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GPRO OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FOR SCHOOLS

WHY DOES YOUR SCHOOL NEED GREEN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING (GPRO)?

From navigating tight budgets and rapidly rising energy costs to addressing the effects of poor indoor air quality (IAQ) on health, school attendance, and learning outcomes, schools face unique challenges.

The majority of energy and water that a school building uses over its lifetime, as well as the health and quality of a building's indoor environment, depend on how the building and its systems are operated and maintained.



Healthy IAQ is particularly important in school environments as children's respiratory systems are still developing and their respiratory rates are higher relative to body weight. Poor IAQ can cause:

- Respiratory infections resulting from poor ventilation
- Allergic reactions to off-gassing from cleaning products, finishes, and other chemicals
- Illnesses related to the presence of mold or other contaminants
- Higher rates of asthma, a major cause of absenteeism

WHAT IS GPRO FOR SCHOOLS?

GPRO for Schools equips

PreK-12 facility and custodial teams with practical, actionable, and affordable strategies for improving IAQ and energy efficiency, and reducing water use.

GBA's expert staff provides actionable strategies and tools to create healthier indoor air quality, including guidance on cleaning products; chemical use; pest management; improving air flow, ventilation and air filtration; products and finishes; and more.

With a focus on preventative maintenance, GPRO for Schools offers best practices developed by green building facility experts.

By the end of this training, school facilities participants are able to:

- Evaluate building energy and water performance of their building and campus
- Identify actionable next steps to improve the energy and water efficiency
- Understand, identify, and address the causes of poor IAQ
- Articulate the costs and benefits of efficiency measures
- Earn an industry-recognized professional certification, GPRO O+M, upon completion of the course and exam.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

GPRO for Schools is uniquely designed to meet the challenges and priorities of PreK-12 schools and school districts. Facilities managers, custodial teams, and educators will all benefit from the course content. Achieving the GPRO O+M credential upon completion is an added professional benefit for participants.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Through a generous grant from The Grable Foundation, Green Building Alliance (GBA) is providing GPRO O+M training at no cost to schools across Pennsylvania.

HOW IS THE TRAINING PRESENTED?

Course material is presented by professional GBA staff. Both in-person and virtual training options are available.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Reach out to GBA at info@gba.org

Visit www.gba.org



"Our schools facilities teams do critical work every day, and Green Building Alliance is honored to partner with schools to help them navigate the challenge of rapidly rising energy costs, tight budgets, and the need to ensure our children's learning environments are healthy and safe. GBA works alongside school maintenance teams, helping them deploy practices that protect our children, and saving taxpayer dollars through improved energy efficiency."

— Jenna Cramer, President & CEO, Green Building Alliance



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