



Step 4: Monitor and Evaluate Progress

Measuring change, analyzing what's working and making changes where needed

Number Sense | Design | Inquiry | Reflection | Teamwork | Photography & Video | Accuracy | Revision

What is it?

The process of actively engaging in the monitoring and evaluation of the Eco-Action Plan are important tools to help you check your progress, adjust your plan for greater success and provide validation for your project or initiative.

How Does it Work?

In making any project successful it is important to monitor whether things are changing or have changed. Ideally you want to identify how you will monitor and evaluate your progress as a part of the Eco-Action Plan. There are lots of different ways to monitor and evaluate change:

Before and after photos | analysis of electricity and water bills | biodiversity surveys | knowledge and attitude questionnaires | transportation surveys | post-audits | meter readings | litter counts

Award Criteria



The Eco-Action Team identifies and monitors progress of Eco-Action plan | Successes and challenges are noted in the formal record and archived for use when applying for the Green Flag award



The Eco-Action Team identifies and monitors progress of the Eco-Action plan against initial timeframe and targets | School shows significant progress on one large scale project focused on two Eco-Schools USA pathways | Progress and challenges are communicated to whole school



The Eco-Action Team identifies and monitors progress of Eco-Action plan against initial timeframe and targets | Students are engaged in monitoring and evaluation | Data is used in some curriculum work | School shows significant progress on several large scale projects addressing at least three Eco-Schools USA pathways | Progress and challenges are communicated to whole school and wider community

How can you help?

Help students design questionnaires, surveys and data analysis techniques. Offer help on how to use a camera to collect accurate before and after images. Explain how post audits can be used and how to analyze utility bills effectively. Help students focus on what it is that's most important to measure.