



OUR VISION

FCPS will build our sustainable global future and foster a green culture by successfully engaging in best practices around environmental stewardship and teaching and learning for preK-12.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to promote student learning and action using the environment as a foundation. We will be model environmental stewards by investing in green infrastructure and resources, utilizing interdisciplinary environmental curriculum, and fostering community partnerships.

OUR GOALS

Our sustainability goals are aligned with the strategic goals described in Ignite, the FCPS Strategic Plan. They are outlined in the following tables. Items that are bolded and italicized are taken directly from the Ignite plan. Non-italicized items represent the sustainability specific goals and actions that Get2Green is planning to accomplish.

FCPS STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 1 **STUDENT SUCCESS**

OVERARCHING STRATEGY 1

Enhance instructional practices to ensure that all students receive an education in a dynamic environment designed to foster life-long learning and support them in achieving their full potential.

DESIRED OUTCOME	ACTIONS	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<i>The curriculum will reflect Portrait of a Graduate outcomes in all content areas, where students are appropriately challenged</i>	Partner with Fairfax County Park Authority to develop and offer a 4 th grade MWEE	●	● ●	● ●
	At least one environment related STEAM project per year available in all schools for grades K-6	● ●	●	●
	<i>Inquiry and problem/project based learning opportunities to be embedded in curriculum pre K-12</i>	● ●	● ●	
	Development of PBL resources that incorporate the environment as a basis			
	<i>Capstone-type projects at the conclusion of 3rd, 5th, and 8th grades and during the 10th or 11th grade year</i>		● ●	● ●
Development of Capstone-type projects with the environment as a basis for at least 3 grade levels.				
<i>A full-developed balanced assessment system will reflect Portrait of a Graduate outcomes in all content areas</i>	<i>Develop and embed a balanced assessment program that assesses both foundational skills and critical thinking/problem solving.</i>		● ●	● ●
Develop at least 3 balanced assessment tools around environment related projects.				
<i>All qualifying future FCPS students will have access to high quality early education programs</i>	<i>Offer a continuum of services and supports to meet students where they are, both developmentally and academically</i>	●	●	●
Develop a demonstration outdoor classroom for early childhood instruction.				
Increase participation in Eco-Schools USA program	Implement Green School Incentives Program		● ●	●
	Improve Eco-Schools pathway resource accessibility	● ●	●	●

FCPS STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 3 **CARING CULTURE**

OVERARCHING STRATEGY 7

Promote overall health and well-being of students and staff in order to encourage healthy life choices and an increased quality of life

DESIRED OUTCOME	ACTIONS	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<i>Proactive and dynamic communications will better engage the community in critical issues</i>	Develop a publically available website with sustainability data, actions and goals	●	● ●	
<i>FCPS students and staff will be encouraged and supported in making healthy life choices</i>	<p><i>Expand the current portfolio of wellness options for staff and students, to actively promote and support increased exercise and improved nutrition, adequate sleep, and mental health</i></p> <p>Expand community partnerships focusing on the development of edible gardens on school grounds and nutrition education using the gardens as a tool. Focus efforts on food desert areas of Fairfax County.</p> <p>Support increased participation in the Eco Schools Healthy Living Pathway.</p>	●	● ●	●

FCPS STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 4 **RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP**

OVERARCHING STRATEGY 11

Promote the value and benefits of the community’s investment in FCPS in order to increase the community’s understanding of the Division’s operating and capital needs to support student success.

DESIRED OUTCOME	ACTIONS	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Development of an environmental stewardship vision, culture, and leadership mentality that sets an example for FCPS students and enhances student learning	Establish FCPS Sustainability Team	● ●		
	Establish Get2Green “brand” across the district and for all personnel	●	● ●	
	Establish clear, achievable but motivating goals for sustainability	●	●	●
FCPS Cafeterias Polystyrene Free by 2016	Engage contractor to supply recyclable lunch tray	● ●		
	Engage contractor to supply polystyrene free lunch cups, casserole dishes, etc.	● ●		
	Produce and deliver new recycling signs for the cafeterias and classrooms (Food and Nutrition and Get2Green)	●	●	
Increase Recycling in FCPS facilities	Develop recycling/trash data that is publicly available and usable by student and staff teams to enhance recycling in schools	● ●	●	
Increase Energy Conservation in FCPS facilities	Develop energy use data that is publicly available and usable by student and staff teams to enhance energy conservation in schools	● ●	●	
	Analyze use of solar panels for installation on roofs of schools	●	●	●
Develop FCPS Sustainable Landscaping Plan	Develop plan to maximize sustainable landscaping to meet the needs of Design and Construction, Grounds and Maintenance, Plant Operations, and Instructional Services Division	● ●	● ●	
	Provide professional development sessions and literature for all grounds staff, custodians, sub-contractors, monitors, and school-based personnel on importance, installation, and maintenance of wildlife habitat	●	●	●
	Create and install signs to denote and explain sustainable landscaping	● ●	●	●

