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Wisconsin schools, learning center, receive national honor for commitment to environmental sustainability

2021 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools named

MADISON – Two Wisconsin schools and an early childhood learning center received national recognition for efforts by students and staff in promoting and maintaining a culture of sustainability.

The U.S. Department of Education announced today Clement Avenue School in Milwaukee, Starns Early Childhood in Milwaukee, and Helen R. Godfrey University Child Learning and Care Center in Stevens Point were named 2021 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools. The schools and early childhood learning center received the award for their work in reducing environmental impact and costs, improving the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff, and providing effective environmental and sustainability education.

“The schools selected for this honor have made an invaluable difference in their communities,” State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor said. “They have put forth phenomenal efforts to promote environmental sustainability in unique ways. I congratulate each of them, and I am proud to call them Green Ribbon Schools.”

From transforming asphalt schoolyards to natural playscapes, to fostering a culture of health and wellness through gardening and local foods, to integrating environmental education across the curriculum, the 2021 class brings Wisconsin’s total number of honorees to 33 since the program started in 2012.

Each year, the state superintendent can nominate schools, districts, and early learning centers demonstrating significant achievement in reducing environmental impacts and costs, improving health and wellness, and increasing environmental literacy across nine different areas (community engagement, energy, environmental education, environmental health, health and wellness, school site, transportation, recycling and waste reduction, and water).

For more information about the recognition or nomination process, [visit the DPI’s website](#).

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