

## 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

<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 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