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EcoSchools CanadaNational Impact Report

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This year, **1,468 schools** from across Canada registered in the EcoSchools program. We welcomed **221 new schools** to the EcoSchools community from **9 provinces and territories** including new school districts in Quebec, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia and the Northwest Territories.

14,000+

— that's 5,000 more than last year!

actions completed stude

730,000+

students reached

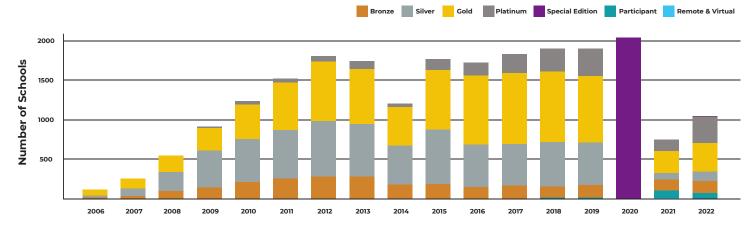
560,000+

hours of outdoor learning this school year!

137

registered School Boards and Districts

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Data collected from all schools participating in the EcoSchools program 2021-22, as of **June 15, 2022**. To learn more about how EcoSchools gathers and interprets school data, see here.





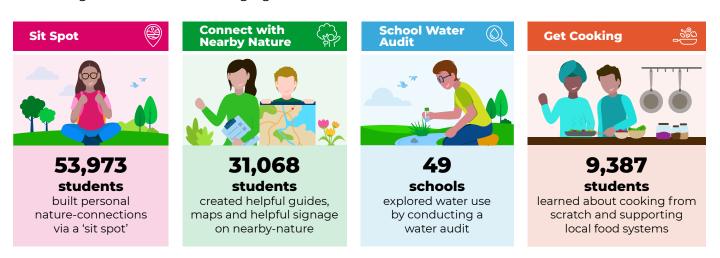
Top Actions 2021-22

The EcoSchools action library includes a wide range of 50+ actions to choose from, across 12 themes; from waste and energy to health and well-being, biodiversity and nature. In this chart you'll find the top 10 most popular actions taking place in EcoSchools across the country.



NEW! For 2021-22

We added new actions to the ECA this year, including; Sit Spot, Connect with Nearby Nature, School Water Audit, Get Cooking. Here are some of the highlights from the new actions for 2021-22:





As part of the EcoSchools program at our school, many teachers take their classes outside for various learning experiences. Reading doesn't only happen in the library! We often take students outside to read and enjoy the gardens they've worked so hard to plant, weed, and water.

Chris Hadfield PS, Halton District School Board



Connecting to the SDGs





schools
participated in
actions related to
water conservation

SDG 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8,300+
classrooms
had their energy
efficiency optimized





48,300+
waste-free lunches
were packed and
brought to schools
this year





381,500+ kg of waste was diverted from landfill



1,200+ tons of CO₂e was sequestered from school ground greening activities

For more information on how the EcoSchools program connects to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, check out our SDG report for 2021 here.

What's happening at an EcoSchool near you?



British Columbia

Community Clean-ups and Pollinator Gardens were the two most popular actions for schools in BC this year - with many schools participating in activities to clean up their school yard, and provide havens for pollinator species such as bees and butterflies.



Ontario

GOOS Paper is a long-standing popular action for EcoSchools in Ontario. Students get creative and reduce paper use by using GOOS (Good On One Side) paper bins throughout their school. Join in the National GOOS Paper Day celebrations on the first Thursday in April!

Schools located in and around the **Ontario Greenbelt** participated in the Greenbelt Biodiversity action by using plant inventory guides and worksheets to observe at risk and invasive species on their school grounds, and taking action to plant and grow more native species.



Prairies (AB + SK + MB)

Schools across the Prairies celebrated **Earth Day** on April 22 this year! Celebrations included whole-school presentations, math activities to calculate impact, and learning about Indigenous connections to the earth.

The **Indoor Gardening** action encouraged educators to bring gardening inside for hands-on, year-round learning about plants, food, and nutrition.



Quebec

Activities related to reducing waste and proper waste sorting were popular among schools in Quebec this year, with many schools participating in **Waste-free Lunches** and the **Sort Your Waste** actions.



Maritimes (NB, NS + PEI)

Schools in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia raised awareness, took action, and reduced the use of harmful single-use plastics such as beverage containers, straws and plastic bags by participating in the **Reduce Harmful Single-use Plastics action**.

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