



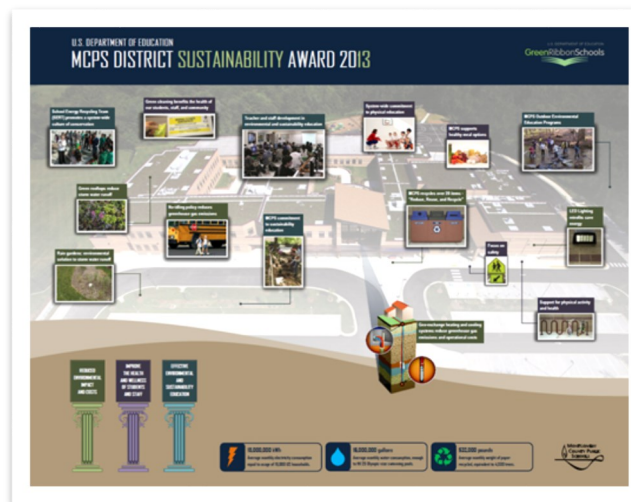
SERT FLASH

School Energy and Recycling Team

The SERT program is excited to begin another school year of natural resource conservation at Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). This year our theme is “SERT in Our Schools.” We are showcasing your school’s efforts to conserve energy, water and recycle...

The mission of the SERT program is to provide support to MCPS Schools to significantly reduce energy and natural resource consumption and increase recycling participation systemwide through:

- Sustainability training and education
- Incentives, recognition, and awards
- Accessible energy and recycling data
- Customized energy and environmental conservation programs and learning opportunities
- Conservation operations and procedures



It is our vision to be a global model of sustainability by actively engaging in innovative energy and environmental programs.

Each year MCPS spends tens of millions of dollars to light and heat the schools and facilities, dispose solid waste, and to provide water and sewer services. MCPS has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by over 70,000

metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂e) through a variety of programs and initiatives. This represents a 28 percent reduction in the MCPS carbon footprint since 2003. With your continued conservation efforts, we can continue this momentum.

Did You Know?

Last year MCPS schools and facilities avoided over \$2 million dollars in electricity costs, which in turn greatly reduced our carbon dioxide emissions.

Did You Know?

Last year MCPS recycled over 3,359 tons of paper, which avoided over 57,000 trees from being cut down.

Contact SERT@mcpsmd.org with your conservation strategies so we can “Flash” your school!

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