

2013 Wayne County's "Green Schools"



Wayne County received applications from, and proudly recognized 129 schools into the 2013 Wayne County Green Schools Program. These schools implemented at least 10 environmentally friendly activities during the 2012-13 academic year. Under Wayne County's Green School program, a school is eligible to receive a green, emerald or evergreen school environmental stewardship designation if the school or students complete activities in a combination of four categories: Recycling, Energy Savings, Environmental Protection and Miscellaneous. A school will receive a Green School designation by successfully completing 10 activities. The Emerald School designation is achieved by successfully participating in 15 activities and the Evergreen School designation is achieved by successfully participating in 20 activities. Activities range from establishing a paper recycling program, to implementing an energy savings program, to holding an environmental education event promoting the health of Great Lakes watersheds.

Wayne County's Department of Public Services has been working with the Wayne RESA for six years to promote and grow the County's Green Schools Program. In the first year (2008), Wayne County recognized 12 schools, 50 the second year, 99 the third year and 141 in 2011. One hundred thirty-two Wayne County schools were recognized in 2012 and this year 129 schools will be recognized (2013). Of the 129 schools, 43 earned the Green School designation, 42 earned the Emerald School designation and 44 schools participated in 20 or more activities to earn an Evergreen School designation. Of the 129 schools, 25 participated for the 1st year, 12 participated for the 2nd year, 24 for the 3rd, 35 for the 4th year, 27 for the 5th and 6 schools are from the original 12 schools in 2008. Wayne County has 34 school districts, twenty-one (21) of them are represented by at least one Green School. Sixteen are represented by Public School Districts and 5 are represented by Public School Academies or Private schools.

The 2012-13 Recognition Ceremony was held on May 1, 2013 at the Wayne RESA Boyd Auditorium. Fifty-eight (58) of the 129 school were represented by administrators, teachers, students and/or parents. Eight schools provided a display of their green school activities. Three schools participated in the student presentations made up of poems and public service announcements.

The Wayne County Green School program is being implemented to encourage environmental stewardship, energy conservation, and to enhance our quality of life through energy efficiency and environmental protection. "Green Schools" is a statewide program administered at the County level. Schools must re-certify annually to maintain "Green Schools" status. Below are photographs taken at Wayne County's Recognition Ceremony which was held on May 1, 2013.



More information on Wayne County's Green School Program can be found at http://www.waynecounty.com/doe_wqm_res_greenschools.htm