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Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Green Ribbon Schools Application:

Webinar Training for BIE-funded
schools

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GreenRibbonSchools



Important to Keep in Mind

- 1. These are ambitious goals and few if any schools are expected to have achieved all three, or perhaps even 100% of any one of the Pillars.
- 2. Schools demonstrating exemplary achievement in all three Pillars will receive the highest ranking.
- 3. It is important to demonstrate concrete achievement, using quantified measures, whenever possible.
- 4. If your school is being actively considered, additional documents supporting your answers may be requested.

BIE-GRS (2 Step Process)

- All BIE-funded schools are eligible to apply for the Green Ribbon School award
- 1) BIE will select up to 4 nominees to U.S. Department of Education-Green Ribbon Schools (GRS-ED)
- 2) GRS-ED will in turn, review the BIE nominees, and offer awards to schools nationally

BIE-GRS Timeline

<i>December 2011:</i>	<i>BIE issues notification of intent to participate to ED, public and schools.</i>
<i>January 2012:</i>	<i>BIE issues school application and guidelines for soliciting and selecting nominees for submission to ED.</i>
<i>January 2012</i>	<i>BIE hosts Green Ribbon School Webinar training for all BIE schools, pre-register by CLICKING HERE.</i>
<i>February 2012:</i>	<i>Deadline for schools to submit application to BIE for nomination.</i>
<i>February - March 2012:</i>	<i>BIE convenes review committee reviews applications against eligibility requirements and ED criteria.</i>
<i>March 22, 2012:</i>	<i>Review committee selects and submits up to 4 nominees to ED for the Green Ribbon Schools recognition award.</i>
<i>April 2012:</i>	<i>ED verifies that nominees meet eligibility requirements and have been evaluated against ED criteria. ED, with assistance from EPA, then reviews and rates schools based on eligibility criteria.</i>
<i>May 2012:</i>	<i>ED hosts recognition award ceremony.</i>

Due Date

- All applications are due by 5 P.M. (EST) on February 24, 2012 (Friday)

Scoring Rubric

Green Ribbon Pillars and Elements

Points

Cross-Cutting Questions: Participation in Green School Programs and/or Awards for Environmental and Sustainability Efforts 5 points

PILLAR ONE: Environmental Impact and Energy Efficiency: 30%

Element 1A: Improved energy conservation/energy efficient building(s) 15 points

Element 1B: Improved water quality, efficiency, and conservation 5 points

Element 1C: Reduced waste production and improved recycling/composting programs 5 points

Element 1D: Use of alternative transportation to, during, and from school 5 points

PILLAR TWO: Healthy School Environment: 30%

Element 2A: An integrated school environmental health program 15 points

Element 2B: High standards of nutrition, fitness, and quantity of quality outdoor time 15 points

PILLAR THREE: Environmental and Sustainability Education: 35%

Element 3A: Interdisciplinary learning about the key relationships between dynamic environmental, energy and human systems 20 points

Element 3B: Use of the environment and sustainability to develop STEM content, knowledge, and thinking skills 5 points

Element 3C: Development and application of civic engagement knowledge and skills 10 points

TOTAL 100 points

Before You Complete the Application

- Preview the application and questions
<http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/773506/1217785f0a01>
- Gather all information prior to starting the application
- Assemble a team to help you (facilities directors, physical education directors, food services directors, curriculum directors, finance department representatives (for access to purchase orders, etc.) and teachers. A class or group of students may also work with this team.

Completing the Online Application

- BIE Green Ribbon Schools Website:
<http://www.bie.edu/greenribbonschools/index.htm>
- BIE Green Ribbon Schools Application:
<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/773506/1217785f0a01>
- Provide basic information and complete a series of questions, including some short narratives
- Approximately 33 minutes to complete
- Save and Return at any time

Resources

- Within the application (links)
- BIE-GRS website
<http://www.bie.edu/greenribbonschools/index.htm>
- U.S. Department of ED website
<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>

Certification Level

- School Principal
- The school principal will certify that all statements in the application true and correct

Confirmation

- A confirmation email will be sent to the school principal once the application has been submitted
- Schools will be notified if they have been selected or have not been selected

Technical Assistance

- Email questions to greenribbonschools@bie.edu
- Call Brandi Sweet, Program Analyst, BIE Office of Policy, Evaluation and Post Secondary Education at (202) 208-5504