

# What is the "Green Team"???

Each school has an individual Green Team of students, teachers, parents, and community volunteers working toward greater environmental sustainability both inside and outside the classroom. Representatives from each team form the larger FPS Green Team and meet throughout the year to share ideas and resources and support district wide initiatives. The District Green Team also acknowledges school projects and outstanding community involvement at an annual celebration.

## Focus Areas:

Recycling / Waste Reduction  
Habitat Certification  
Schoolyard Gardens  
Litter Free Zones  
Energy Conservation  
LEED Schools  
Indoor Environmental Quality  
(IEQ)



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**The FPS District Green Team is committed to educating students, parents, and community members about environmental issues and taking steps toward improving the environment in the home, school, community, workplace, country, and world.**

## Recycling / Waste Reduction:

Each school has City of Fayetteville dumpsters for paper and cardboard recycling. Green Teams at many schools also collect plastic bottles and aluminum cans for weekly recycling. Green Teams have also handed out Habitote bags to replace disposable plastic bags and are working to reduce waste in cafeterias.



## Litter Free Zones:

Five schools in the district are certified Litter Free Zones. The Keep Arkansas Beautiful Foundation's Litter-Free Zone program, designed for elementary and middle school ages, encourages students to apply the program's service-learning principles in class, on campus, in the school's neighborhood and eventually throughout the community. For more information: [www.kabfoundation.org/programs/litter-free-zone](http://www.kabfoundation.org/programs/litter-free-zone)

## Schoolyard Gardens:

Eight schools in the district have vegetable gardens used for teaching gardening skills and healthy eating habits through classes and after school garden clubs. Gardens and programs range in size and involvement.

## Habitat Certification:

Seven schools in the district are National Wildlife Federation Certified. Certified schools provide food, water, shelter, and places to raise young for native Arkansas wildlife. Each certified school has received a "habitat kit" with resources for teaching students about habitat. For more information about NWF Certification, visit [www.nwf.org/At-School](http://www.nwf.org/At-School)



## Energy Conservation:

Facilities management uses an energy management system and closely monitors utility consumption throughout the district. Facilities upgrades have included energy efficient heating and air conditioning units in many buildings and more efficient lighting. Green Teams play an important role educating building occupants about energy conservation behaviors.

## LEED Schools:

Butterfield Trail Elementary has achieved LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification; the new Happy Hollow Elementary is applying for LEED Silver certification; and Fayetteville High School, currently under construction, is striving for LEED certification.

## Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ):

FPS district strives to ensure all students and staff have a healthy indoor environment free of pollutants and potential contaminants. The custodial department has transitioned to using many Green Seal environmentally friendly cleaning products in recent years. We can all help ensure ventilation systems are unobstructed and working properly.



**tips for a green classroom**

- minimize supplies
- grow a plant
- turn off lights
- use scrap paper
- turn off computers
- save energy
- calculate carbon footprint
- use recycled supplies
- reduce clutter
- use rechargeable batteries
- go outside
- remove air fresheners
- turn off projectors
- reduce reuse recycle
- use recycled paper
- reduce lunch waste
- use both sides of paper
- unplug appliances
- use CFL light bulbs
- keep air vents clear
- compost
- open the blinds
- turn off water faucets
- make eco-art