As of December 1, 2012, additional states indicated their intention to participate in the FY 2012-2013 Green Ribbon Schools Award. These states are: Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Utah, and Vermont.
### Massachusetts

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<td>Number of Public School Students</td>
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<td>Number of Students Free &amp; Reduced-Price Lunch Eligible</td>
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<td>Number of Employees in School System</td>
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<td>% Children under Age 19 without Health Insurance</td>
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<td>% of Children with Asthma Aged 17 and Younger</td>
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<td>Number of Students in Special Education Program</td>
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<td>% Schools with at Least One Inadequate Building Feature</td>
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Credit: Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (Mass COSH)

State data taken from federal and national sources: see footnotes in Appendices.

Schools in Massachusetts can benefit from federal, state and local policies and programs aimed at improving health and environmental building conditions, but advocates continue to see huge gaps in needed resources and the political will to implement them.

Healthy school advocates believe that our state already has many of the “tools” necessary to create “green and healthy” schools, but they will continue to be utilized in a piecemeal fashion without a state mandate. This is a partial list of some of those “tools” and resources.

The MA School Building Authority (www.massschoolbuildings.org) provides financial incentives for school construction and renovation projects using High Performance Green School Design. Since 2010 the MSBA has initiated a “green repair” and “accelerated repair” program primarily for the repair and/or replacement of roofs, windows, and/or boilers with energy-efficient and cost-saving upgrades.

Schools can voluntarily take advantage of the Commonwealth’s Environmentally Preferable Products Program (www.mass.gov/epp) which offers state approved vendors for green cleaning and 3rd party certified cleaning products, and approved vendors for integrated pest management.

The Statewide MA Asthma Action Partnership’s (MAAP) five-year action plan (http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/com-health/asthma/state-plan.pdf) brings together parents, school staff, health professionals and state agencies who are working on actionable goals to reduce asthma severity and disparities in schools and housing.