



## RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION LEADERSHIP IN GREEN SCHOOLS

Rhode Island is at the forefront of the green school movement. All school construction projects in Rhode Island are required to comply with the **Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools (NECHPS) Protocol**. The goal of the NECHPS Protocol is to provide high quality schools that conserve energy, are easier to maintain, and provide a healthy and comfortable learning environment for students.

As a result of the School Construction Regulations and the NECHPS protocol, Rhode Island public schools that have undertaken construction projects **use at least 30% less energy and 20% less water** than buildings designed to code, and have **diverted at least 50% of construction waste** from the landfill. And many projects are striving to go far beyond these standards to create sustainable, efficient, and high performance 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environments.

### **NECHPS VERIFIED:**

- Providence Career Technical Academy
- Nathan Bishop Middle School
- East Greenwich - Cole Middle School
- Newport – Pell Elementary School

### **NECHPS Verification In Progress:**

- Little Compton – Wilbur McMahon Renovation
- Paul Crowley East Bay MET School



**Paul Crowley East Bay MET Center, Newport, RI**

**NECHPS DESIGNED:**

Rhode Island is one of the only states that requires all school construction projects – from small renovations to new construction – to comply with the NECHPS Protocol. This innovative requirement means that all work done in schools complies with the highest standards for healthy and sustainable design and construction practices. In general, renovations are required to comply with the prerequisites and credits that applicable to the scope of work and therefore may not receive full NECHPS Verification.

- Central Falls District-wide Renovations
- Chariho District-wide Renovations
- Compass School Renovations
- Exeter-West Greenwich District-wide Renovations
- East Greenwich - High School Renovations
- East Providence District-wide Repairs
- East Providence Energy Upgrades
- MET Entrepreneurial Center
- North Kingstown – District-wide Renovations
- North Smithfield Energy Upgrades
- Paul Cuffee Charter School - Renovations
- Providence Science Laboratories
- Scituate District-wide Renovations

**NECHPS Design Verification in Progress:**

- Barrington District-wide Repairs
- Bristol Warren District-wide Repairs
- Coventry District-wide Repairs
- Lincoln District-wide Repairs
- Middletown District-wide Repairs
- Pawtucket District-wide Repairs
- Portsmouth District-wide Repairs
- UCAP Renovation and Addition



**Nathan Bishop Middle School, Providence, RI is the first NECHPS historic renovation.**

Rhode Island also participated in the inaugural year of the US Department of Education’s Green Ribbon Schools Program. The **Green Ribbon Schools** program recognizes schools that save energy, reduce costs, feature environmentally sustainable learning spaces, protect health, foster wellness, and offer environmental education to boost academic achievement and community engagement.

**NATIONAL GREEN RIBBONS SCHOOLS:**

- The Compass School
- Classical High School
- Nathan Bishop Middle School
- Providence Career Technical Academy
- Claiborne Pell Elementary School
- Greene School



**Providence Career and Technical Academy, Providence, RI.**