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## Help Keep the Dream Alive

Dream in Green is asking for your support to help expand our Green Schools Challenge program in South Florida.

We believe that schools play a unique role in the transition towards a green society. Children and young adults learn quickly and the lessons they learn in school last for a lifetime. They are also empirically proven to be highly receptive to conservation and environmental stewardship.

Currently in its fifth year, our Green Schools Challenge program involves students and staff directly in designing and implementing environmental and energy solutions at their schools. Local schools reduce their overall carbon footprint while learning important lessons about environmental sustainability. Activities are typically student-led and promote low and no cost conservation solutions as part of the overall plan to reduce the school's carbon footprint.

Dream in Green piloted the Green Schools Challenge during the 2006-2007 school year and the Miami-Dade County Public School Board unanimously approved expansion of the program that same year. Since then, the program has expanded to over 100 schools in Miami-Dade County and a small pilot program is underway in Broward County.

With 48 participating schools, here is what we accomplished during the 2009-2010 school year:

- Saved over \$435,000 in energy costs;
- Conserved over 1 million kilowatt hours of electricity;
- Recycled thousands of pounds of solid waste; and
- Reduced or offset over 3.5 million pounds of carbon emissions

In the future, Dream in Green endeavors to make the Green Schools Challenge program available to all schools in the Miami-Dade County Public School District. Our unprecedented growth during the 2010-2011 school year is a testament to Dream in Green and the District's shared commitment to leading the nation in promoting conservation and environmental sustainability at K-12 schools.



Dream in Green is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is completely funded through grants and donations. We depend on sponsors like you to continue bringing valuable educational programming to tens of thousands of students and teachers in South Florida.

**Thank you for  
your support.**



### Green Schools Challenge Goals

1. Educate students about energy generation and its impacts on environmental sustainability and climate change.
2. Reduce energy, waste, and water consumption at participating schools and student homes.
3. Save money on energy, water, and waste costs for the school district and student homes through no-cost behavior and operational changes.
4. Provide excellent hands-on, real-world learning opportunities to students.
5. Take actions home and into the local community.

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