



EARTH MONTH

Houston Independent School District's Energy & Sustainability team is hosting **Earth Month 2018** to raise awareness about the environmental impact of our campuses and promote sustainable behaviors that reduce our "footprint" and save money!

HOW DO SCHOOLS ENROLL?

Select your school's Earth Month Champion, a leader in your school who is taking a stand for sustainability, and submit the [Earth Month Pledge](#). By acting during April, your school will be helping the district and the earth. Pledges can be submitted beginning April 2.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

After schools sign up, they can begin engaging in select activities to help the environment and earn points. Events are worth varying amounts of points based on the level of effort involved. Be sure to track your points, because the campus with the most participation points wins Earth Month 2018!

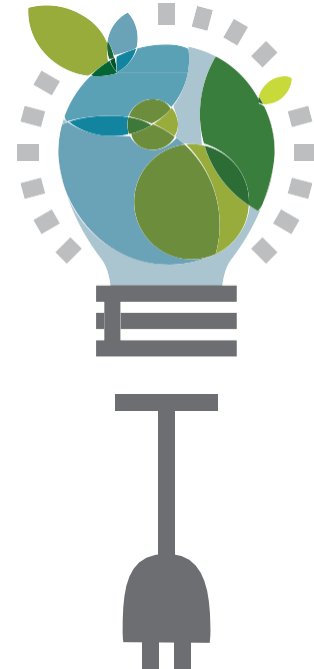
WHAT DO I WIN?

The winning campus is eligible to win a **sustainable outdoor classroom** and accompanying curriculum based on grade level:

- K-5: **Learn, Grow, Eat & Go!**
- 6-12: **Junior Master Gardener**

HOW DO WE WIN?

As you complete the Earth Month activities of your choice, be sure to track and record completion through photos and written documentation. The campus with the most points wins Earth Month 2018 and a sustainable outdoor classroom with accompanying curriculum! At the end of the month, submit your checklist of completed activities signed by your school principal to Sustainability@HoustonISD.org.



DID YOU KNOW?

HISD spends **over \$43 million** per year on utilities (e.g. electrical and water)

Utilities expenditures are the **second-largest expense** after salaries

Being **sustainable is more** than just being "green"

Changes in habits can result in significant **savings \$\$**



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ACTIVITY MENU

CAMPUS	POINTS
<p>How Eco-Friendly Is Your Campus? Take the survey to let us know about your campus's eco-features. (CLICK HERE)</p>	5/person
<p>Walk/Bike/Scoot/Carpool to School Day Conduct a hand up poll to find out how students and staff arrived at school on the designated day. Feel free to host more than one! Tally up and submit results here.</p>	25/person
<p>What Earth Day Means to Me Student Writing or Drawing Assignment Talk to your class about what Earth Day means to them. Have them to write a short paragraph or draw a picture expressing their thoughts and creativity. Enjoy the student's work by hanging picture and essays in the hallways throughout Earth Month.</p>	15/person
<p>The Great Earth Day Book Exchange Encourage student to bring one (or more) book(s) to class on a designated day to exchange with their classmates (reuse!). Request good, gently used books (not freebies) that are of the respective grade level of the students.</p>	10/person
<p>Eco-Friendly Announcements Include eco-friendly tips during the daily PA announcements. Prior to, and during Earth Month. Teachers can encourage their students to research and document interesting eco-facts to share with the school (e.g., facts on recycling, conservation, wildlife habitats, pollution prevention, etc.). These can be read during the morning and afternoon announcements through the month of April to remind students of their connection to the planet and the importance of protecting it for themselves and future generations. Tips here: Eco-Fact.pdf</p>	5/day
<p>Take Action to Protect Our Earth Encourage each class and/or grade level to select eco-friendly actions important to them and complete such actions throughout the month. Check out the many project ideas at Kids for Saving Earth! Tell us about them.</p>	15/person

Picnic For The Planet

Celebrate Earth Day with a school-wide picnic that promotes health and conservation. Coordinate with Nutrition Services to provide sack lunches and/or encourage students to pack a healthy lunch that creates little-to-no waste by using cloth napkins, and reusable lunch containers and water bottles. Invite parents to join and enjoy the great outdoors. Understanding our Earth gives us the food, water, and air we need to survive. We, in turn, must conserve and protect it. [CLICK HERE](#) for ideas and tips for hosting an Earth Day Picnic at your school.

25/person

Enroll to Use Sustainability Curriculum

Enroll as an EcoRise teacher for instant access to TEKS-aligned, STEM-based K-12 sustainability lessons and teacher training & support. Document your participation and complete at least one unit in April. [CLICK HERE](#) to enroll.

5/person

Conduct an Energy Audit

Save HISD money and help the Earth by conducting a simple energy audit of your school. Create and implement a simple plan to ensure lights, computers, and other electronic devices are turned off nightly or when not in use. More details: [Simple School Energy Audit](#) & [NWF's School Energy Audit link](#).

50/person

COMMUNITY

POINTS

Earth Day Houston

Check in at the HISD booth during your visit to the Houston Earth Day Festival at Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St, Houston, TX 77010. [CLICK HERE for details](#).

5/person

Earth Day Celebration

Hosting an Earth Day event on your campus or working with your community to host one? Email us your flyer and sign-in sheet. Your event may be held any day in April 2018.

25/campus

Bike Social (April 7th 9 am-11 am)

Rendezvous with #TeamHISD for a leisurely bike ride through scenic Houston. Teachers and staff that join will receive points for their campus. [Register here](#).

50/person

When I Grow Up Expo (April 14 • TBD)

Check in at the HISD Facilities booth during your visit to the Houston ISD Career Day at the Hattie Mae White Building. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

10/person

Million Mile Month (April 1 - 30)

Replace using your car and use your FEET-NOT-FUEL to get to school, the grocery store, or simply to have fun in the great outdoors! Join other schools in HISD to reach our goal of achieving 150,000+ miles of physical activity in the month of April. Let's top Fort Bend Independent School District in their quest for the same. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

30/person

Please remember to Tweet your favorite photos/videos from these activities to [@HoustonISD](#) or [@HISDGoGreen](#) tag them [#HISDGoGreen](#)!