



National Green Schools Society

Developing the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders and Stewards

High School Achievement Level	To be inducted, a student in Grades 9-12 must complete:	Environmental Community Service hours necessary to graduate from NGSS:	Environmental Education hours necessary to graduate from NGSS:	Project-based learning hours necessary to graduate from NGSS:	Internship hours necessary to graduate from NGSS:	Total hours to graduate with distinction from NGSS:
Level 1	20 hours	30	30	20	20	100
Level 2	30 hours	45	45	30	30	150
Level 3	40 hours	60	60	40	40	200

NGSS quick facts:

- School chapter fee is \$85/year
- Student member dues are \$15/year/student
- Virtual student dues are \$35/year
- Students at the high school level who are considered for induction must meet the service hour requirements set by the school by its Achievement Level.
- Recommended six student minimum to start a chapter
- NGSS coaches will help you get started
- Graduates can qualify for NGSS honor stoles and certificates with the appropriate documentation and completion of service hours.

NGSS is recognized by the following organizations:

- National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF)
- North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)
- Earth Day Network (EDN)
- Green Schools National Network (GSNN)
- Green Schools Alliance (GSA)
- Keep America Beautiful (KAB)
- National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA
- Green Education Foundation (GEF)
- Beyond Benign



National Green Schools Society (NGSS) is a student recognition organization that highlights and awards students who focus on environmental community service, eSTEM, sustainability and greening initiatives, as well as projects and programs that span environmental literacy, environmental justice, and conservation efforts.

NGSS is a chapter-based program – student-led and student focused – that provides young people with the structure and momentum to create extraordinary impact in schools, organizations, and communities while getting the recognition they deserve on a state and national level.

NGSS develops bright, civic-minded, environmentally literate citizens.

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By establishing a NGSS chapter in your high school, middle school, or elementary school, students in grades 2 through 12 will advance their passion for environmental service projects, leadership, and activism.

NGSS for high school students in grades 9-12:

Every member must commit to 20 hours of service per year in order to qualify for awards and recognitions. Students are inducted into the chapter based on a minimum number of service hours already achieved. To graduate with distinction from NGSS, members must earn service hours in environmental service, environmental education, project-based learning (such as a senior project) and intern with a community-based partner.

NGSS-Junior for students in grades 6-8:

Members pledge 20 hours of environmental service to their school and community and are encouraged to do more hours if they work on multiple projects. There is an induction ceremony, but students do not need to meet a minimum number of service hours to join.

NGSS-Elementary for students in grades 2-5:

Grades 2-4 are encouraged to work as a group on environmental service projects, such as recycling or composting or planting a school garden. There is no induction for this level or minimum hour requirements to join the chapter.

NGSS-Virtual for independent, home-schooled, or non-traditional students in grades 5-12:

Students who do not have access to a NGSS chapter can join NGSS –Virtual. Members work independently on projects in their communities or schools and are guided in their work by an advisor. Members attend monthly meetings via conference call or webinar and have access to the same resources as any other chapter.

Benefits:

- Participate in environmental STEM projects
- Be an environmental leader
- Get real world experience
- Connect with like-minded students from across the nation
- Graduate with environmental distinction after completing NGSS requirements

NGSS students focus on:

Agriculture and local food	Engineering and engineering technology	Mathematics and statistics
Architecture	Ecology	Natural resources management
Biological and bio-medical sciences	Environmental art	Physical sciences
Computer and information sciences	Environmental health	Renewable energy
Conservation	Environmental justice	Sustainability
	Environmental literacy	Waste management

Superintendents, principals, and teachers have said that adding NGSS to their list of student honor societies helps them to recognize those students who are interested in the environment and eSTEM. And, NGSS is connecting the dots between environmental interest and green careers.



Start an NGSS chapter:

Each NGSS chapter needs students, an advisor, and support from school or organization administration.

1. Research NGSS before speaking to administrators and teachers
2. Seek out an advisor from your school
3. Meet with the principal or other administrators to talk about NGSS
4. Brainstorm project ideas or see the suggested project list on our website
5. Explain NGSS student recognition and awards and how it will fit into your school
6. Complete the necessary paperwork to establish a school chapter