



2026 Green Schools Conference Fact Sheet

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

This spring, the 16th annual event convenes February 17-19, 2026 in the [LEED Gold City](#) of San Diego, California for two days of learning, sharing, networking, and creating lasting memories and relationships to help accelerate sustainable, healthy schools in your community.

The 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 GSC Pass provides access to one half-day workshop, interdisciplinary education, inspirational keynote presentations, networking activities including: the Welcome Reception, Exchange Showcase, Speed Greening, the Best of Green Schools Awards Luncheon, and Closing Reception.

The 2026 program consists of:

- ☐ **Impactful education sessions:** Join us for an exciting series of one-hour educational sessions designed to empower educators, students, and community members with essential knowledge on pressing issues affecting our environment and society. Our program features a diverse array of topics, including Sustainability Learning Beyond the Classroom, Environmental Literacy & Sustainability Action, Fostering A Culture of Sustainability, and Prioritizing Healthy, High-Performance Schools. Each session is designed to be interactive and informative, providing practical tools and resources to help participants implement positive changes in their communities.
- ☐ **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 storyteller JoThsna



Harris, photographer Matika Wilbur, 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 industry experts and resource providers during the Speed Greening and Exchange Showcase where strategies, resources and advice will be shared for reaching attendees sustainability goals. Additionally, during roundtable discussions, audiences will convene to learn, share and network among a diverse group of school leaders ranging from teachers and school leaders to school district facility and sustainability staff, green building professionals, and green school advocates and community partners.



Conference Venue

The 2026 GSC will take place at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina. Discounted rooms are available at \$219 per night (plus applicable taxes and fees) for GSC attendees at the official conference venue & hotel. Conference dates are February 17-19. Negotiated rates are available for stays February 15-21, 2026. **Act fast and reserve your room online before January 16, 2026!**

Registration Fees

Register to join us in sunny San Diego for two days of education and networking with the brightest minds in the green schools and sustainability movement.

Early Bird rates expire December 15, 2025. Standard rates expire February 10, 2026. Onsite pricing goes into effect February 11, 2026.

- K-12 school and district attendees and government attendees: \$650 Early Bird, \$700 Standard or \$725 Onsite
- Employees of USGBC and GSNN Members: \$700 Early Bird, \$750 Standard or \$775 Onsite
- General: \$750 Early Bird, \$800 Standard or \$825 Onsite