



Annual Energy Challenge

About

The Energy & Sustainability team hosts an annual Energy Challenge for all schools. Students and staff are encouraged to participate in the Challenge by completing designated activities. Schools, individual classes, or green teams/eco clubs can make contributions toward their school meeting the Challenge requirements.

Schools are encouraged to commit to the Challenge, gather their green teams, and proceed down the path to a more sustainable PWCS. Participating schools can earn up to \$2,000 in incentives; \$1,800 for the school and \$200 for the staff sponsor.

Questions? Attend our [monthly webinars](#) or email us at sustainability@pwcs.edu.

Registration

Review the SY 2023-24 Energy Challenge Guidelines below. School Sustainability Liaisons should submit their school's intent to participate. Click on the 'Challenge Registration and Documentation' button below and complete the form that opens on click.

Challenge Registration and Documentation

Guidelines for the SY 2023-24 Energy Challenge

Goal for the Energy Challenge: To engage all PWCS schools, students, and staff, as well as encourage participation in environmental literacy, energy conservation, and sustainability education.

Purpose of Guidelines: To provide guidance to schools and Sustainability Liaisons for participating in the PWCS Energy Challenge and earning associated monetary incentives.

Registration: The School Sustainability Liaison should submit their school's intent to participate. Click on the 'Challenge Registration and Documentation' button above and complete the form that opens on click. Deadline to register is April 5, 2024.

Table 1. Energy Challenge Qualifying Activities

Activity	Description	Monetary Incentive
Active Sustainability Liaison	Verifies shutdowns, distributes Energy Management and/or Sustainability communications and media, attends annual Sustainability Summit , and promotes a sustainable culture within their school/office.	\$200 for Sustainability Liaison
Student/Class/Staff Green Team or Eco-Group	Conducts audits, clean-ups, campaigns; evaluates data; and advocates for sustainability measures within the school.	\$1,800 for School
Energy Conservation	Energy Usage/Shutdown audits.	
Water Conservation	Water and/or Watershed audits, Schoolyard/Neighborhood clean-ups.	
School-wide Recycling and Waste Reduction Plan	Waste audits, Schoolyard/Neighborhood clean-ups, Recycling/Waste Reduction campaigns; <i>label, collect and report water bottle filling stations data. (with link to spread sheet)</i>	

Documenting Participation: The School Sustainability Liaison will submit their school's intention to participate during the initial registration as indicated above. Registration should include a plan to document your school's proposed activities and a schedule with target milestones for completion of the activities in Table 1. Registration and plan documentation is required to meet the criteria for the monetary incentive. *Participating schools are not limited to only the above activities and may document additional actions on the registration form.*

Incentive Distribution: Monetary incentives will be distributed in December 2023 for all schools registered by December 1, 2023. A subsequent round of awards for schools registering between December 2, 2023, and April 5, 2024, will be distributed on or before May 5, 2024. The Sustainability Liaison's monetary incentive will be distributed via payroll. The school's monetary incentive will be distributed via an interoffice budget transfer originating from the Energy & Sustainability team.

Resources and Activities: Additional environmental literacy, energy conservation, and sustainability education activities and resources can be found on the [Energy & Sustainability page](#).

