

National GREEN SCHOOL Ranking

Aligned with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership



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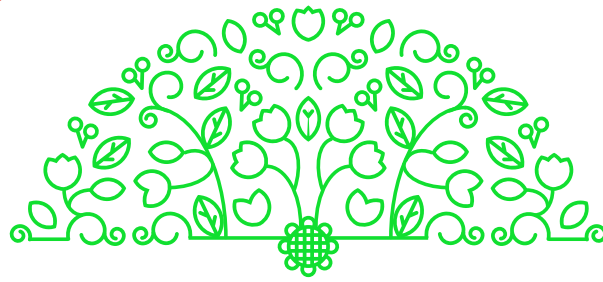


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Global Leader in Green Education

The organizer of the National Green School Ranking 2024

Green Mentors - a Nonprofit registered in the United States is a trailblazing global organization that revolutionizes education worldwide by embedding sustainability at its core. Since our inception in 2010, we have embarked on a transformative journey, instilling a global ethos of environmental consciousness within educational institutions.

Operating across more than 42 countries and territories, Green Mentors has successfully transformed over 5000 schools and universities into Green Schools and Universities, making a tangible impact on how education intertwines with sustainability.

As the exclusive accrediting agency with special consultative status granted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Green Mentors takes immense pride in its distinctive role as the Greening Education Partner of UNESCO. This unique position underscores our unwavering commitment to advancing sustainability principles within educational frameworks globally.

Our collaboration with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership is a testament to our dedication to fostering a culture of environmental stewardship in schools.

By aligning with UNESCO's vision, we strive to create a ripple effect, transforming educational institutions into beacons of sustainability that contribute to a greener and more resilient world.

Moreover, Green Mentors is honored to be a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

This membership underscores our commitment to pushing the boundaries of sustainable practices within higher education institutions, furthering our impact on global educational landscapes.

At Green Mentors, we pioneer change and actively contribute to shaping a future where education and sustainability are inseparable.

Our commitment to UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership and our global outreach position us as the sole promoter of the National Green School Ranking, an initiative that celebrates and propels schools toward a more sustainable and environmentally conscious future



PREAMBLE

In harmony with the visionary goals set forth by UNESCO through the Greening Education Partnership, Green Mentors take pride in introducing the National Green School Ranking Program.

This initiative is a testament to our shared commitment to advancing sustainability within educational institutions, aligning with UNESCO's mission to integrate environmental education, conservation practices, and community engagement into the core fabric of learning environments.

Recognizing that education is a powerful catalyst for transformative change, the National Green School Ranking Program seeks to echo the principles of UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership.

This greening education effort envisions schools as centers of academic excellence and dynamic hubs fostering a profound connection between students and the environment. It encourages schools to embrace sustainable practices, instill environmental awareness, and actively engage with local communities.

Embracing the principles of UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership, these criteria are designed to evaluate schools comprehensively, encompassing diverse dimensions such as energy efficiency, water conservation, waste management, biodiversity preservation, and the integration of sustainable transportation.

By intertwining these criteria with UNESCO's vision, we aim to create a unified approach to greening education that transcends borders and contributes to a global community dedicated to a sustainable and resilient future.

Through this initiative, Green Mentors seek to contribute to the broader UNESCO mission of fostering a culture of sustainability in education. This ranking is not merely an acknowledgment of achievements but a call to action for schools to become transformative agents in shaping environmentally conscious citizens equipped to address the challenges of the 21st century.

This program is a model for fostering synergies between global initiatives and local actions. Together, let us propel the educational landscape towards a greener and more sustainable future, where every school, in alignment with UNESCO's principles, becomes a beacon of environmental stewardship and a catalyst for positive change.





MISSION

Empowering Educational Institutions for a Sustainable Future

The mission of the National Green School Ranking by Green Mentors, aligned with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership, is to empower educational institutions to become catalysts for sustainable development.

We are committed to fostering a culture where schools impart knowledge and cultivate a deep sense of environmental stewardship, preparing students to become conscientious global citizens.

Through this initiative, we aspire to create a network of schools dedicated to aligning with UNESCO's principles, thereby contributing to a greener, more resilient future.

VISION

Harmonizing Education and Sustainability for Generations to Come

Our vision is to envision a world where every educational institution seamlessly integrates sustainability into its ethos, curriculum, and practices.

We aim to see schools as vibrant hubs that educate and inspire environmental consciousness and action. Through the National Green School Ranking, we envision a global community of schools aligned with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership, collectively contributing to a sustainable and harmonious world for current and future generations.

GOALS

1. Promote Environmental Education

- 🎯 Integrate environmental education into the core curriculum of participating schools, aligning with UNESCO's Greening Education principles.
- 🎯 Encourage innovative and experiential learning approaches that foster a deeper understanding of sustainability.

2. Foster Sustainable Practices

- 🎯 Recognize and reward schools that actively implement sustainable practices in energy efficiency, water management, waste reduction, and biodiversity conservation.
- 🎯 Inspire schools to adopt and showcase innovative solutions for environmental challenges, contributing to the global effort for sustainability.

3. Community Engagement and Partnerships

- 🎯 Facilitate collaboration between schools and local communities, promoting environmental awareness and active community participation.
- 🎯 Encourage partnerships with local and global organizations that align with the goals of UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership.

4. Global Network of Green Schools

- 🎯 Establish a national network of green schools that share best practices, collaborate on sustainability initiatives, and contribute to the broader global efforts championed by UNESCO.

5. Continuous Improvement and Learning

- 🎯 Foster a culture of continuous improvement within educational institutions, encouraging schools to learn from each other's successes and challenges.
- 🎯 Provide resources, workshops, and training programs to support schools' journey towards sustainability.

6. Recognition and Acknowledgment

- 🎯 Recognize and rank schools based on their commitment to sustainability and alignment with UNESCO's Greening Education principles.
- 🎯 Showcase exemplary schools as models of environmental stewardship, motivating others to follow suit.

7. Contribute to Global Sustainability Goals

- 🎯 Align the National Green School Ranking with international sustainability goals, contributing to a global movement towards a more sustainable and resilient planet.
- 🎯 Actively support and participate in UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership initiatives nationally and internationally.



RANKING CRITERIA

The National Green School Ranking invites schools that exemplify an unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability and align with the vision of UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership to participate in the National Green School ranking program. The criteria for evaluation cover various dimensions, integrating UNESCO's principles for greening education:

Greening Curriculum

Objective: Integration of sustainability and environmental education into the school curriculum.

Indicators

- ✔ The presence of dedicated courses or modules addressing environmental issues is essential.
- ✔ Incorporation of sustainability themes across various subjects.
- ✔ Integration of real-world environmental challenges into learning activities.

Greening Teaching

Objective: Adoption of teaching practices that promote ecological awareness.

Indicators

- ✔ Professional development opportunities for teachers in sustainability education.
- ✔ Implementation of innovative teaching methods that engage students in environmental topics.
- ✔ Encouragement of student-led initiatives and projects related to sustainability.

Greening Sports

Objective: Promotion of environmentally friendly practices in sports and physical activities.

Indicators

- ✔ Adoption of eco-friendly sports equipment and materials.
- ✔ Encouragement of outdoor activities that connect students with nature.
- ✔ Integration of sustainability principles in sports events and competitions.

Green Facilities

Objective: Implementation of eco-friendly practices in school infrastructure and maintenance.

Indicators

- ✔ Adoption of eco-friendly construction practices in new buildings.
- ✔ Utilization of energy-efficient lighting and appliances.
- ✔ Implementation of green roofs, walls, or other sustainable features.

Green Transport

Objective: Encouragement of sustainable commuting practices among students and staff.

Indicators

- ✔ Provision of bicycle racks and storage facilities.
- ✔ Promotion of public transportation and carpooling.
- ✔ Integration of electric vehicles and charging stations.



Campus Biodiversity

Objective: Preservation and enhancement of on-campus biodiversity.

Indicators

- ✔ Maintenance of green spaces and wildlife-friendly areas.
- ✔ Planting of native and pollinator-friendly vegetation.
- ✔ Implementation of practices that support the diversity of flora and fauna on campus.

Energy Use and Saving Practices

Objective: Implementation of practices that promote energy efficiency and conservation.

Indicators

- ✔ Integration of renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power.
- ✔ Implementation of energy-efficient technologies.
- ✔ Adoption of intelligent technologies for energy management.

Water-Saving and Harvesting Practices

Objective: Efficient use of water resources and implementation of water conservation measures.

Indicators

- ✔ Utilization of water-efficient fixtures and appliances.
- ✔ Implementation of rainwater harvesting systems.
- ✔ Education programs promoting water conservation among students and staff.

Waste Recycling Practices

Objective: Implementation of a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling program.

Indicators

- ✔ Provision of easily accessible recycling bins throughout the campus.
- ✔ Promotion of composting and organic waste management.
- ✔ Reduction of single-use plastics and promotion of sustainable packaging.

Green School Supplies

Objective: Adoption of environmentally friendly and sustainable school supplies.

Indicators

- ✔ Procurement of eco-friendly and recycled materials for school stationery.
- ✔ Promotion of sustainable practices in the purchasing of school supplies.
- ✔ Reduction of unnecessary packaging and promotion of reusable items.



ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria for schools to participate in the National Green School Ranking by Green Mentors aligned with the Greening Education Partnership program of UNESCO may include the following:

1. School Status

- ✔ The relevant local or national education authorities must recognize the school as an educational institution.

2. Commitment to Sustainability

- ✔ The school must demonstrate a genuine commitment to environmental sustainability and be actively engaged in implementing green practices.

3. Adherence to UNESCO's Principles

- ✔ Schools must align their sustainability initiatives with the principles of UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership program.

4. Curricular Integration

- ✔ The school should have integrated environmental education into its curriculum, incorporating sustainability, climate change, and biodiversity topics.

5. Green Team Formation

- ✔ To oversee and implement sustainability initiatives, the school must establish a dedicated Green Team comprising teachers, students, administrative staff, and other stakeholders.

6. Documentation and Reporting

- ✔ The school should maintain detailed documentation of its sustainability efforts, including evidence of energy efficiency, waste reduction, biodiversity conservation, and community engagement.
- ✔ Regularly report progress and achievements, following UNESCO's reporting guidelines.

7. Community Engagement

- ✔ The school must actively engage with local communities, organizations, and stakeholders to promote environmental awareness and community participation.

8. Innovative Practices

- ✔ Participation may require schools to demonstrate innovation in sustainability practices and commit to ongoing improvement.

9. Accessibility and Inclusivity

- ✔ The program may encourage schools that promote accessibility and inclusivity, ensuring that sustainability practices benefit all school community members.

10. Compliance with Local Laws and Regulations

- ✔ Schools must adhere to local laws and regulations related to environmental sustainability and education.

11. Willingness to Collaborate

- ✔ The school should be willing to collaborate with Green Mentors and participate in joint initiatives that align with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership.

12. No Outstanding Legal or Ethical Issues

- ✔ Schools should not have any outstanding legal or ethical issues that could hinder their participation or tarnish the program's reputation.

These eligibility criteria ensure that participating schools are committed to sustainability, align with UNESCO's principles, and actively contribute to the global effort to green education. It is essential for schools to carefully review and fulfill these criteria before expressing interest in the National Green School Ranking by Green Mentors.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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| Early Bird Deadline | February 15, 2024 |
| Schools submitting their applications by this date will benefit from a discounted participation fee. | |
| Regular Deadline | March 31, 2024 |
| Final deadline for schools to submit their participation forms and supporting documentation. | |
| Evaluation Period | 60 days |
| Green Mentors will thoroughly evaluate the participating schools based on the established criteria. | |
| Preliminary Results Notification | June 5, 2024 |
| Schools will receive preliminary feedback on their performance. | |
| Final Results Announcement | June 15, 2024 |
| The official ranking and awards will be announced on the Green Mentors website and through press releases. | |
| 8th NYC Green School Conference 2024 | September 24, 2024 |
| Top Ranking Schools will be invited to participate in the prestigious event held at ILR, School of Cornell University in New York, providing opportunities for networking and collaboration. | |
| Distribution of Certificates | September 24, 2024 |
| Green School Certifications, awards, and recognitions will be officially conferred to participating schools. | |



PARTICIPATION

Participation in the National Green School Ranking by Green Mentors aligned with the Greening Education Partnership program of UNESCO involves a comprehensive and collaborative approach. Schools interested in joining this initiative should follow the outlined steps:

1. Registration and Expression of Interest

- ❄ Schools should express interest in participating in the National Green School Ranking by registering with Green Mentors.
- ❄ Submit the registration form expressing the school's commitment to aligning with the principles of UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership.

2. Review of Eligibility Criteria

- ❄ Ensure the school meets the eligibility criteria specified by Green Mentors and UNESCO for participation in the ranking.

3. Formation of a Green Team

- ❄ Establish a dedicated Green Team within the school, comprising teachers, students, administrative staff, and other stakeholders.
- ❄ Assign responsibilities to team members for various aspects of the ranking criteria.

4. Alignment with UNESCO's Greening Education Principles

- ❄ Familiarize the Green Team with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership principles and guidelines.
- ❄ Ensure the school's sustainability initiatives align with UNESCO's recommendations for greening education.

5. Implementation of Green Practices

- ❄ Start implementing sustainability measures based on the National Green School Ranking Criteria by Green Mentors, ensuring alignment with UNESCO's principles.
- ❄ Incorporate environmental education into the curriculum, following UNESCO's guidelines.

6. Documentation and Reporting

- ❄ Maintain comprehensive documentation of the school's sustainability initiatives, including energy-saving practices, waste reduction programs, biodiversity conservation efforts, and community engagement projects.
- ❄ Regularly report progress and achievements to Green Mentors, adhering to UNESCO's reporting guidelines.

7. Community Engagement and Collaboration

- ❄ Engage with local communities, organizations, and stakeholders to promote environmental awareness.
- ❄ Collaborate with UNESCO-supported initiatives at the local and global levels, contributing to the Greening Education Partnership.

8. Submission of Application

- ❄️ Prepare a comprehensive application highlighting the school's adherence to the National Green School Ranking Criteria and alignment with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership program.
- ❄️ Include evidence of the school's sustainability initiatives, community engagement, and educational programs.

9. Evaluation and Assessment

- ❄️ Green Mentors will evaluate the applications based on the specified criteria, including adherence to UNESCO's principles.
- ❄️ Schools may be subject to on-site or virtual evaluations to validate the information provided.

10. Recognition and Ranking

- ❄️ Schools demonstrating outstanding commitment to sustainability and alignment with UNESCO's principles will be recognized and ranked accordingly.
- ❄️ Top-ranking schools will receive awards, certificates, and national recognition.

By actively participating in the National Green School Ranking by Green Mentors aligned with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership, schools showcase their commitment to environmental sustainability and contribute to a global movement dedicated to creating a more sustainable and resilient future.

TIERED FEE STRUCTURE

Green Mentors recognize the importance of making participation in the National Green School Ranking accessible to a diverse range of schools, aligning with our mission to promote sustainability in education. The following tiered fee structure is designed to ensure affordability while covering essential event costs:

| School Type | Fee | School Type | Fee |
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| Kindergarten | \$ 100 | Religious school | \$ 100 |
| Elementary School | \$ 200 | Virtual School | \$ 200 |
| Middle School | \$ 300 | Charter School | \$ 500 |
| High School | \$ 400 | Magnet School | \$ 300 |
| Boarding school | \$ 500 | International School | \$ 500 |

- ✅ The tiered structure allows schools to choose a level that best suits their size and financial capacity.
- ✅ The fees cover essential event costs, including evaluation processes, recognition materials, and event organization.
- ✅ Early Bird Discount: Schools registering within a specified timeframe (e.g., three months before the deadline) receive a 15% discount on the applicable fee.
- ✅ Fee Waivers: Green Mentors may consider fee waivers for schools in economically disadvantaged regions, promoting inclusivity.



The marking scheme for evaluating the National Green School Ranking is designed to provide a structured approach for assessing schools across various sustainability dimensions.

Each criterion is assigned a specific point value, contributing to a total score determining the school's ranking. The maximum score reflects the highest level of commitment and achievement in sustainability practices.

Greening Curriculum (Total Points : 10)

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| ✔ Presence of dedicated courses or modules addressing environmental issues | 5 points |
| ✔ Integration of real-world environmental challenges into learning activities | 5 points |

Greening Teaching (Total Points : 10)

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| ✔ Professional development opportunities for teachers in sustainability education | 5 points |
| ✔ Implementation of innovative teaching methods that engage students in environmental topics | 5 points |

Greening Sports (Total Points : 10)

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| ✔ Encouragement of outdoor activities that connect students with nature | 5 points |
| ✔ Integration of sustainability principles in sports events and competitions | 5 points |

Green Facilities (Total Points : 10)

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| ✔ Adoption of eco-friendly construction practices in new buildings | 5 points |
| ✔ Implementation of green roofs, walls, or other sustainable features | 5 points |

Green Transport (Total Points : 10)

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| ✔ Provision of bicycle racks and storage facilities | 5 points |
| ✔ Promotion of public transportation and carpooling | 5 points |

Campus Biodiversity (Total Points : 10)

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| ✔ Maintenance of green spaces and wildlife-friendly areas | 5 points |
| ✔ Planting of native and pollinator-friendly vegetation | 5 points |

Energy Use and Saving Practices (Total Points : 10)

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| ✔ Integration of renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power | 5 points |
| ✔ Implementation of energy-efficient technologies | 5 points |

Water-Saving and Harvesting Practices (Total Points : 10)

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| ✔ Utilization of water-efficient fixtures and appliances | 3 points |
| ✔ Implementation of rainwater harvesting systems and Education programs promoting water conservation among students and staff | 7 points |

Waste Recycling Practices (Total Points : 10)

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| ✔ Provision of easily accessible recycling bins throughout the campus | 5 points |
| ✔ Promotion of composting and organic waste management | 5 points |

Green School Supplies (Total Points : 10)

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| ✔ Procurement of eco-friendly and recycled materials for school stationery | 5 points |
| ✔ Promotion of sustainable practices in the purchasing of school supplies | 5 points |

Total Maximum Score : 100 points

Schools will be ranked based on their total scores, reflecting their commitment and achievements in sustainability practices aligned with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership.



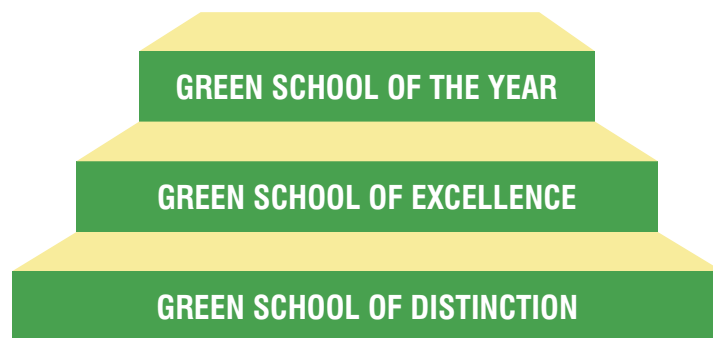


Green School Certification

All participating schools meeting the minimum criteria for sustainable practices will be conferred with the esteemed "Green School Certification" by Green Mentors. This certification symbolizes formal recognition of their unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship.

Ranking and Awards

Schools will be competitively ranked based on their National Green School Ranking performance. The top three performing schools will be honored with prestigious awards, including



Additionally, Schools demonstrating excellence in all 10 categories such as

1. Greening Curriculum
2. Greening Teaching
3. Greening Sports
4. Green Facilities
5. Green Transport
6. Campus Biodiversity
7. Energy use and saving practices
8. Water-saving and harvesting practices
9. Waste recycling practices
10. Green School Supplies will receive specific Awards

Recognition on Green Mentors Platform

Top-ranking schools will receive prominent visibility on the Green Mentors website and in various promotional materials. This recognition will amplify their achievements to a global audience, solidifying their reputation as leaders in sustainability.



Badges

Awardee schools will be presented with customized badges emblematic of their specific accomplishments. These badges can be prominently showcased on the school's website, official documents, and marketing materials.

Feature in Green Mentors Publications

Leading schools can present their success stories, best practices, and insights at the 8th NYC Green School Conference 2024 in New York, reaching a broader audience and inspiring others with their sustainability journey.

Networking Opportunities

Awarded schools will receive invitations to the 8th NYC Green School Conference 2024, scheduled for September at ILR, School of Cornell University in New York. This conference, organized by Green Mentors, will provide invaluable opportunities to connect with other leading institutions, sustainability experts, and potential collaborators.

Press Releases and Media Coverage

Green Mentors will issue press releases, formally announcing the top-ranking schools and their remarkable achievements. This strategic approach will generate extensive media coverage, enhancing the visibility of the awarded schools at local, national, and international levels.

Recognition from UNESCO Officials

Green Mentors will liaise with UNESCO officials to facilitate the conferment of awards and certificates to the top-ranking schools. This gesture further solidifies their global standing in the realm of sustainability.

Participation Plaque

All participating schools will be presented with a participation plaque, symbolizing and acknowledging their steadfast commitment to sustainability. This plaque is intended to be prominently displayed within the school premises.

Educational Workshops and Training Opportunities

Awardees will gain exclusive access to specialized workshops, training sessions, and webinars conducted by Green Mentors. These opportunities will provide learning experiences and foster continuous improvement in sustainable practices.

These awards, rewards, recognitions, and certifications are meticulously designed to celebrate the achievements of participating schools, inspire continuous improvement, and instill a sense of pride and accomplishment within the school community. They underscore the program's unwavering commitment to promoting sustainability in education, aligning seamlessly with the principles of UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership.



BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Global Recognition

Gain international visibility and recognition for your School's commitment to sustainability. Showcase your achievements on a global platform aligned with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership.

Prestigious Certification

Receive the esteemed "Green School Ranking Certification" from Green Mentors, formally recognizing your School's dedication to environmental stewardship.

Benchmark Against Peers

Benchmark your School's sustainability practices against other institutions globally. Identify areas of improvement and best practices to enhance your environmental initiatives.

Networking Opportunities

Connect with a community of like-minded schools, educators, and sustainability experts. Participate in networking events, webinars, and conferences to share insights and collaborate with sustainability leaders.

Enhanced Reputation

Build a positive reputation as an environmentally conscious institution. Demonstrate your commitment to fostering a sustainable learning environment for students, parents, and the community.

Media Exposure

Receive media coverage and press releases announcing your School's achievements. Enhance local, national, and international visibility through Green Mentors' promotional efforts.

UNESCO Recognition

Align your School with the principles of UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership.

Exclusive Events

Receive invitations to exclusive events, including the 8th NYC Green School Conference 2024 at ILR, School of Cornell University in New York.

Participate in events providing opportunities to connect with leading institutions, sustainability experts, and potential collaborators.

Participating in the National Green School Ranking positions your School as a sustainability leader. It provides a platform for continuous improvement, collaboration, and global recognition within the education for sustainable development landscape.



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