



## Oklahoma Green Schools Program

### **6 Steps to Certification**

## **STEP 2: FORM YOUR SCHOOL GREEN TEAM**

### **Overview:**

The Green Team will help guide your efforts to increase the overall health and efficiency of your building. Who you invite, how many members, how often to meet... these are all questions that will be answered by your unique situation and which topics you plan to investigate. In addition to at least 2 teachers and some student leaders, you might consider: custodial or facilities, administration, kitchen staff, health professional, PTA member or parent, community leader, youth leader such as Scouts or 4H, office or accounting staff.

### **Action Items:**

- Watch the Step 2 training video!
- Create your Green Team. Perhaps have students conduct interviews or have an application process. Make sure you have administration support.
- Hold your first meeting! Examine the PLT Investigations. Brainstorm ideas, issues and opportunities for student investigation at your school. Set a preliminary Green Team meeting schedule.

### **Additional Ideas:**

You are creating a collaborative forum where a variety of people from the school community can come together and examine issues and solutions. Green Team member selections should bring a range of strengths to the table. Look for ways to communicate your efforts and accomplishments to a broader audience. Set realistic and attainable goals for your students and your Green Team. Create a timetable. Consider an 'event' to launch your program and don't be afraid of baby steps. Every great adventure begins with them.

### **Completed this Step?**

When you complete the Step 2 Action Items, go to the website, [www.okgreenschools.org](http://www.okgreenschools.org). Navigate to the '*6 Steps to Certification*' page and next to Step 2, click on the **FINISHED** button. Complete the question(s) and click **SUBMIT**. You will have the option of requesting a personal OGSP liaison for your school who can help guide your 'greening' efforts, assist students with the PLT investigation and completion of the OGSP certification process.