



History

USGBC launched the National Green Schools Campaign alongside partners at the 2007 Clinton Global Initiative, committing to a vision of green schools for every child. That same year, USGBC launched the LEED for Schools rating system, which provided a leadership standard for better, healthier school buildings.

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After listening to and learning from school leaders around the country, USGBC founded the Center for Green Schools in 2010, broadening its foundational work in the green building movement to encompass topics and issues important to schools and the people in them every day: teachers, students, staff, and parents.

We are committed to the highest impact opportunities to accelerate a global green schools movement. Since the Center for Green Schools' founding, we have sustained volunteer action in every state, inspired global service in schools during the Green Apple Day of Service through the action of more than 750,000 volunteers across 73 countries, and educated champions at the annual Green Schools Conference & Expo. 

We have reinforced our belief that healthy learning environments lead to thriving communities with the publication of original research and policy analysis, and we have increased the introduction of green schools legislation in U.S. states by five-fold.