



# Bright Schools Program

ENERGY EFFICIENT SCHOOLS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

## HOW CAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY BENEFIT YOUR SCHOOL?

**NOW IS THE TIME TO UPGRADE EXISTING SCHOOLS WITH ENERGY EFFICIENT EQUIPMENT AND START SAVING MONEY.** The Bright Schools program provides technical assistance services to identify ways for your school to reduce energy use and costs. These services are provided by highly qualified engineering consultants at no cost to you!

Savings typically reduce annual energy costs by an average of 15–20 percent. With the availability of Proposition 39 funding there is no better time to start saving than now. Let us help you identify cost-effective energy efficient upgrades. The Bright Schools program application process is continuously open with no final filing date. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### Typical Services Include:

- » Identify energy efficiency and clean self-generation measures for Proposition 39 funding
- » Conduct energy audits and prepare targeted energy feasibility studies
- » Review existing project proposals including proposals for energy efficiency measure retrofits, power purchase agreements, and solar photovoltaic projects
- » Develop equipment performance specifications
- » Review contractor bids

### What services does the Bright Schools program offer?

There is no cost to participate in the Bright Schools program. Program participants will receive a grant of services. With this grant of services, the Energy Commission will provide up to \$20,000 of consultant costs to provide technical assistance services to identify potential energy savings projects. The Energy Commission has a team of highly qualified engineering consultants that provide program services to each applicant. Depending on the size of your facility and the complexity of the request, the Energy Commission's \$20,000 grant of services typically covers the entire cost of the consultant's services.

## What is the application process?

Submit your application requesting assistance to the Energy Commission. Energy Commission staff will work with you to develop the scope of work and assign a consultant to provide services.

## How Do I Apply?

### 1 Complete the Technical Assistance Application

Identify the type of assistance needed.

### 2 Enclose Supplemental Information

Provide the latest 12 months of utility data usage for each account pertaining to the building(s) for which you are requesting technical assistance. If fuels are not delivered on a regular schedule (propane, heating oil, etc.), please include invoices for the past two years. Additionally, send us your sitemap, such as 1-A or a fire evacuation map, and copies of any recent energy studies or other relevant information.

### 3 Governing Board Resolution

A signed resolution from your governing board approving and supporting your Bright School program's application is required. A sample resolution is provided as part of the application package.

### 4 Mail Your Application and Supplemental Information

California Energy Commission  
Bright Schools Program  
Local Assistance and Financing Office  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-23  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

For questions please call (916) 654-4104

## Who is eligible for the Bright Schools program?

All publicly funded California K–12 school districts, charter schools, state special schools, county offices of education, and community college districts are eligible.

## Where to Learn More

The Bright Schools Technical Assistance application is available from the California Energy Commission's website: [energy.ca.gov/efficiency/brightschools/](http://energy.ca.gov/efficiency/brightschools/)



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