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## Leading school districts tap the power of superior energy management.

EPA, through its ENERGY STAR® program, provides partners with guidelines for superior energy management built on the practices of leading organizations. Use these guidelines to lower operating costs and improve student and staff comfort. You will also demonstrate your school district's environmental commitment by reducing pollution and the emissions that contribute to global warming.

### Did you know?

- U.S. school districts spend \$6 billion each year on energy, second only to salaries.
- Top energy-performing schools use three times less energy than the least efficient schools.
- ENERGY STAR can help improve your district's energy efficiency and lower your energy bill 30% or more.

Let ENERGY STAR guide you, step by step. Become a partner by calling 1-888-STAR-YES or visiting:

[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)





# Use less energy. Reinvest the savings.

Based on the success of thousands of ENERGY STAR® partners, EPA has developed a proven strategy for energy management. By following these guidelines, your school district will take control of energy costs, demonstrate sound fiscal management, and help protect the environment.

## Here's some of what you can do:

Assess Performance & Set Goals

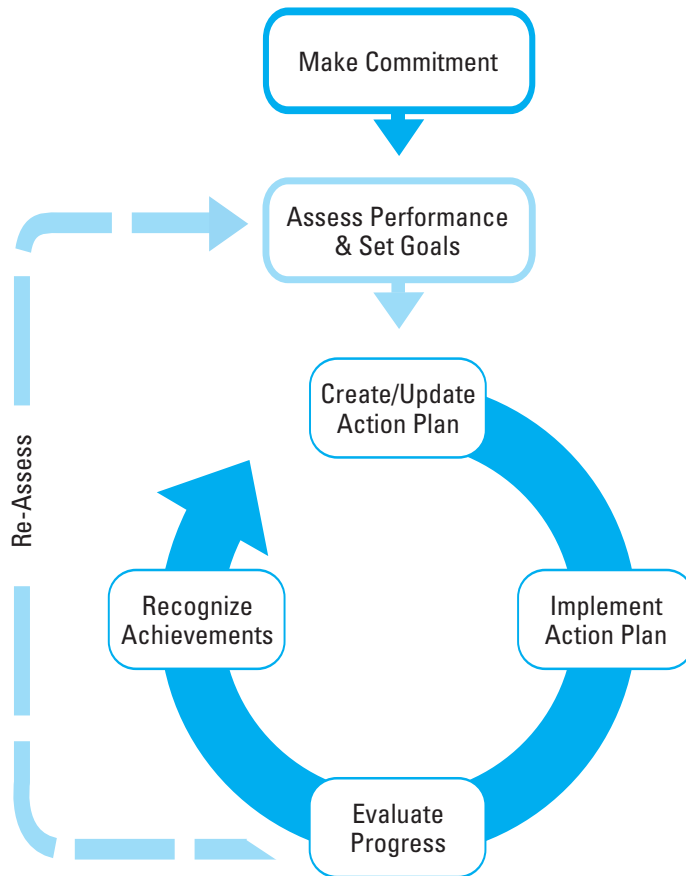
### Great management starts with the right measures.

Get a handle on your energy use with EPA's national rating system. This system allows you to measure the energy efficiency of your schools and compare them to others across the United States. Using data that you provide online, the system produces a baseline rating from 1 to 100. Once you have established this baseline, use ENERGY STAR's tools and resources to prioritize your investments, set goals, and track your management success. Access the national rating system online through ENERGY STAR's Portfolio Manager.

Recognize Achievements

### Distinguish your school district.

ENERGY STAR is the national symbol for protecting the environment through energy efficiency, recognized by over half of all U.S. households. Leverage that awareness by displaying the ENERGY STAR on schools that rate 75 or higher. Partners that improve their ratings portfolio-wide by 10, 20, or 30 points distinguish themselves as ENERGY STAR Leaders. EPA recognizes Leaders as setting the standard for superior energy management.



### ENERGY STAR Guidelines

Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) and click on ENERGY STAR Guidelines under Business Improvement. Then click on the individual links for tools and resources that can help you at each step.

For more ways to take control of your energy costs and improve your bottom line, call 1-888-STAR-YES or visit:

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