

## Green projects for schools

WE would like to share some ideas that schools and universities can implement for a fresh approach to educational sustaina-

ble development.

One idea is a "green credits" system where students earn points for sustainable actions, such as participating in community clean-ups, conserving energy on campus, or promoting ecofriendly practices. The credits could translate into extra privileges or academic incentives.

Another approach is setting up innovation labs on campus. In these small labs, students could work on sustainable projects, like designing ecofriendly packaging or developing energy-saving devices. Partnering with local businesses would give students resources and mentorship, providing real-world experience in creating sustainable solutions.

Universities could also offer ecoscholarships for students who demonstrate a commitment to sustainability or present innovative ideas for green initiatives. These scholarships would motivate students to propose impactful projects to improve environmental practices on their campus or in their communities, fostering a new generation of ecoconscious leaders.

Virtual field trips are also an exciting option. Instead of traditional excursions, schools could organise immersive virtual visits to renewable energy plants, recycling centres, or protected ecosystems worldwide. This method increases students' global awareness without the environmental impact of physical travel.

Lastly, schools could implement sustainable food initiatives by partnering with local farmers to bring seasonal, ecofriendly produce into cafeterias. Students could also run a sustainable café or weekly market, learning both environmental and business skills in a hands-on way.

These ideas go beyond traditional methods, inspiring students to live sustainably and creatively tackle environmental issues.

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