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Somerset: Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School Achieves Sustainability Certification

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Credits: Courtesy of TEECS



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, NJ - Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School is one of only two schools in Somerset County to achieve the **2019 Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification**.

"We are so glad to be part of this amazing program and be part of a healthy environment that enhances the happiness of the community," TEECS Lead Person, Oguz Yildiz said in a news release.

Sustainable Jersey for Schools, a voluntary program for grades pre-k — 12 encourages the promotion of green initiatives to qualify for the distinction.

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Students and staff at TEECS participated in sustainability actions such as performing energy audits and boosting recycling efforts to integrating sustainability into student learning and promoting student and staff wellness.

"I commend the teachers, administrators, staff, parents and students for their hard work and dedication—it's truly paying off," said Randall Solomon, executive director of Sustainable Jersey. "The 2019 schools that have achieved Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification are leading the way to a more sustainable New Jersey. I've seen time and again, when schools and our young people are given direction and support, they're powerful catalysts for change. Becoming certified with Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a significant achievement."