

POINT REQUIREMENTS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

100 points the initial year

50 points in continuing years

MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOLS

150 points the initial year

75 points in continuing years



LYNNHAVEN River NOW

Restoring a legend.

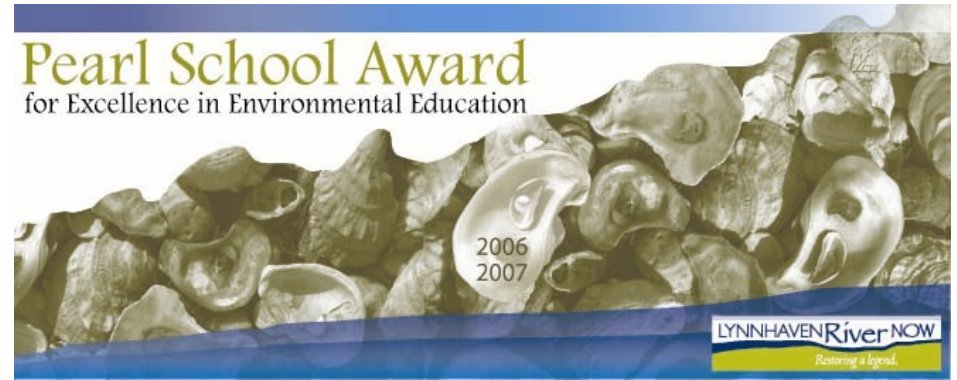
Elementary, Middle & High Schools are eligible to earn a Pearl School designation by accumulating the required points. To register for the program & receive an application form, contact:

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Pearl School Award

for Excellence in Environmental Education



2009 - 2010 SCHOOL YEAR

The teachers in the public and private schools in our watershed are some of the most effective spokespeople out there for water stewardship. They are doing a great job not only of helping students understand watershed concepts, but also in developing an ethic of environmental responsibility and stewardship.

The goal of the Pearl School Program is to encourage and support the efforts of these teachers and schools. Through the Pearl School Program, schools will be able to earn points by carrying out educational and service programs in their schools that teach environmental concepts, including an understanding of our watershed---its unique characteristics and its problems, and by encouraging students to take an active role in tackling some of our environmental challenges through service projects in their schools and in the community.

Helping to Restore the Legend

To earn the *Pearl School* initial award and additional year awards, the school must complete projects that add up to the required number of points.

A school, team or teacher may design a program not currently on the list, and submit it for approval.

Schools earning the *Pearl School* status will be awarded an attractive banner to hang in the lobby of the school, as pictured on the front of this flyer. The first year of your award will appear on the banner; each additional year that the school earns the award, a new set of dates will be added to the banner.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS

Individual Study Projects: **2 Points Each**

Limit 10 Students each; include each student's name and project/event.

Student participation in Science Competition such as Blue Crab Bowl, National Ocean Science Bowl, etc. with environmental focus.

Participation in Tidewater Science Fair, through Junior Division. (Senior Division may be counted at 4 points each).

Student participation in a 2009 Summer residency programs with environmental focus.

Participate in a special writing event or contest (writing art, etc.) about the Lynnhaven River.

Group I Projects: **5 Points Each**

Conduct a field trip or field studies at a Lynnhaven River site.

Host a program/guest speaker on a Lynnhaven River topic in your school.

Student and/or teacher participation in a LRN workshop or lecture.*

Display a map of the Lynnhaven watershed with your school's location identified.

Encourage full use of resources, such as paper reuse & recycling, within the school.

Teacher participation in Project WET, Project WILD, WOW or other environmental education workshops or courses. *Limit 4 teachers.*

Participate in a storm drain stenciling day in one of your school's neighborhoods.



Group II Projects: **10 Points Each**

Start an environmental club or a riverkeepers club.

Set up an aquarium or display to represent the Lynnhaven River.

Run a "scoop the poop" communication campaign at your school.

Participate in Clean-the Bay day and/or other community environmental events.

Set up a regular schedule for policing the school grounds for trash.

Plant a tree or a garden on the school grounds.

Institute a school-wide program to reduce energy and solid waste (recycling cell phones, plastics, aluminum cans, ink cartridges, etc.).

Offer a program for school parents that addresses a school or community environmental issue.

Develop a school policy on the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers on school grounds.

Install and maintain scoop-the-poop boxes on your school grounds.

Participate in World Water Monitoring Day on September 18th (and during approved sampling period).

Group III Projects: **20 Points Each**

Create and teach an interdisciplinary unit on the Lynnhaven River.

Participation in the oyster gardening project.

Build a 3-D model of the Lynnhaven watershed.

Build a rain garden on school property.

Plant a wildlife-friendly garden benefiting birds or butterflies on the school grounds.

If you are on the waterfront, create a buffer zone on the school property.

Adopt a roadway or waterway through the city's adopt-a-space program.

Participate in LRN's "Growing Wetlands in the Classroom" program and/or "Restoring the Lynnhaven: Water Quality for the River's Future" program.

Establish a composting or waste-reduction program for school's cafeteria.

Sponsor special event or contest (writing, art, etc.) on the Lynnhaven River.

Plant an organic vegetable or herb garden on the school's grounds.

Conduct an "environmental field day" for some or all of your students.

Design and implement an Earth Day Celebration or Water Festival for your school.



Please note that a large project, completed and receiving maximum credit in its completion year, can be counted at half value in continuing years if the project continues to be used in a learning capacity, and is documented and explained on the application. Limits may apply on some Lynnhaven River NOW programs. *See application for details.