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U.S. Department of Education Recognizes Green Seal™

January 4, 2012 - Washington, D.C. The Green Ribbon Schools policy, a new Department of Education program for schools on the path toward sustainability, includes references to Green Seal. The program aims to recognize schools that implement sustainable practices into their operations and into the education they provide. The U.S. Department of Education developed a pilot of the program in 2011 and is now in the process of its finalization.

Green Seal has been included in this program because Green Seal-certified cleaning products and services are important steps to incorporate in a school's sustainability program. Several parts of this program reference or link to Green Seal's website, from the resources available to schools (Healthy School Environments Resources/Green Cleaning) to the framework available to states. It is important to note that the framework for states was updated by the Department of Education in January 2012, so visit the program's website for the most up-to-date information.

Click for more information about the [Green Ribbon Schools program](#).

About Green Seal

Green Seal is an independent non-profit that develops lifecycle-based sustainability standards and offers third-party certification for those that meet the requirements in the standard. Green Seal has been actively identifying and promoting sustainability in the marketplace, and helping companies become greener in a real and effective way since 1989. **For more information visit:** greenseal.org

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