



Chicago Public Schools FY09 Environmental Action Plan

The CPS Environmental Action Plan was developed by environmental leaders within CPS and endorsed by its Senior Leadership team in July 2008. Key departments and schools have been implementing these strategies, and the "Status" column indicates accomplishments through July 2009.

Mission Statement: To be the premier urban school district in the country, providing high quality instruction to all students, while minimizing our impact on the environment and teaching our students to be environmental stewards.

	Environmental Goal	Strategy <small>blue=top priority</small>	Status <small>green=on track/done; yellow=in progress; red=not started/long term</small>
TRANSPORTATION & AIR	1. Improve indoor air quality	a. Convert to Green Cleaning supplies	green
		b. Implement anti-idling policy and campaign for student drop-offs	yellow
	2. Reduce contribution to climate change	a. Reduce fuel consumption of CPS school buses and fleets	yellow
		b. Reduce fuel consumption of employee commute to work	red
		c. Pursue Safe Routes to School, Walking School Bus, and active transportation for students	green
ENERGY	3. Reduce energy usage	a. Find ITS computer update solution to allow and automate computer shut-downs	green
		b. Fund and implement strategic Energy Plan at all sites. Establish financial incentives to schools.	yellow
		c. Benchmark all CPS owned facilities in EnergyStar system. Identify 30% of facilities to achieve an 80th percentile score by 2012.	yellow
		d. Require new appliances and equipment to be Energy Star	green
	4. Increase use of renewable energy	a. Maintain 20 percent or more renewable energy purchasing. Increase renewables by 5% per year from 2009-2012 and by 2.5% per year from 2012-2016	green
b. Support use of alternative fuels in school buses		yellow	
WASTE	5. Reduce waste	a. Reduce consumption of paper	green
		b. Create plan to centralize output devices to multifunction devices that reduce energy, paper and materials consumption	yellow



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		c. Promote reuse of equipment and supplies	yellow
		d. Create plan to increase and sustain food waste composting in schools	red
	6. Increase recycling	a. Increase percentage of waste recycled	yellow
LAND	7. Increase green space & gardens	a. Promote conversion of pavement to gardens and learning landscapes, with long term goal of garden space at every school	yellow
		b. Pilot healthy/local/organic school lunch programs	green
WATER	8. Improve storm water management	a. Research use of pervious surface options for land uses during capital projects	yellow
ENGAGEMENT	9. Improve CPS administrative engagement	a. Establish and maintain CPS Green Team	green
	10. Improve school, student, parent and community engagement	a. Promote creation of school Green Teams and clubs	green
		b. Support Earth Hour campaign and City Climate Action Plan outreach	yellow
		c. Create website on CPS environmental programs, Model Green School ranking, and school-level data	green
		d. Create green Wish List and sponsorship opportunities for businesses and individuals	green
		e. Create plan to incorporate environmental education and action into curriculum, i.e. gardens, waste, energy	red
	11. Improve vendor engagement	a. Establish environmentally preferable procurement policies and standards, and include standards in evaluation criteria	yellow