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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 Virginia Department of Education's *Profile of a Virginia Graduate* through the development of the students' Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking and Civic Responsibility.

The Virginia Naturally Schools Program recognized 48 schools for their efforts during the 2022-23 school year. Sixteen 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 22nd year of recognition. Combined these schools reached over 33,000 students across the Commonwealth during the last school year!

If your school has already been working to include education about the environment in the curriculum, consider applying for the Virginia Naturally School Recognition Program 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/>

2022-2023 Virginia Naturally Recognized Schools

| School System: | Name of school: | Recognition Year |
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| Arlington Public Schools | Jamestown Elementary School | 1 |
| Bristol Virginia Public Schools | Virginia High School | 4 |
| Chesapeake Bay Governor's School | Chesapeake Bay Governor's School | 15 |
| Fairfax County Public Schools | Westlawn Elementary School | 1 |
| Fairfax County Public Schools | Edison High School | 1 |
| Fairfax County Public Schools | Providence Elementary School | 2 |
| Fairfax County Public Schools | Belvedere Elementary School | 8 |
| Fairfax County Public Schools | Katherine Johnson Middle School | 10 |
| Fairfax County Public Schools | Daniels Run Elementary School | 15 |
| Gloucester County Public Schools | Abingdon Elementary School | 5 |
| Gloucester County Public Schools | Peasley Middle School | 22 |
| Harrisonburg City Public Schools | Spotswood Elementary School | 1 |
| Henrico County Public Schools | Three Chopt Elementary School | 2 |
| Henrico County Public Schools | Highland Springs High School | 3 |
| Loudoun County Public Schools | Farmwell Station Middle School | 1 |
| Loudoun County Public Schools | Blue Ridge Middle School | 15 |
| Martinsville City Public Schools | Albert Harris Elementary School | 2 |
| Pittsylvania County Public Schools | Gretna Middle School | 5 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Gar-Field Senior High School | 1 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | George P Mullen Elementary School | 2 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Coles Elementary School | 10 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Bel Air Elementary School | 1 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Belmont Elementary School | 1 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Mountain View Elementary | 1 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Patriot High School | 2 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Dale City Elementary School | 2 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Freedom High School | 2 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Piney Branch Elementary School | 2 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Neabsco Elementary School | 2 |
| Prince William County Public Schools | Benton Middle School | 3 |
| Private /Independent School | Lynnhaven School | 1 |
| Private /Independent School | Saint Patrick Catholic School | 4 |
| Private/Independent School | North Branch School | 22 |
| Private/Independent School | Ware Academy | 8 |
| Private/Independent School | Highland School | 1 |
| Richmond City Public Schools | Barack Obama Elementary | 1 |
| Roanoke County Public Schools | Glenvar High School | 15 |
| Rockbridge County Public Schools | Fairfield Elementary School | 6 |
| Rockingham County Public Schools | Lacey Spring Elementary School | 4 |
| Rockingham County Public Schools | Linville-Edom Elementary School | 7 |
| Rockingham County Public Schools | John Wayland Elementary School | 22 |
| Scott County Public Schools | Gate City High School | 6 |
| Smyth County Public Schools | Northwood Middle School | 1 |
| Spotsylvania County Public Schools | Post Oak Middle School | 1 |

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| Staunton City Schools | Bessie Weller Elementary School | 1 |
| Virginia Beach City Public Schools | Kempsville Middle School | 1 |
| Williamsburg-James City County Schools | Walsingham Academy | 5 |