2013 VSBA GREEN SCHOOLS CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED
38 School Divisions Certified as “Green School Divisions”

November 21, 2013 - Nine school divisions receive top awards in the 2013 Virginia School Boards Association’s (VSBA) Green Schools Challenge, a friendly competition designed to encourage implementation of specific environmental policies and practical actions that reduce the carbon emissions generated by both the local school division and the broader community. This is the fifth year the awards were given out.

Nine category winners were selected from 40 entries and were recognized today at the VSBA Annual Convention being held in Williamsburg. In addition, 38 school divisions were recognized as being Certified Green School Divisions by implementing new actions and adopting new policies that earn the divisions "green points". The VSBA Green Schools Challenge was sponsored by Moseley Architects and ABM Building & Energy Solutions.

Green Schools Challenge Winners

**Student Population Under 5,000**
First Place: Hopewell City Public Schools
Second Place: Buckingham County Public Schools
Third Place: Nelson County Public Schools

**Student Population 5,001 – 10,000**
First Place: Henry County Public Schools
Second Place: Manassas City Public Schools
Third Place: Fairfax City Public Schools

**Student Population 10,001 & Up**
First Place: Albemarle County Public Schools
Second Place: Roanoke County Public Schools
Third Place: Virginia Beach City Public Schools

VSBA Certified Green School Divisions

**Platinum Certification (175 – 200 “Green Points”)**
Albemarle County Public Schools
Arlington County Public Schools
Culpeper County Public Schools
Cumberland County Public Schools
Frederick County Public Schools
Gloucester County Public Schools
Henry County Public Schools
Isle of Wight County Public Schools
Loudoun County Public Schools
Nottoway County Public Schools
Roanoke County Public Schools
Virginia Beach City Public Schools

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### Gold Certification (150 – 174 “Green Points”)
- Augusta County Public Schools
- Chesapeake City Public Schools
- Fairfax City Public Schools
- Manassas City Public Schools
- Nelson County Public Schools
- Newport News City Public Schools

### Silver Certification (125 – 149 “Green Points”)
- Alexandria City Public Schools
- Buckingham County Public Schools
- Fairfax County Public Schools
- Goochland County Public Schools
- Hopewell City Public Schools
- King William County Public Schools
- Middlesex County Public Schools
- Radford City Public Schools
- Salem City Public Schools
- Shenandoah County Public Schools
- Williamsburg/James City County Public Schools
- York County Public Schools

### Green Certification (100 – 124 “Green Points”)
- Fauquier County Public Schools
- Halifax County Public Schools
- Montgomery County Public Schools
- New Kent County Public Schools
- Orange County Public Schools
- Patrick County Public Schools
- Portsmouth City Public Schools
- Prince William County Public Schools

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