

**Earth Flag**  
an environmental education initiative of Ijams Nature Center  
**School Application**

**General Information**

School Name: .....

School Address: .....

School telephone no.: ..... Fax: .....

How many students are enrolled in your school?.....

What grade levels do you have at your school?.....

How many teachers do you have at your school?.....

**Personnel Information**

Principal's name: .....

Assistant principal's name: .....

Chief custodian: .....

Who do you envision as being your school's Earth Flag Coordinator? *(This person will be responsible for overseeing the program in your school and communicating progress and problems to the Ijams Earth Flag Coordinator.)* .....

Who do you envision as being your school's Earth Flag Recycling Coordinator? .....

Who do you envision as being your school's Earth Flag Compost Coordinator?.....

**Waste Information**

Which company currently hauls your school's waste?.....

How often?.....

Who pays for this service?.....

How much waste does your school produce daily, weekly, monthly? *(If you do not know would you be willing to conduct a waste audit to find out?)* .....

What are the main materials in your school's waste stream?.....

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Why do you want to reduce your school's waste?.....

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What items are currently being recycled at your school?.....

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If you are not recycling, what has prevented you from recycling?.....

Are there any active compost piles at your school? If not, what has prevented teachers from doing this?.....

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Are you aware of costs which might incur in establishing recycling or composting programs? If so, how does your school intend to pay these costs? .....

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Has your school instituted any waste saving measures to date? If yes, what are they? .....

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### Essay Question

Why do you want to become an Earth Flag School? *(Please limit to 200 words. You may attach another sheet of paper.)*

This application completed by:.....

Title:..... Date:.....

Application co-signers (*co-signers intend to help the school work to earn an Earth Flag. One of the co-signers must be the school principal, one must be a PTA member, and one must be in the maintenance department. You must have 10% of your staff or a minimum of 3 teachers co-sign this application to be considered for the program.*)

Principal:..... Teacher:.....

PTA member:..... Teacher:.....

Maintenance:..... Teacher:.....

Additional teachers: ..... ..

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