

MMSD has nearly 60% of city's Energy Star buildings
US EPA lists Madison in Top 25 for Energy Star buildings

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The Madison Metropolitan School District has 56 percent of the city's Energy Star buildings, according to a US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) listing that puts the City of Madison 25th on a list of national cities that have the most energy efficient buildings.

According to US EPA, Energy Star buildings typically use 35 percent less energy and emit 35 percent less greenhouse gases than average buildings. Eighteen of the 27 buildings achieving this standard in Madison are part of the MMSD.

According to Doug Pearson, MMSD's director of building services, "Every dollar we save in energy costs can be re-directed into the classroom. In an era of revenue limit cuts, the \$600,000 the district saves annually due to energy efficiency is substantial."

Olson Elementary, the district's newest school, is one of Wisconsin's first energy-conserving LEED Certified K-12 schools, featuring a geothermal heating and cooling system and 25 kilowatt solar photovoltaic panels on the roof of the B-wing. The energy generated by these solar panels is being sold to Alliant Energy at a rate much greater than the rate the district pays for electricity. However, the school is not currently on the list. It is anticipated that in 2009, it will also qualify as an Energy Star building once a history of energy use is established. The school is 89,000 square feet.

The schools on the Energy Star list include:

School	Square Footage	Year of Energy Star Designation
Allied	21000	2002
Allis	82000	2008
Blackhawk/Gompers	104960	2007
Cherokee	89390	2006
Crestwood	67675	2007
East	458816	2008
Emerson	70600	2008
Franklin	51760	2008
Jefferson	81029	2006
Kennedy	67220	2007
Lakeview	40500	2007
Lapham	73744	2005
Midvale	64950	2006
Muir	90400	2006
Marquette/O'Keefe	137110	2007
Sandburg	42864	2007
Shorewood	60950	2007
Stephens	72000	2007

TOTAL 1,676,968 square feet (out of 3 million sq. ft. in Madison)