

Fighting the climate crisis is going to require all hands on deck, from every sector – including education. In the United States, K-12 schools are some of the most significant emitters of greenhouse gases and biggest spenders on energy.

Collectively, schools in the United States are spending \$8 billion on energy annually and emit an estimated 72 million metric tons of carbon dioxide – equivalent to the output of 18 coal plants or more than 8 million homes.

School districts hold significant potential in curbing global emissions and inspiring other institutions to do the same, and with historic public investment in clean energy, school electrification is more possible than ever.

The Green Schools Campaign is developing the leadership and grassroots organizing of young people to spearhead initiatives to transition their schools and communities to 100% clean energy.

We're bringing together students, parents, teachers, and community members to tell decision makers that fossil fuels have no place in our schools. All students deserve a safe, healthy, and climate-resilient environment to learn in — and we have the solutions at hand to build it.

WHY JOIN GREEN SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN?

- **Centering Student Leadership.** Grow your power as a student organizer and climate leader. Students have long played a critical role in social movements, and we'll give you the tools to bring about bold solutions in your community.
- Skill-Building Focus. Learn directly from Climate Reality's network of climate solutions and organizing experts through specialized workshops and resources to deepen your climate knowledge and apply your campaigning skills.
- **Community Building.** Join like-minded organizers across the US ready to electrify their communities. New and experienced community leaders alike will build connections and work together to hold decision-makers accountable.
- Hands-On Mentorship. Receive individualized coaching from Climate Reality staff and our nation-wide chapter network. From researching your school district to planning and taking action towards electrification, we'll support you in sharpening your strengths and growing your leadership.



GET STARTED

Green Schools Campaign is a youth-led, intergenerational campaign bringing together community members of all ages.

To learn more and sign up for general updates from the Green Schools Campaign, visit <u>www.climaterealityproject.org/green-schools-campaign</u> or reach out to us at <u>youthprograms@climatereality.com</u>.