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 21st 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
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

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

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