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Cumberland County Schools and Sustainable Sandhills Welcome Eight More Schools into Its Green Certified Schools Program



[Cumberland County Schools' Go Green Initiative](#) recognized eight new Green Certified Schools as part of the [Sustainable Sandhills Green Schools Program](#).

Seventy-First High School, Westover High School, Mac Williams Middle, Spring Lake

Middle, Cumberland Road Elementary, Ferguson-Easley Elementary, Loyd Auman, and Stedman Primary were approved for certification by Sustainable Sandhills in the first quarter of the new school year. Each school received their certificates at the Facilities Board Meeting on December 6th. **This brings the total green certified schools to 30; almost a third of the total schools served in Cumberland County!**

To become certified through Sustainable Sandhills, schools work with the Operations Green Schools Coordinator and Energy staff to develop sustainability plans from a checklist and menu of strategies. The sustainability plan addresses five areas. One area of focus is promoting environmental awareness and education to that particular school's community. This includes celebrating Earth Day, participating in activities during Energy Awareness Month and America Recycles day. Each school makes sure that reducing, reusing, and recycling are integrated into and modeled by everyone in daily activities.

Other areas of focus are pollution control, waste reduction and recycling, water conservation and efficiency, and energy conservation and efficiency. Each school develops green teams including faculty, custodial staff, parents, and students. Some schools even have energy conservation patrols or student green teams to help decrease waste.

Approximately twenty five other schools are working toward their Green Certification and look forward to be approved early in 2012.

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