

School-Wide Implementation

There are many ways to engage students in **See The Light**. As a first step, consider creating a student/faculty Shared Action Committee (SAC), whose job is to propose, screen, and enact school ideas and projects relating to **See The Light** in particular, and energy awareness in general.

Next, introduce **See The Light** to students via a combination of assemblies, announcements, handouts, and through social media. Make it clear that their input is welcome in this important venture, and that they need to be an active part of the school's participation to successfully cut energy waste and improve the environment.

The following are some ideas to get you started.

Consider appointing a staff member as an intermediary between the student and faculty population to encourage a free exchange of ideas and input.

Student Involvement Opportunities

Lead students in energy audits of their classrooms ([sample classroom energy checklist included at the end of this section](#)) and designated areas of the school building. Turn the walkthroughs into a challenge to see who can spot the most examples of energy waste.

Allow each class to brainstorm a plan for classroom behavioral changes. Post ideas in a common area at school, so students in different classes can compare their energy-saving suggestions.

Consider forming a student club (separate from the Shared Action Committee) dedicated to environmental interests, especially those concerning the school and the community at large.

Initiate a social media site on Facebook or Twitter to allow students at all schools to share their ideas and successes with schools across the country.

Create a **See The Light** contest. Some ideas include:

- A school science fair with the theme of energy conservation.
- An essay contest about what conservation means to students, how they practice it in their daily lives, or how the efforts at their school connect to current world affairs.
- An energy-themed spelling bee. For younger grades, this is a good way to raise energy awareness and develop a foundation for a more complex appreciation later on.
- A poster design contest for one of the See The Light Energy Tips.

Invite local colleges, businesses, National Grid representatives, and non-profit organizations to make presentations at your school or give tours of their campuses and explain their environmental initiatives.

Assign students to interview local energy professionals and publish the article in the school or local paper.

Print energy awareness materials for students to take home, and consider involving the PTA/PTO or a similar organization to expand the program community-wide.

If your school has a community service requirement, direct students toward environmental service. Contact local advocacy groups to see if they will sponsor student volunteer days.

