

2020-2021 EcoSchools Canada Impact Report

101

School boards
and districts

9

Provinces and
territories

500,000

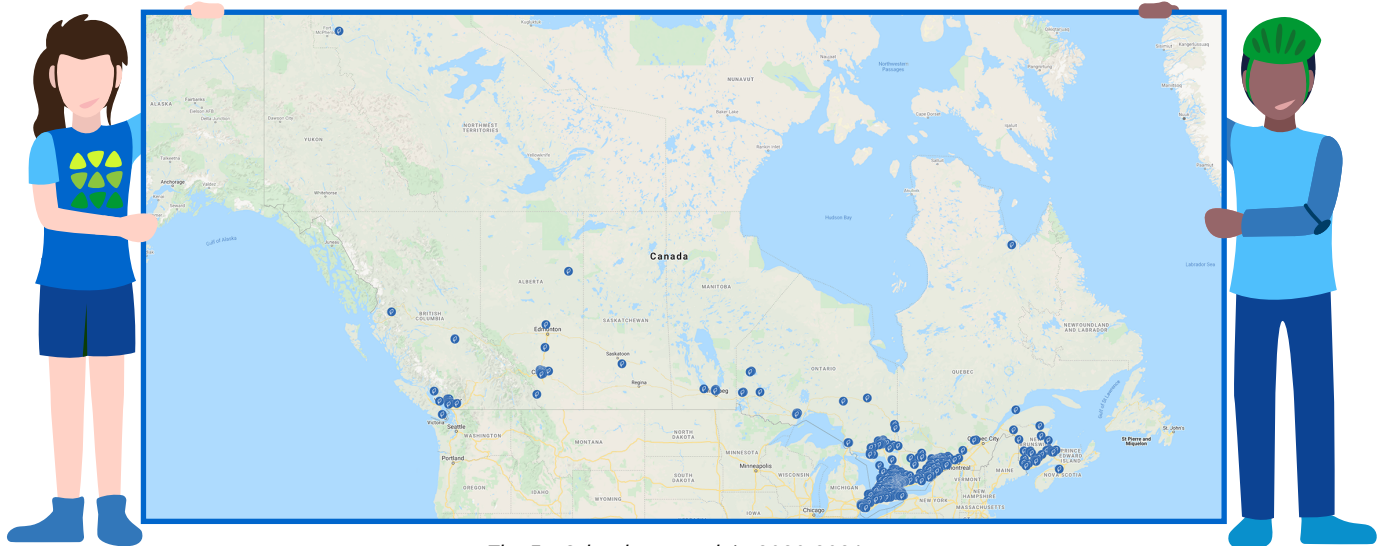
Students
reached

1,219

Schools
reached

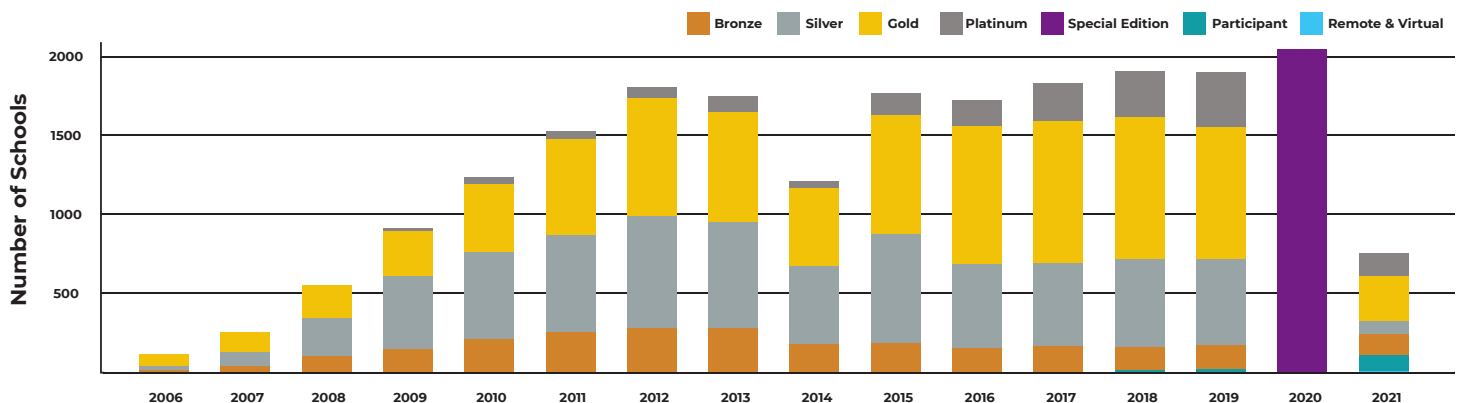
Hello Canada!

This year, we officially launched the EcoSchools program across the country. Despite the challenges that schools and communities faced amidst the global pandemic, we were heartened to see many schools, both new and old, engage in environmental learning and climate action. In fact, this year, we welcomed **215 new schools** to the EcoSchools community from **6 new provinces and territories** including new school districts in New Brunswick, Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, and the Northwest Territories!



The EcoSchools network in 2020-2021.

Recognition Statistics 2005-2021



EcoSchools, Take Action!

Certifying with EcoSchools this year was a new challenge for our schools. In reviewing our Top 10 Actions for 2020-2021, it tells a story of resourcefulness and creativity in a time of limitations. In this chart you'll find the top 10 most popular actions taking place in EcoSchools across the country.



Our Collective Impact

This year we were amazed by the innovation and commitment of our schools in adapting actions; we saw increased opportunities for outdoor learning, online events and campaigns, and many actions taking place at home and in the community.

One Million +
hours

of outdoor learning
took place



That's over
100 years!

499 Schools
Participated

in Earth Day this year



all across Canada -
**from Vancouver
to Saint John!**

9,000 Actions
Completed

for this year



Each action is connected
to promoting the
UN's SDGs,
and lead to a reduction
in GHGs.

*Data collected from all schools who registered to take part in the EcoSchools program 2020-21. To learn more about how EcoSchools gathers and interprets school data, see [here](#).

EcoSchools are supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals



SDG 13
Climate Action

357 schools regularly explore issues of environment, equity, and social justice during class instruction.



SDG 12
Responsible Consumption and Production

97% of schools monitor and divert waste.



SDG 7

Affordable and Clean Energy



67% of schools track and reduce energy use.

SDG 11

Sustainable Cities and Communities



40,485 students were encouraged to walk, cycle or roll to school this year.

What's happening at an EcoSchool near you?



Pollinator Garden

A local nursery provided seeds and soil to help a school grow a variety of native species, perfect for pollinators!



Take Me Outside Day

EcoSchools in British Columbia are getting outdoors to examine creeks, hike nearby trails, and identify native species.



Tree Planting and Maintenance

Local organizations and school board partnerships are supporting EcoSchools to plant trees.



The Great Gulp

Schools take a synchronized 'gulp' of tap water to raise awareness about drinking water and the importance of reducing single-use plastic waste.

Waste Reduction and Management

A school in Montréal researched PPE related waste management practices, along with other waste reduction and sorting initiatives.



Grow a Food Garden

Over 70% of participating New Brunswick schools planted or maintained a food garden this year!



Young Reporters for the Environment

Many EcoSchools participated in the Young Reporters for the Environment competition, reporting on issues such as pollution, climate change and biodiversity loss.



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