya Seckar, Green Schools Coordinator.**  
Fax: (905)274-4387 or Address: Clarke Hall, 2nd floor, 161 Lakeshore Rd. West Mississauga, ON L5H 1G3

**You will be notified via email when your application is received. Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning March 30<sup>th</sup>. Schools who are short-listed will be contacted for an interview.**

## SECTION 1: Program Outline and Commitments

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### What an EcoSource Green School will receive:

- A dedicated EcoSource staff member to facilitate the Green Schools program from start to finish.
  - One year of activities related to waste reduction and environmental education. Students will be engaged in fun, action-based learning through hands-on waste reduction initiatives.  
Program components include:
    - **Two facilitated waste audits** at the beginning and end of the school year, allowing the program to target each school's waste stream.
    - **A Radical Recyclers** campaign to help students and teachers maximize the use of recycling by sorting waste correctly and minimizing contamination.
    - **A 3R's Rock Star Wasteless Lunch** campaign to inspire reduced waste production through reusing.
    - **A Compost & Grow** campaign that focuses on food waste and composting education.
  - Priority booking for EcoSource's popular curriculum-linked & grade-specific waste reduction workshops.
  - Professional development opportunities for teachers that offer strategies and tools for sustaining their green momentum.
  - Leadership opportunities for student Green Teams.
  - A year-end Green School Celebration to recognize the school's many accomplishments.
  - A school-specific Green School banner and plaque to recognize each school's success.
  - Upon program completion, schools gain entrance into the Green Schools Alumni Network. The Alumni Network offers schools special opportunities and resources for environmental education initiatives.
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### How the school is expected to contribute for a successful program:

- Support Green Schools values and promote them with the whole school community for the entire year.
  - Provide the necessary time and space for EcoSource staff to facilitate two waste audits, three campaigns, and special assembly presentations throughout the school year.
  - Commit to providing time for EcoSource staff to communicate with **all** teachers when necessary, to 1) convey information about upcoming Green School events, and 2) engage staff in Green Schools programming through **two Professional Development sessions** (during staff meetings or on PD days):
    - **PD session 1: Introductory workshop** (45 minutes) –An introduction to the program **at the beginning of the school year** that launches the program with all staff for whole-school success
    - **PD session 2: Fundraising & Future Greening** (40 minutes) –A valuable workshop **near the end of the school year** about great resources, policies, and strategies to give teachers an edge on further greening
  - Take ownership of the program by staff members assisting with the coordination of various events and activities. This program will only be successful if supported by numerous staff members within the school.
  - Support the use of school spaces to promote the various Green School initiatives - for example, space for wasteless lunch posters and a section in the school newsletter for updates to parents.
  - Recognize and respect the contributions of EcoSource to the school in this partnership and promote the program to parents and school officials.
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## **SECTION 2: Written Statement**

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**After reading section 1, in approximately 200 words, briefly describe why you are interested in becoming an EcoSource Green School.**

## **SECTION 3: Contact information and collective interest agreement**

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**YES! My school is interested in becoming an EcoSource Green School.**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### SECTION 3: Contact information and collective interest agreement (continued)

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**The EcoSource Elementary Green Schools Program requires a high level of collective commitment.**

The Green Schools Program is rooted in a whole-school approach to positive and proactive environmental solutions. The success of the program is founded on developing a multi-stakeholder team in the school. The program requires a commitment from the principal or vice principal, two lead teachers and a custodian.

By signing/entering their names below, all members of the team signify that they have read and support this application to become an EcoSource Green School.

**By entering your names below, you have completed your first step towards addressing waste management and becoming a Green School. Congratulations!**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal or Vice Principal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Custodial / Building Service Rep**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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