

EcoSchools U.S. Action Card Point Guide

Each action card in the EcoSchools U.S. Action Library is assigned a total possible point value. These range from 10-25 points per card depending on the amount of work required to complete each card. To reach a certification level in the new EcoSchools U.S. Certification Application (ECA), schools accrue points based on their response to certification questions on each action card. A more detailed description of the estimated time to complete each action card can be found [here](#).

Certification Point Levels

Participant	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Green Flag
<input type="checkbox"/> Achieve 35-49 points	<input type="checkbox"/> Achieve 50-64 points	<input type="checkbox"/> Achieve 65-79 points	<input type="checkbox"/> Achieve 80-99 points	<input type="checkbox"/> Achieve 100+ points

Important Things to Note

- Each card has a maximum number of points that can be earned depending on the responses chosen.
- A school could earn less than the total value for a question depending on the level of engagement. As an example in the question below, whole-school action will earn 1 point, while engagement with one or more classrooms .75, and the action team .5.
- It's important to review the certification questions before selecting an action.

* 1. EcoSchools Framework Connection! Who was engaged in this action?

- Action team or other group: the EcoTeam, school staff, parent council, or another club is engaged, but the action does not extend to the whole school.
- Classroom: One or more classrooms are engaged, but the action does not extend to the whole school.
- Whole-school: Engagement opportunities have been extended to the whole school.

- Keep in mind that some questions also have a maximum number of points that can be earned. For example, each answer below is worth .25 points. However, this question has a maximum number of points (.5) that schools can earn.

6. The team's actions support or improve the community's health, wellness, or resilience by addressing which of the following?

Check only those that apply.

- air pollution
- soil contamination
- water pollution
- safe routes to school
- safe access to parks
- access to green space
- inadequate indoor air quality
- inequitable exposure to extreme weather, like floods, droughts, wildfires, and hurricanes
- other