

Princeton Review / USGBC release green college list

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The Princeton Review and USGBC released the fifth annual edition of the unique, free guidebook saluting the nation's most environmentally responsible green colleges.

Energy conservation presents a compelling and rich opportunity for K-12 schools. Historically, energy expenses in schools have been treated as relatively fixed and inevitable, flowing steadily in the background as administrators concentrated on urgent needs and programmatic priorities.

There is growing awareness, however, that a focus on energy use in schools yields an array of important rewards in concert with educational excellence and a healthful learning environment.

And there is new interest in behavior-based initiatives through which faculty, staff and students can be significant players in changing a school's energy profile.

This report examines five public schools that have reduced their electricity use by an astonishing 20 to 37 percent through successful behavior-based strategies. These exemplar schools vary in their attributes and are spread across the United States, but their programs are linked and defined by shared elements and strategies. They have achieved these remarkable results while maintaining a strong commitment to a healthy and optimal learning environment in support of their central educational mission. Their successful experiences are reviewed in the following pages, and the strategies they have employed are synthesized into a "how-to" toolkit for schools everywhere.

The potential benefits of engaging faculty, staff and students in energy conservation initiatives are broad and substantial. The range includes significant cost savings, reduced environmental impact and expanded opportunities for student learning and leadership, in addition to positive effects extending beyond the immediate school community. These benefits are detailed in this report along with additional resources that clarify the case for energy conservation in K-12 schools.

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List of New England colleges and universities.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut College
Eastern Connecticut State University
Southern Connecticut State University
University of Connecticut
Wesleyan University
Yale University
MAINE
Bates College
Bowdoin College
Colby College

Colby College

College of the Atlantic

Unity College

University of Maine

University of Maine at Farmington

MASSACHISETTS

Babson College

Bentley University

Boston College

Boston University

Brandeis University

Clark University

College of the Holy Cross

Endicott College

Framingham State College

Harvard College

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Mount Holyoke College

Northeastern University

Smith College

Stonehill CollegeSuffolk University

Tufts University

University of Massachusetts Amherst

University of Massachusetts - Boston

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Wellesley College

Williams College

Worcester State University

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dartmouth College

Keene State College

Southern New Hampshire University

University of New Hampshire

RHODE ISLAND

Brown University

Roger Williams University

University of Rhode Island

VERMONT

Bennington College

Champlain College

Green Mountain College

Middlebury College

Saint Michael's College

University of Vermont