



A school which meets or exceeds 80% of the following standards may apply for and receive a green school certification from the Utah Montessori Council. A Certified Green School is authorized to use this logo in their advertising. This certification must be renewed annually.

- building constructed with non-toxic materials (i.e. - formaldehyde-free wood, low VOC paints & glues)
- construction materials originated from renewable or recycled resources
- construction incorporates passive solar lighting
- construction incorporates passive heating
- electric lights should be full-spectrum fluorescent
- appliances should be Energy Star approved
- traffic patterns and scheduling should minimize idling
- facilitation of carpooling
- promotion of idle-free parking
- unnecessary lighting and electrical appliances should be turned off when school is closed
- on-demand lighting
- promotion of environmentally conscious practices at home
- recycle all materials possible

- strong science curriculum implemented at an age-appropriate level in every class including;
 - physical science
 - astronomy
 - botany
 - zoology
 - ecology
- in class recycling with accompanying age-appropriate lessons
- in class composting with accompanying age-appropriate lessons
- school wide age-appropriate lessons on care of the Earth including:
 - the importance of recycling
 - the importance of composting
 - choices in transportation
 - choices in packaging
 - lessons in connectedness, that is, how food is grown and transported, how paper is made and comes to us
- ongoing efforts to further increase sustainability at school and at home by introducing ideas such as;
 - cutting paper towels and napkins in half
 - using child-sized cleaning cloths which children take responsibility for laundering
 - building dish washing into classroom routines so that children take responsibility for washing reusable utensils
 - involving children in growing and preparing foods in classroom gardens
 - using water carefully
 - reminding adults not to let their cars idle
 - xeriscaping school grounds
 - plantings that encourage bees and local wildlife
- participation in at least two projects annually promoting environmental awareness such as;
 - planting trees or gardens
 - picking up litter outside of the school grounds
 - volunteering at the local recycling center
 - volunteering with the National Park Service, US Forest Service or City Parks Department
 - raising funds for an environmental organization