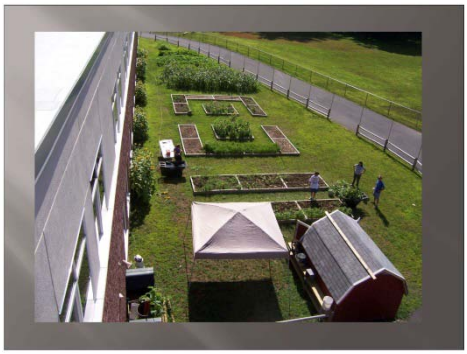

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A NEW YORK STATE GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL

The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools honors America's public and nonpublic elementary, middle and high schools for their efforts toward improving student health and achievement and reducing their environmental impact.

- Green and healthy school environments create healthy, productive learning places for students and teachers.
- Studies show that healthy indoor environments in schools raise student achievement and save money, while improving the health of students and staff.
- Environmental education provides a focus for learning in all content areas and builds critical thinking skills.
- Students are more engaged and become empowered to make a difference in their school and community.

While the award confers no federal funds, Green Ribbon awardees may experience national and local press coverage, re-energized staff and parents, and enhanced community support. Awardees will be invited to participate in national and local recognition ceremonies.

View the application and information about the New York State Green Ribbon Schools program
or contact Sara Madison, RA, NYS Department of Education at nysgreenrib@nysed.gov
View information about the national Green Ribbon Schools program.

2021 NYS Green Ribbon Schools Award Timeline

November 13, 2020 – NYS Green Ribbon Schools Application due
February 2021 – NYS Green Ribbon Schools nominees announced
May 2021 – US ED Green Ribbon Schools awardees announced *(tentative)*

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