



School Board and District Membership

Leading your school board or district to environmental excellence



Become an EcoSchools Board or District Member to create system-wide change and demonstrate commitment to a sustainable future for students, educators, and administrators on a regional scale.

Through membership, school boards and districts have the opportunity to act as leaders for their schools by using the EcoSchools framework to strengthen environmental learning and action, contribute to efforts across the country, and employ certification standards modeled after the [international Eco-Schools programme](#) that connects directly to the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).

The EcoSchools program aligns perfectly with school board and district strategic environmental objectives. While schools can certify regardless of whether their board or district has member status, the outcomes are greatest when boards and districts work together with their schools and take a collective impact approach to environmental learning and climate action.



As a member school board or district you can enjoy a number of benefits, including:



Group administrator access to the EcoSchools Certification Application (ECA):

Where you can view, sort, and download data from applications of all current and past schools registered with the program. This includes contact lists, participation numbers, and distinct data related to 50+ environmental actions (i.e., Kg of waste diverted, number of trees planted, number of walk to school campaigns, etc.). This enables you to have a system-wide view of the environmental actions and projects taking place across your network of schools. You can easily identify which actions are contributing to your overall sustainability plan and where schools might need additional support.



Access to exclusive support tools and resources:

Access to exclusive content to support you in running the EcoSchools program with your schools. These include an Annual Calendar, Sustainability Review, communications materials, and more.



Enhanced certification support:

Including training and support with the certification platform and an end-of-year board report outlining board or district achievements and next steps.

“EcoSchools is the **inspiration** for our schools and school board **to reduce its ecological footprint** while preparing our students to become **active, involved, and informed citizens**. It also connects them to the real world and their school communities in a way that the traditional curriculum doesn’t necessarily do.”

– Peel District School Board • Sustainability Specialist and EcoSchools Representative



What's included in your board or district membership?

For Schools

- Certification
- Recognition
- Resources
- Support

- Access to the online certification application
- Ability to certify with the EcoSchools program
- Digital certification seals
- Online learning resources and teaching guides
- How-to videos, webinars, FAQ
- Certification support newsletters
- Access to national campaigns
- Virtual, group coaching sessions
- School assessment, including virtual school visits

For Member Boards or Districts

- Sustainability metrics
- Support tools
- Collective impact

- Access to the online platform with group administrator accounts for up to 4 staff
- Access to individual and group certification data, school lists, contact lists (current and historical)
- Optional in-built "Get Support" feature to connect schools directly to their school board or district
- Activation package (password protected web page) with specialized support tools and resources
- Training and support with the certification platform
- Free participation in the [Physical Plaque and Seal Program](#)
- End-of-year impact report outlining your board or district's collective impact, achievements, and next steps
- Optional presentation to school board/district Trustees
- Optional presentation at a school board/district principals meeting
- Option to build a customized Regional User Experience with custom logos, actions and resources for your board or district
- Option to request customized resources such as webinars, workshops, virtual coaching, consultations, and more (please consult the "[Customized Resources for School Boards and Districts](#)" document for more information)
- First-access to special projects and initiatives

What is the Investment?

There are **two levels of membership** based on the size of your school board or district:

- **\$1,500** for small school boards/districts (1-25 schools)
- **\$2,500** for medium to large school boards/districts (26+ schools)

To become a Member, school boards/districts pay a fee equivalent to monthly installments of \$125 (for small boards/districts) and \$210 (for medium boards/districts), billed annually.

Annual Membership runs from **August 1st** and **July 30th** to encompass the entire academic year. For those renewing their Membership, payment should be made no later than **December 15th** of the new academic year, to maintain member benefits, including access to the EcoSchools Certification Application platform. Annual Memberships cannot be pro-rated.

If you are interested in registering for membership or have any questions, please contact us at info@ecoschools.ca.