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DWR RECOGNIZES SCHOOLS FOR THE VIRGINIA NATURALLY SCHOOLS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

RICHMOND- DWR's Virginia Naturally Schools is the official environmental education school recognition program of the Commonwealth. The goal of the program is to recognize those exemplary efforts undertaken by Virginia schools to increase the environmental awareness and stewardship of its students. The schools' environmental efforts also support the *Profile of a Virginia Graduate* through the development of the students' Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking and Civic Responsibility.

After a two year hiatus, the recognition program returned and recognized thirty-six schools for their efforts during the 2021-22 school year. Seventeen schools were recognized for the first time since the recognition program's inception in 2000 and the remaining schools received repeated recognition for their continued progression. Three schools earned their 21st year of recognition!

If your school has already been working with its community, resource agencies and businesses to include education about the environment in the curriculum, consider applying for the Virginia Naturally School Recognition Award next spring. This is not a one-time award but one upon which you may build and achieve additional recognitions each year you participate.

For more information on the Virginia Naturally Schools Recognition Program, visit: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/education/school-recognition/>

2021-2022 Virginia Naturally Recognized Schools

School System	Name of School	Application Year
Albemarle County Public Schools	Scottsville Elementary School	Year 1
Bristol Virginia Public Schools	Virginia High School	Year 3
Chesapeake Bay Governor's School	Chesapeake Bay Governor's School	Year 14
Chesapeake Public Schools	Greenbrier Intermediate School	Year 16
Chesterfield Public Schools	Spring Run Elementary School	Year 1
Culpeper County Public Schools	Emerald Hill Elementary School	Year 1
Fairfax County Public Schools	Daniels Run Elementary School	Year 14
Fairfax County Public School	Providence Elementary School	Year 1
Fairfax County Public School	Katherine Johnson Middle School	Year 9
Franklin County Public Schools	Franklin County High School	Year 3
Franklin County Public Schools	Sontag Elementary School	Year 1
Gloucester County Public Schools	Abingdon Elementary School	Year 4
Gloucester County Public Schools	Peasley Middle School	Year 21
Hampton City Schools	Phillips Elementary School	Year 1
Independent School	North Branch School	Year 21
Loudoun County Public Schools	Blue Ridge Middle School	Year 14
Martinsville City Public Schools	Albert Harris Elementary School	Year 1
Pittsylvania County Schools	Gretna Middle School	Year 4
Prince William County Public Schools	Battlefield High School	Year 1
Prince William County Public Schools	Coles Elementary School	Year 9
Prince William County Public Schools	Dale City Elementary School	Year 1
Prince William County Public Schools	Freedom High School	Year 1
Prince William County Public Schools	George P Mullen Elementary School	Year 1
Prince William County Public Schools	Kilby Elementary School	Year 1
Prince William County Public Schools	Neabsco Elementary School	Year 1
Prince William County Public Schools	Piney Branch Elementary School	Year 1
Pulaski County Public Schools	Pulaski County High School	Year 1
Richmond Public Schools	John B. Cary Elementary School	Year 1
Roanoke County Public Schools	Glenvar High School	Year 14
Rockingham County Public Schools	John Wayland Elementary School	Year 21
Rockingham County Public Schools	Lacey Spring Elementary School	Year 3
Rockingham County Public Schools	Linville-Edom Elementary School	Year 6
Scott County Public Schools	Gate City High School	Year 5
Shenandoah County Public Schools	Central High School	Year 13
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Old Donation School	Year 1
Williamsburg-James City County	Walsingham Academy	Year 4