



2024 Green Schools Conference Fact Sheet

The Green Schools Conference (GSC) presents attendees with an engaging and rich professional development opportunity. The conference program features expertise from diverse fields working together to facilitate progress in the green schools movement.

This spring, the 14th annual event convenes in the historic LEED Gold City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 5-7, 2024, for three days of learning, sharing, networking, and creating lasting memories and relationships to help accelerate sustainable, healthy schools in your community.

GSC brings together a diverse audience of leaders and change-makers impacting the green schools movement, including:

- Educators and school leaders
- School district-level facilities and operations staff
- Green building professionals
- Non-profit partners and green school advocates



Designed to address today's issues

The impacts of the climate crisis on education and green schools have been profound. The 2024 GSC education program will include five education tracks with compelling and inspiring sessions relating to:

- Sustainability Planning
- Student Climate Action
- Health & Wellness
- School as a Teaching Tool
- Green Infrastructure





SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Pre-Conference Monday, March 4	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Offsite tours (\$)
Day 1 Tuesday, March 5	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Workshops
	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch & general session
	1:45 – 3:15 pm	Summits
	3:30 – 5:00 pm	Speed greening
Day 2 Wednesday, March 6	8:00 – 8:45 am	Open circles
	9:00 – 10:00 am	General session
	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	eXchange showcase
	10:30 – 11:30 am	Education sessions
	11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch
	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Education sessions
	2:30 – 3:30 pm	Education sessions
	4:00 – 6:30 pm	Evening awards reception
Day 3 Thursday, March 7	8:00 – 8:45 am	Open circles
	9:00 – 10:00 am	Education sessions
	10:30 – 11:30 am	Hosted expert panels
	11:45 am – 1:00 pm	General session & lunch



The GSC Pass provides access to one half-day workshop, one topical summit, one and a half days of interdisciplinary education, networking activities, eXchange Showcase, luncheons, the Best of Green Schools Awards Ceremony and Reception, and inspirational keynote presentations. The 2024 program consists of:

- **Impactful education sessions:** one-hour education sessions taught in various formats lead attendees to explore new ideas and methods for their work. Topics will include outdoor learning, environmental literacy, green workforce development, zero waste strategies, youth leadership for climate change, whole school sustainability programming, net zero energy schools, and more. Sessions allow attendees to engage directly with one another and the presenters to dig into how to implement complex concepts such as diversity and inclusion or student voice and agency into green school efforts.



- **Inspiring general sessions:** Thought-provoking keynote presentations give context to the education provided at the conference and stretch attendees' understanding of how to bring sustainability to life in the classroom. Former keynotes include author Charles Eisenstein, STEM advocate Justin "Mr. Fascinate" Shaifer, educator Chris Emdin, designer and urban agriculture advocate Emmanuel Pratt, Biomimicry expert and pioneer Janine Benyus, world-renowned artist Zaria Forman and ocean advocate and STEM TV series host Danni Washington.
- **Targeted networking and resource sharing:** This year, attendees will have dedicated time with green resource providers to discuss their challenges, receive advice and share strategies for reaching sustainability targets during the speed greening and eXchange Showcase. Additionally, during morning roundtable discussions, diverse audiences will convene to learn, share and network among teachers, school leaders, school district facility and sustainability staff, green building professionals, and green school advocates and community partners.

How much does full event registration cost?

- K-12 school and district attendees and government attendees: \$575 Early Bird or \$625 Regular
- Employees of USGBC and GSNN Members: \$575 Early Bird or \$625 Regular
- General: \$700 Early Bird or \$750 Regular

Conference Headquarters

The 2024 GSC will take place at the Eldorado Hotel & Spa and the Santa Fe Community Convention Center. Discounted room rates are available at \$255 per night (inclusive of applicable taxes and fees) at the Eldorado Hotel & Spa for stays from March 3-8, 2024. Reserve your [room online](#) before February 12, or while supplies last, to ensure your place at the conference host hotel.