

zerowaste schools



Attention DOE Teachers and Principals:

Announcing the Zero Waste Schools Awards! Win giveaways and cash prizes for your school, while working with your students to improve our environment!

How To Enter

In order to enter the contests, you must have an account on the Zero Waste Schools (ZWS) social media platform, nyc.gov/zws. Follow the steps below to get started today:

1. Teachers/Staff email schools@dsny.nyc.gov to get your school's unique validation code. Include your school name, address and borough.
2. Use your code to create an account on nyc.gov/zws.
3. Once you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email. Follow the steps in the email to confirm your account.
4. To register for the Zero Waste Schools Awards, click on the Contest Page, then click "register." Follow the prompts to enter the contests.
5. Begin posting! Students can also sign up: they can select their school and a teacher/staff must confirm their account.



Important Dates

Submission Deadline: May 14

Announcement of Winners: May 30 – June 1

Event Date: Week of June 12

Contests

DSNY's Commissioner's Cup: A brand new recognition for sustainability efforts, projects and significant improvement in school recycling, chosen by the DSNY Commissioner's Office.

CCNYC's Team Up To Clean Up: Rewards schools that conceive, design, and implement effective cleanup and beautification projects, including school gardens.

MFTA's Reduce & Reuse: Recognizes and awards creative reuse projects in schools.

RCP's Super Recyclers: Recognizes and awards exemplary recycling programs in schools.

Zero Waste Schools Challenge: A brand new compliance and data-driven contest (only open to the first 100 ZWS).

For more information on the Zero Waste Schools Website and Awards, visit nyc.gov/zerowasteschools. If you have additional questions, email schools@dsny.nyc.gov. PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL TEACHERS IN YOUR SCHOOL!