



# 2019 - 2020

## ACC GREEN SCHOOL

### PROGRAM & ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Athens-Clarke County (ACC) Green School Program is designed to assist schools and teachers with environmental education and improvement efforts. The activities and lessons included in the program focus on conservation, preservation, and beautification of our environment. The joint effort between multiple ACCGOV organizations supports schools with expanded educational opportunities and community engagement. Visit our website at [www.accgreenschools.org](http://www.accgreenschools.org) for more information, or follow us on Facebook @accgreenschools.

#### ACC Green School Program Guidelines

- Each school should designate a Green School Coordinator who communicates with teachers and submits any schoolwide activities for credit (see table below).
- Confirm your school’s participation each year by emailing [stacy.smith@accgov.com](mailto:stacy.smith@accgov.com) with updated contact information for your Green School Coordinator and Principal before September 30.
- Schools must earn at least 25 points by completing approved Green School activities to earn Green School status. Eligible activities are worth 1 or 2 points each (see breakdown of points below).
- Teachers should submit their Green School activities via the online credit submission form. Points go toward the school's total and teachers are eligible to become a Green Teacher after earning 5 individual points.
- Specific activities and lessons listed in this guide are suggested activities and come from different Green School partners. Partners include the ACCGOV Recycling Division, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, the UGA-ACCGOV Extension Office, ACCGOV Stormwater Management, the ACCGOV Water Conservation Office, and other environmental organizations. Green School Teachers are welcome to submit activities/curriculums that are NOT included in this guide for consideration for credit.
- All activities must be submitted to the program by April 30 of each year to receive Green School points.

#### Activity Source Key (Who Sponsors the Eligible Activity?)

ACCGOV Recycling Division	706-613-3512	mason.towe@accgov.com
Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful	706-613-3501	stacy.smith@accgov.com
UGA-ACC Extension Office	706-613-3640	lney@uga.edu
ACCGOV Stormwater Management Program	706-613-3440	cecile.riker@accgov.com
ACCGOV Water Conservation Office	706-613-3729	jackie.sherry@accgov.com

Other Eligible Organizations/Activities Listed in White

# SCHOOLWIDE SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES & INFRASTRUCTURE

(Items in this section should be submitted by the Green School Coordinator ONLY.)

Activity	Points	Date	Activity	Points	Date
Schoolwide Compost Collection	2		School Battery Collection	1	
Food Waste Reduction Campaign	1		School Recycling Team	1	
Recycling Campaign	1		Special Item Recycling Drive	1	
School Film Plastic Bag Collection	1		Custodial Staff Recycling Training	1	
Inkjet Collection (no duplicate credit if individual teachers receive points)	2		Water Conservation Assembly – Grade level	1	
MLK Day of Service Project Site	1		Water Conservation Assembly – Schoolwide	2	
Schoolwide Garden Workday	1		School Installation of Drip Irrigation System	2	
School Garden Soil Test	1		Water Conservation Campaign	2	
School Garden Site Visit	1		School Environmental or Garden Club	2	
After-School Garden Club	2		School Wide EE Assembly	2	
School Rain Garden Installation	2		Grade Level EE Assembly	1	
School Rain Barrel Installation	1		Walk to School Day or Event	1	
School Garden Produce Consumption - Cafeteria	1		School Lunch Challenge Participation - Team or Judge	1	

## GIVE BACK

(Service Learning & Community Engagement)

Activity	Points	Date
Bring One for the Chipper Volunteer Team	2	
Litter Cleanup - Classroom	2	
Litter Audit - Classroom	1	
Outdoor Classroom Workday	1	
MLK Day of Service Participation - Teacher or Group	2	
Storm Drain Decaling - Field Trip	2	
Stream Cleanup - Field Trip	2	
Rivers Alive Participation - Teacher or Group	2	
Athens Water Festival Volunteer - Teacher or Group	2	
School Environmental Day of Service Event	2	

# IN THE CLASSROOM

## (Classroom Lessons)

Activity	Points	Date	Activity	Points	Date
GreenFest Art Submission (whole class & accurate theme)	1		Rain Barrel Workshop or Art Activity - Classroom	1	
Recycling Division Lesson - Teacher Led	1		Stormwater Staff Visit (includes Tortuga the Turtle mascot)	1	
Recycling Staff Visit (includes Binny & Veto the Vulture mascots)	1		Project WET Stormwater Module Lesson - Teacher Led	1	
Read for Recycling Participation	1		Freddie the Fish Lesson - Teacher Led	1	
Vulture Carrion Checkout	1		Water Quality Sampling - Teacher Led	1	
America Recycles Day Lesson	1		Stormwater Lesson - Teacher Led	1	
Wartville Wizard Lesson	1		Little Lily's Classroom Journal	1	
Classroom Planting Activity	1		Little Lily's Pad Hop	1	
Inkjet Collection - Classroom (no duplicate credit)	1		Project WET Lesson - Performed by Teacher	1	
KACCB Staff Visit (includes Bee Bee Clean mascot)	1		Water Conservation Lesson - Teacher Led	1	
Enviroscape Presentation - Classroom	1		Water Conservation Staff Visit (includes Lily Anne Phibian mascot)	1	
Waste in Place Lesson	1		Other EE Speakers or Presentations	1	
KACCB Lesson - Teacher Led	1		EE Literature/Storytime	1	
Classroom Vermicompost Bin	1		UGA Insect Zoo Visit	1	
Extension Staff Classroom Visit	1		UGA Bag the Bag Classroom Visit	1	
Master Gardener Classroom Visit	1		Arborist Classroom Visit	1	
Master Composter Classroom Visit	1		Community Forester Classroom Visit	1	
Farmer Classroom Visit	1		Monarchs Across Georgia Lesson	1	
Junior Master Gardener or SPROUTS Lesson - Teacher Led	1		Project Learning Tree Lesson	1	
			Project WILD Lesson	1	

## GET OUTSIDE

(Experiential Learning)

Activity	Points	Date
ACC Landfill & Compost Facility Tour	1	
ACC Materials Recycling Facility Tour	1	
ACC CHaRM Tour	1	
Waste Audit	2	
Tree Planting or Arbor Day Activity	1	
Tree Care (pruning or mulching) - Teacher Led	1	
Farm Visit	1	
Water Quality Testing - On Campus	1	
Water Quality Testing - Field Trip	1	
Storm Drain Decaling - On Campus	2	
Stream Cleanup - On Campus	2	
Drinking Water Treatment Plant Field Trip	1	
Water Drop Loan Box Rental	1	
Water Reclamation Facility Field Trip	1	
Water Resources Center Presentation (field trip add on)	1	
Water Resources Center Lab Tour (field trip add on)	1	
Bear Hollow Field Trip	1	
Classroom Visit to Park or Greenway	1	
UGA Latin American Ethnobotanical Garden Field Trip	1	
Earth Day Observation	1	
Sandy Creek Nature Center Field Trip	1	
State Botanical Garden of Georgia Field Trip	1	
Farm Field Trip	1	
Other EE Field Trip	1	

## TEACHER TIME

(Professional Development)

Activity	Points	Date
Teacher Recycling Division Tour Attendance (separate from class tour)	1	
Teacher Green Life Expo Attendance	1	
Project WILD or Learning Tree Training - Teacher	1	
Master Gardener Training - Teacher	1	
Master Composter Training - Teacher	2	
Extension Education Session (Free Monthly Gardening Classes)	2	
Master Naturalist Training - Teacher	2	
Teacher Water Sampling Event Attendance	1	
Teacher Roll Out the Barrels Attendance	1	
Teacher Workshop Attendance	1	
Teacher Stormwater Event Attendance - Other	1	
Project WET Certification - Teacher (earn once upon completion of workshop)	2	
Teacher Drinking Water Treatment Plant Tour (separate from class tour)	1	
Teacher Wastewater Reclamation Facility Tour (separate from class tour)	1	
Green Schools Training Event (Kickoff or Green School Staff Visit)	1	
Staff Sustainability Training (Custodians, Nutrition, etc.)	1	
Advanced Training in Environmental Education	2	
Georgia EEA Conference Attendance	1	
Georgia EEA Outdoor Learning Symposium Attendance	1	
Teacher Native Plant Certificate	2	
Georgia Organics Conference Attendance	1	
Monarchs Across Georgia Training - Teacher	1	