

# P-12 Schools Initiative Program



**LOWER**  
operating costs  
**INCOURAGE**  
sustainability  
**IMPROVE**  
learning  
environment

## Be smart about energy efficiency

**Completing clean energy projects can lower your school's operating costs, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and create a healthy and productive learning environment for your students.**

NYSERDA's Pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 (P-12) Schools Initiative promotes clean energy efforts by educating, guiding, and assisting school staff with clean energy projects and encouraging sustainability principles at facilities and in classrooms.

NYSERDA has the resources and expertise to help you determine the best methods for reducing energy consumption and increasing energy efficiency in your school.

### Understand energy use and costs

The first step toward lowering costs and improving energy efficiency is understanding how you're using energy. Benchmarking is a process of measuring, tracking, and analyzing energy costs over time or relative to other buildings.

Free benchmarking assistance is available from a NYSERDA consultant who will track your energy performance. Establishing a baseline of your energy use can help identify inefficiencies, maximize energy performance, and support financial planning and budgeting.

Throughout the process, you will receive benchmarking updates that summarize your school's utility and sustainability performance metrics over a period of time. In addition, a NYSERDA consultant will develop a site-specific report showing where operational, maintenance, and energy management modifications can result in energy savings. This information can be used to increase stakeholder awareness about energy consumption impacts, to integrate sustainability into the curriculum, and to gain recognition for environmental efforts.

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## Clean energy implementation programs

NYSERDA has several programs eligible schools can take advantage of to help reduce their energy bills and greenhouse gas emissions specific to:

- Clean Heating and Cooling
- Cleaner, Local Power Generation
- Clean Transportation
- Energy Efficiency and Management
- Green Buildings

## Encourage young minds to think green

Set a good example and lead the way to improving the environment at your school. Participate in the P-12 Schools Initiative and gain recognition by showcasing the positive environmental impacts of your clean energy efforts.

## Ready to get started?

Learn more about the P-12 Initiative or how to participate in a Benchmarking Program at [nyserderda.ny.gov/P-12-Schools](https://nyserderda.ny.gov/P-12-Schools)

If you have questions or need support, reach out to [P12Schools@nyserderda.ny.gov](mailto:P12Schools@nyserderda.ny.gov)

