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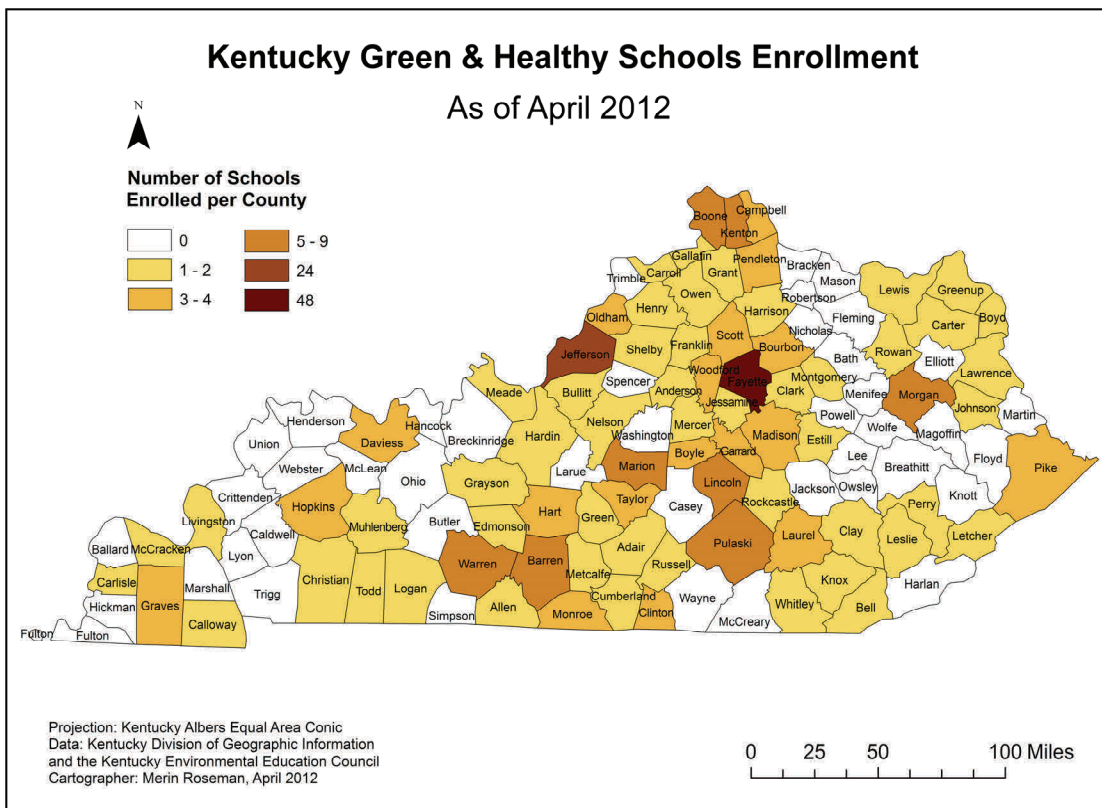
KGHS Update

Spring 2012

KGHS Enrollment Reaches 244 Schools in 77 Counties

Kentucky Green & Healthy Schools Enrollment

As of April 2012



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KGHS is a program of the Kentucky Environmental Education Council.

KGHS has achieved another successful year of increasing the number of program teams at schools across the Commonwealth. Fifty schools enrolled in the KGHS program in 2012, bringing total enrollment in to 244 schools. Enrolled schools represent 77 of Kentucky's 120 counties and are evenly distributed across the state.

"It is an exciting time to be working with Kentucky Schools. KGHS teams are growing and working diligently to improve the health, safety and sustainability of their schools," said KGHS Coordinator Merin Roseman.

Highlighting program growth are

the districts that received the District-Wide Participation Award from KGHS at the 2012 Summit.

The Clinton County School District had district-wide participation of its early childhood center, elementary, middle and high schools. Students and district staff implemented an impressive recycling program and are diverting a full truckload of both paper and cardboard per month from the district waste stream. These efforts have resulted in a \$600 per month reduction in the district's waste disposal costs.

The Paris Independent School District also achieved district-wide participation of its elementary,

middle and high schools. Students and staff in Paris are working to expand a school garden that will provide food for the school cafeterias, and to write a master plan to sustainably manage the garden.

The Clinton County and Paris Independent school districts serve as solid examples of the what can be achieved through coordinated efforts that include students, teachers, community resources and support from the district level. Clinton County and Paris independent also demonstrate that the KGHS projects can be successfully implemented by students of different ages across a district.

KGHS Recognizes Students at 2012 Summit



Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Dr. Len Peters visits with students at their booth at the 2012 KGHS Summit.

On May 2 students, teachers, and district staff attended the KGHS — KY NEED Youth Summit and Awards Ceremony in Frankfort Kentucky. Nearly 300 people attended the event where Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Dr. Len Peters delivered the keynote address.

“It is essential that schools equip students with the knowledge and skills to be environmentally literate citizens, now and in their adult lives. The skills gained through these programs are crucial in preparing our students to be college and career ready,” said Peters .

Highlights of the event included Students of John F. Kennedy Montessori School were honored with the Kentucky Green & Healthy School

flag, for completing at least nine improvement projects at their school. Five schools were awarded the School in Progress award (see page 3) for completing at least three projects in KGHS.

Four individuals (see page 3) were recognized with the Outstanding Leadership Award for their support of schools participating in the KGHS program.

First Lady Jane Beshear of the KGHS program and event “We are preparing our students to tackle the energy conservation and sustainability challenges of not only today, but also those of tomorrow.”

For a complete list of 2012 school statuses awards, [click here](#).

2012 KGHS Awards & Summit Photos

Kentucky Green & Healthy Schools

Awarded to schools that have completed at least nine projects

John F. Kennedy
Montessori Elementary
(Jefferson County)



2012 KGHS Awards & Summit Photos (continued)

Schools in Progress

Awarded to schools that have completed at least 3 projects

Calvary Elementary
(Marion County)

Farnsley Middle
(Jefferson County)

Harlow Early Learning
Center
(Mercer County);
pictured upper right.

Portland Elementary
(Jefferson County)

West Carter Middle
(Carter County);
pictured lower right.



Outstanding Leadership

Awarded to individuals that have demonstrated outstanding leadership and support to schools participating in KGHS

Glendel Carroll
Facilities Manager,
Clarkson Elementary, Grayson County

Andrea Curtis
Education Curriculum Coordinator,
Green River Regional
Educational Cooperative

Bill Gittings, Energy Manager,
Green River Regional
Educational Cooperative

Mickey McFall, Superintendent
Clinton County Schools

Tresine Logsdon
Sustainability Coordinator,
Fayette County Public Schools

District-Wide Participation

Awarded to districts with 100% enrollment in the KGHS program

Clinton County School
District

Paris Independent School
District



Candidate Schools

Awarded to schools that have joined KGHS and begun work on a project

Fifty schools received the Candidate School Award in 2012.

For a complete list of current Candidate Schools, please visit the [KGHS School Status page](#).

Announcements & Events

Submission Blackout Period and Solid Waste Inventory for Elementary Grades

KGHS is in a submission blackout period. No forms will be accepted until fall 2012.

KEEC staff will use the blackout period to revise KGHS forms and the submission process. Beginning fall 2012, all KGHS forms will be submitted via email using Adobe PDF forms. This will be a user friendly process for both teachers and students.

KEEC staff will also create a user-friendly pilot inventory for the elementary level solid waste category.

If you have questions regarding the blackout period or the pilot solid waste inventory, contact the **KGHS coordinator**.

KAEE Sustainability Symposium

The Kentucky Association for Environmental Education will host a Sustainability Symposium at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea, KY on Friday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is \$25 for students, \$35 for KAEE members and \$45 for non-KAEE members.

The symposium will include a walking tour of Berea College' EcoVillage, a local food lunch, a panel discussion on sustainability efforts in Kentucky schools and communities, and tours of the Berea College farm and greenhouse.

To register for the Symposium, [click here](#).

New Candidate School Standards

As of June 2012, schools that submit a pledge form, attend a training, and complete at least one KGHS project will receive the Candidate School Award.



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Kentucky Green & Healthy Schools (KGHS) is a service learning and student-centered program that empowers students and staff to move their school toward becoming safer, healthier and more environmentally sustainable. This inquiry-based program uses the entire school grounds as a learning laboratory for students. All grade levels of all existing schools (and even schools in the process of being built) are invited to join KGHS! To participate, [click here](#).

KGHS is a joint program of the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Environmental Education Council.

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