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Two schools nominated for national Green Ribbon recognition

MADISON – Two schools in the Oregon School District – Brooklyn Elementary and Oregon Middle – will learn later this year whether efforts to reduce their environmental impact will be recognized by

U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools program.

State Superintendent Tony Evers nominated the two schools. “It takes the entire school community, working together, to be a nominee for this national recognition,” he said. “I commend these schools for their commitment to ensuring a healthy, safe environment for both students and staff members and for preparing their students to be sustainability leaders.”

The [U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools](#) program recognizes schools, districts, and higher education institutions that reduce schools’ environmental impact and costs, improve the health and wellness of students and staff members, and provide effective environmental and sustainability education. The 2018 nominees applied through the [Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin](#) online application, which required extensive data collection and reporting across nine areas: community involvement, energy, environmental health, environmental and sustainability education, health and wellness, recycling and waste management, school site, transportation, and water. Both schools started with a focused initiative on health and wellness and expanded on those efforts over several years to address a variety of environmental topics both inside and

U.S. Department of Education
Green Ribbon Schools
 Wisconsin Honorees

2017

Washburn School District
 Houlton Elementary School
 Kromrey Middle School

2016

Glen Hills Middle School
 Granton Area School District
 West Middleton Elementary School

2015

Colby Elementary School
 Columbus Elementary-Discovery Charter School
 Lake Mills Elementary School
 Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District

2014

Conserve School, Land O’Lakes
 Greendale School District
 Hurley K-12 School
 Park Elementary School, Cross Plains
 Tomorrow River Community Charter School, Amherst Junction

2013

Fort Atkinson School District
 Jefferson Elementary-Fox River Academy, Appleton
 Racine Montessori School
 Summit Environmental School, La Crosse
 Westlawn Elementary School, Cedarburg

2012

Dimensions of Learning Academy, Kenosha
 Middleton High School
 Purdy Elementary School, Fort Atkinson

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outside of the school building. Their applications for the [U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools](#) program were reviewed by two state-level teams of education consultants and content experts.

At the federal level, applications from each participating state will be reviewed to determine if the nominees: 1) meet all of the eligibility requirements; 2) comply with all applicable federal civil rights and federal, state, local, and tribal health, environment, and safety statutory and regulatory requirements; and 3) meet high college- and career-ready academic standards. Honorees will be announced later this spring.

The schools will be recognized at a “[Celebration of Excellence in Environmental Education](#)” on April 28 at the Lussier Heritage Center in Madison. Additionally, each will receive Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin “Sugar Maple” recognition as well as national certification through Project Learning Tree’s “Green Schools” program and National Wildlife Federation’s Eco-Schools USA program.

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MORE INFORMATION

Celebration of Excellence in Environmental Education
Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education Awards Banquet
<http://www.waee.dreamhosters.com/awards-banquet>

U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools
<http://dpi.wi.gov/environmental-ed/green-ribbon-schools>
<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>

Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin
www.GHSWisconsin.org

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