

Helping schools lower energy costs, improve the learning environment and achieve energy goals.



Announcements

Use the clings and posters to get ready for the school year!



This month, your school's Energy Champion will be receiving posters and clings (removable stickers) to remind students and staff of energy-saving actions they can practice every day.

Posters feature practical tips and tricks for saving energy and busting common energy myths.

Clings remind students to turn off lights when they leave the room, unplug devices (when appropriate), report water leaks and more.

If you haven't received your posters and clings in the mail yet, please reach out to tvashooluplift@trccompanies.com and we will make sure you get what you need!



How to use your posters and clings.

Help spread the word about School Uplift and remind students of simple energy-saving behaviors with the posters and clings provided by TVA EnergyRight® and your local power company.

Use the posters and clings in whatever ways work best for your school—below are some best practices to help you get started!

Posters

- Posters are modular, so use them individually, in pairs or grouped together.
- Place in high-traffic areas like hallways, cafeteria, classrooms and on bulletin boards.
- Challenge students to find them all!

Clings

- Use on hard, flat surfaces like walls (they won't damage the paint!), cubbies or lockers, desks and bathroom mirrors.
- Some clings correspond to certain activities (like remembering to turn the lights off) – challenge students to place them where they will be most effective.

Get students involved!

Introduce students to School Uplift and get them excited about the program by asking them to place the materials around the school.



TVA STEM Classroom Grant

In partnership with the [Bicentennial Volunteers Inc.](#), TVA is offering up to \$5,000 in grant funds for STEM learning projects that support TVA's focus areas of environment, energy, economic and career development, and community problem-solving.

This grant is an additional opportunity for STEM funds provided by TVA, and is not related to School Uplift Uplift's grant opportunities.

- Applications are open now until **September 15**.
- Eligible applicants are teachers or school administrators in **public or private schools**, grades K-12.
- TVA will award \$1.5 million across the Valley this year to fund STEM learning projects.

[Apply now](#)

Let the competition begin!

Compete for \$25K in Learning Environment Grant funding.

As of August 1st, your school will begin competing against over 100 other schools to receive up to \$25,000 in grant funding! The Learning Environment Grant taps into participants' competitive spirits, which has shown to be effective in generating higher energy savings for schools.

Schools receive points from activities such as:

- Meeting with your Energy Team each month, with submission of meeting minutes.
- Updating your Energy Bills in EnergyStar each month in a timely manner.
- Implementing engagement campaigns with staff and students to motivate energy saving behaviors.

Schools that complete all program requirements will be awarded \$10,000, while the top ten highest-scoring schools will be awarded \$25,000!

Workshop 2: Engagement

We completed Workshop 2 where we discussed how to get different groups of people engaged as well as some tools you all will use throughout the program. Thanks to all who took time to attend! If you did not attend, please click below to register, and view the recording for program credit.

[View Workshop 2: Engagement](#)



Coaching Calls begin each month, starting now!

Your Energy Coach will be reaching out soon to schedule a Coaching Call. These meetings are required for School Uplift completion, however, past Champions reported that these calls reduced the stress of adopting energy efficiency behaviors and planning for community engagement. Together, you will review current program priorities, discuss next steps, and craft activities best suited for your school.

Office Hours

Have a few questions or need help between Coaching Calls? Come chat with an Energy Coach during our office hours each week, open to all Energy Team members!

- [Tuesday Mornings: 7:30-8:30am CT/ 8:30-9:30am ET](#)
- [Thursday Mornings: 7:30-8:30am CT/ 8:30-9:30am ET](#)

Upcoming Events



Building Energy Upgrade Grant

The Building Energy Upgrade Grant (BEUG) is coming up! In the coming weeks, we will send you a prerecorded webinar where you will be briefed on what is on the application, guidelines, how to apply and the timeline for this grant. We will also provide a PDF copy of the application for you to review before submitting via Jotform along with the guidelines and best practices. This grant is needs based that focuses on building upgrades such as lighting, HVAC, kitchen, building envelope, and custom. The application will open **August 18, 2024**, and close **September 13, 2024**, at **3pm CT**. Keep an eye out for the communication with the webinar!

Spotlight Action

Information Request Form and Site Assessments

So far, 40 schools have submitted their Information Request Form (IRF) and historic energy data! You rock!

If you have not submitted your IRF or your electric and gas historical data, we encourage you to do this as soon as possible. Your Site Assessment with an engineer will be scheduled once this is completed. If it was sent back for missing information, please provide the missing information. Some of this information along with energy data is needed to create your ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager.

[Information Request Form](#)

If your school district's central office or facilities team is unable to gather data on your behalf, ask your Coach or Local Power Company contact for help gathering 24 months of historical energy data. This helps us move forward with your Site Assessment and establish your ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager account online.

Connect

Have questions? Connect with your energy coach!



Your Energy Coach can provide support, answer any program questions, help brainstorm ideas for engagement and much more!

- [Jen Hathaway](#)
- [Tom Irwin](#)
- [Whitney Stewart](#)
- [Sarah Cline](#)

School Spotlight

Your school could be featured here!

We want to showcase your school! After each engagement, school event, staff meeting, or classroom lesson that reinforces School Uplift's energy saving lessons, submit a photo or document to your Energy Coach. You'll receive program points AND may be featured in our monthly newsletter!

Cohort 4 (2023-2024) inspiration for Cohort 5!

Until school is back in session, we will be sharing examples of some of the fun ideas and activities from schools in the last School Uplift cohort.



Save Energy Challenge

L.E. Wilson - Sheffield City Schools, AL

L.E. Willson Elementary (Sheffield, AL) challenged their classrooms with daily and weekly energy-saving tasks. Before leaving for the day, students and teachers followed their energy-saving checklist to make sure they powered down.

If you're looking for a pre-made classroom checklist for your school, use the Classroom Power Down Checklist on page 48 in the [Resource Binder](#)!

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