

# Green Education Foundation and the Center for Green Schools Announce the Sustainability Education Clearinghouse

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*Clearinghouse offers K-12 educators a tool to share and access free green education resources*

Washington, D.C. (May 18, 2011) — [Green Education Foundation \(GEF\)](#), along with the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council, announce the launch of its Sustainability Education Clearinghouse, a free online tool that provides K-12 teachers with the ability to upload and share sustainability focused lessons with one another.

"The Clearinghouse provides teachers the opportunity to seek sustainability focused lessons that have been tested and proven in the classroom," said Victoria Waters, GEF President. "The goal is to offer educators a robust set of sustainably curricula, a growing area of interest and need for educators."

The U.S. Department of Education recently announced the creation of the Green Ribbon Schools program, which will recognize schools that have taken great strides in greening their curricula, buildings, school grounds and overall building operations. The Clearinghouse's online tool offers green-themed lessons from a broad spectrum of subjects and grade levels, uploaded for teachers by teachers, which can help schools looking to achieve Green Ribbon recognition. The Clearinghouse curriculum further enhances GEF's core online content with a plethora of lessons and hands-on projects focused on environmental, economic and social systems in an effort to provide students with real-world applied learning strategies.

"At the Center for Green Schools at USGBC we've met hundreds of educators from green schools across the country who have created dynamic and innovative curriculum around sustainability themes. We partnered with the Green Education Foundation to create the Sustainability Education Clearinghouse to give these committed and inspired educators the opportunity to share curriculum and lesson plans with their peers, who in turn will educate their students about sustainability and the environment," said Rachel Gutter, director of the Center for Green Schools. "The Center is dedicated to achieving green schools for everyone within this generation and educating for sustainability is an incredibly important part of making this happen."

The Clearinghouse provides users the ability to rate, review and download lessons by grade, subject, eco-area as well to view the most downloaded. With the addition of the Clearinghouse, GEF now provides a one-stop shop for educators to view and access lessons as well as share their own creative works with others.

All GEF content and lessons are available for free to educators worldwide. Visit [www.SEClearinghouse.org](http://www.SEClearinghouse.org) to upload, share and comment on green-themed lessons today.

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