

# 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 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

<b>Participant</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Green Flag</b>
<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 how well the the response connects to the prompt.
- A school could earn less than the total point value for a question depending on the level of engagement. As an example, the action description requires a detailed response for several elements of the work. A school may not earn full point value if they do not provide the requested details.
- It's important to review the certification questions before selecting an action.

11. Action Description: This question carries the most weight. Please clearly describe how your school implemented this action in the current school year. The certification level earned is dependent upon how the following elements are explained: 1) action implementation using the EcoSchools Framework, 2) the depth at which partners were engaged, 3) how students at the school have been involved (e.g., action team, classroom, whole school), 4) the impact on students/school community, learning, and 5) social-emotional impacts.

- 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 (1) that schools can earn.

\* 5. How did this action provide opportunities for student leadership? Please select ONLY those that apply. Students:

- planned and organized the action and corresponding events
- developed communication materials and resources
- communicated the goals of the action with the school community.
- led the action and corresponding events.
- developed partnerships with other clubs, schools, or community groups to support the action.
- mentored one another, or engaged students at a different school, to strengthen the action.
- other (Please explain in the Action Description.)