

Long Island Sound Schools Network

2025-2026 Application

Are you interested in joining like-minded educators in protecting the Long Island Sound watershed and inspiring the next generation of stewards?

The Long Island Sound Schools Network (LISSN) is a Sound-wide project coordinated by Connecticut Sea Grant and Mercy University through funding from the EPA Long Island Sound Partnership. Part of the USA Blue Schools and Blue Schools Global Network, the LISSN compels schools to make a commitment to the protection and conservation of local watersheds, Long Island Sound, and our one global ocean. A school makes this commitment by proposing and implementing a school or community-based project and creating a plan to increase ocean literacy in their school community by engaging students, families, and community members.

Objectives:

1. To develop skills to foster the next generation of LIS leaders and stewards;
2. To provide opportunities for schools to learn about LIS, research, and promote best environmental practices; and
3. To take care of LIS within local communities while at the same time projecting a positive image of the school itself

Benefits:

- \$2,000 stipend per lead teacher
- \$5,000/school in mini-grants to implement school wide and community projects
- Support from a network of like-minded educators
- Connections with scientists, community organizations, and stewardship sites
- Possibility of travel funds to present at conferences

To Apply:

- Designate two lead teachers from selected school
- Upload supporting letter of acknowledgment from school principal/science supervisor
- Complete the application, including proposing a school-wide/community project by deadlines
- Use this link or QR code :
<https://forms.gle/hA23ySCUXZDjLRe76>

Dates to Know:

- 10/1:** LISSN Info Session
- 10/24:** Applications Due
- 11/3:** Schools are notified
- 11/6:** First Virtual Meeting @ 7pm

If interested, please scan the QR code, visit our webpage or contact:
lisschoolsnetwork@gmail.com

