The Pike School Awarded EcoSchools U.S. Green Flag Award for Exceptional Achievement in Educating for Sustainability

This Honor indicates commitment to education for sustainability and youth leadership for environmental change at the school and within the local community

The Pike school was recognized by National Wildlife Federation's EcoSchools U.S. program for exceptional achievement in educating for sustainability and driving positive environmental change in the school and local community.

Since 2009, over 6,000 schools in all 50 states have participated in the EcoSchools U.S. program, which is based on the commitment and work of student-driven teams dedicated to issues such as waste reduction, climate change, and biodiversity using action cards and other educational resources to develop environmental action plans for their school.

"The National Wildlife Federation and EcoSchools U.S. are proud of the example set by The Pike School in MA," said Jennifer Hammonds, Director of K-12 Education Programs. "This award demonstrates not only a commitment to sustainability and environmental literacy for students and faculty but an appreciation that the best, most effective education transcends the classroom and offers a place-based, project-based approach to learning".

To receive the Green Flag award, Pike School's students and faculty committed to a number of sustainability actions leading to enough points to earn a Green Flag award. This included engaging the local community, forming an action team, creating an action plan, collecting data, taking solution-based actions, and measuring impact. These steps led to various projects all designed to provide opportunities for youth leadership, raise environmental awareness, connect students to the natural world, and drive positive environmental change.

Feedback from EcoSchools committee : The Pike School joins a network of thousands of schools globally committed to a more sustainable and just world. Thank you for participating in the EcoSchools U.S. program. It was a pleasure to review the action team's plan for Green Flag certification. Your school's certification application was outstanding—thorough, thoughtful, and full of inspiring examples of ***whole-school involvement*** and ***real-world learning***. We were especially impressed by The Pike School's **turtle conservation efforts** and how **Earth Week** provided additional opportunities for deep classroom connections and action around composting, paper recycling, and overall waste reduction, with strong student leadership and cross-grade collaboration. Your partnerships, particularly with **TerraCycle** and **Zoo New England**, along with your **Spotlight on Sustainability newsletter** and the club's ongoing work, demonstrated a clear commitment to community engagement and ongoing stewardship. The detailed documentation and **EcoCode** show a shared responsibility and culture where sustainability is truly lived! Congratulations on earning the EcoSchools U.S. Green Flag. We are proud of the work happening at The Pike School, and the Green Flag is a great achievement. We look forward to your continued participation and excellence next year!

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The National Wildlife Federation works in collaboration with communities to provide K-12 education that is responsive to and supports student leadership and equitable solutions to collectively build a more ecologically and socially just world.