

## PRIDE AND PATRIOTISM PROJECT IDEAS

Please consider suggestions from the TASC Endorsed Programs as well as those listed below. These are suggestions only. There are many more possibilities.

### **National/Global Project Ideas**

- Black History Month Celebration/Awareness
- Hispanic History Month Celebration/Awareness
- Celebrate Freedom Month
- International Fair
- Pin Wheels for Peace
- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- Veteran's Day Wall of Honor
- 9-11 Memorial Wall or Display
- 9-11 Memorial Moment of Silence
- Pearl Harbor Day Celebration
- Cinco De Mayo Celebration
- Mock Presidential Election
- Disaster Relief
- Recognition of first responders
- [Carry the Flag](#)

### **State Pride Project Ideas**

- Texas Heroes Project
- Texas Independence Day Recognition Project
- Go Texan Day
- Cowboy Breakfast
- Texas Pride Art/Poster/Photo Contest
- Country Western/Swing Dance Contest
- Traditional Texas Foods Festival (Chili Cook-off, Hot Sauce Contest)
- Blue Bonnet Seed/Texas Native Plant garden
- Don't Mess With Texas
- Disaster Relief
- Recognition of first responders

### **Community Pride Project Ideas**

- Beautification projects (graffiti clean-up, butterfly gardens)
- City or County Parade Float
- Hometown Heroes Guest Speakers
- Food Drive for local food bank
- Clothing Drive for local shelter
- Hugs from Home care packages for locals serving in the military
- First Responders Recognition Project
- Animal Adoption Wall
- Volunteering to help local civic organizations or feeder schools (carnivals, fairs, fund-raisers)
- Voter Registration Drive
- Recognition of first responders
- Disaster Relief

### **School Pride Project Ideas**

- Alumni activities
- Homecoming activities (ceremony, election, dance, fair, dress-up days)
- Good Sportsmanship Exchange (counts only once per school year)
- Class Competitions
- Pep Rallies
- Freshman Camp/New Student Orientation
- Teacher Appreciation (Breakfasts, gifts, bingo, contests)
- Staff Appreciation days (counselors, custodial staff, nurse, bus drivers)
- Principal Appreciation Month Project
- Spirit/Good Luck or Great Job Posters for sport teams, clubs, choir, band, drill team, dance, UIL team, etc.
- I <3 My High School Photo Collage
- Comedy Night
- Battle of the Bands
- Powder Puff Football
- Your School in the News Wall (news articles posted)
- School-wide Valentines for every student and staff
- Open House, Back to School volunteers
- Campus beautification/clean up

### **Individual Pride Project Ideas**

- Teacher Honors (End of Year Dinner, Oscar Awards, Teacher of the Month)
- Student Honors and Awards (Student of the Month, Perfect Attendance, Spelling Bee Winner, UIL Winners, club or sport individual winners)
- Character Education Projects
- Student Superlatives
- Birthday Recognition
- Honor Roll Recognition
- "Be YOU tiful" messages
- Personal Encouragement Projects (Stay Strong, Leadership quotes,
- [Dude Be Nice Recognition Program](#)
- College Acceptance Wall/Vide

# ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT PROJECT IDEAS

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## RESOURCES

The following are suggested contacts that you can make. Each contact can be counted as an activity under the appropriate project category (Energy Project, Environmental Project, etc.). You must document that you have used these sources or made these contacts by including a copy of the letter, public service announcement, news article, etc. Public, university, or school library - Source of information for essays, posters, etc.

- Government agency - local, state, or federal
- Energy business - support of projects, such as weatherization, etc.
- College/University - for example, The University of North Texas in Denton has an Environmental Science building and department, created a car that runs on air
- Local Media - Newspapers, radio stations, cable scans for PSAs, television stations, NEED (<http://www.need.org/>) Energy kits
- State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) - materials and information from non-profit educational or trade associations
- Congressional (federal or state legislative) offices - contact your Texas and U.S. representatives and senators
- Department of Energy - information and materials
- Adopt A Highway
- Reuse a Shoe
- [Don't Mess With Texas](#)
- [Thirst Project](#)
- [Cellphones for Soldiers](#)
- [The Wireless Alliance](#)

## WEATHERIZATION PROJECT

This project is usually done with the support and training of a local business or government agency. It seeks to go into the homes of the elderly or poor or portable school buildings and assist them in making their buildings more energy efficient. Teams caulk windows and doorframes, put on door skirts, insulate light and electric outlets, etc. Contact local building supply companies for possible donations of materials.

## CONSERVATION/BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

This project is usually done with the support and training of a local organization, government agency, disaster relief organization, etc. It seeks to make a **major** impact on the chosen area or locale. Contact local businesses, building supply companies, nurseries, etc., for possible donation of materials.

- River or beach clean up
- Plant trees, landscape school grounds or community areas <http://www.ircstormwater.com/documents/10-Things.pdf>
- Replant areas affected by drought or wildfire
- Clean-up/relief after natural disasters
- Xeriscaping
- Projects to properly dispose of hazardous materials, developing a green purchasing program, constructing local wetlands, mulching, water quality monitoring, etc.

## CAMPUS RECYCLING IDEAS

- Oil recycling through Auto Tech classes  
<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/managing-reusing-and-recycling-used-oil>
- Battery recycling with Math classes  
<https://www.batterysolutions.com/recycling-information/recycling-benefits/>
- Ink toner/cartridges <https://earth911.com/recycling-guide/how-to-recycle-ink-cartridges/>
- Environmental projects through Science/Environment classes  
[http://www.sciencemadesimple.com/environmental\\_projects.html](http://www.sciencemadesimple.com/environmental_projects.html)
- Paper recycling in all classrooms  
<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/teacher-tips-classroom-recycling/>

## ENERGY PROJECTS

- Mayor's Proclamation in celebration of Energy Education Day or Week
- Plan and carry out an Energy Week in the fall and Energy Awareness Week in spring Posters with facts by members
- Poster Contests
- Energy Games, perhaps played with a middle school group, etc. (Examples: Energy Jeopardy, Energy Twister, any game re-created with energy facts)
- Solar cars (built by teams and have race)  
<http://www.hometrainingtools.com/solar-car/a/1522/>
- Solar Energy Ovens (build and bake cookies, have a contest for an oven that reaches highest temperature, work with science classes)  
<https://www.saveonenergy.com/learning-center/post/solar-ovens/>
- Coloring book contests - to be given to elementary classes
- Paper Bag Lunch - Bring a cold lunch, conserve energy
- Energy Dress Days (Example: Red for nuclear, Blue for Hydropower, Yellow for Solar, Black for Fossil Fuels, Green for Biomass, Grey or White for Wind)
- Energy Bracelets (Use beads of the same colors above.)
- Check the air pressure of tires (saves gasoline)
- Present an energy-related discussion group at district or state meetings
- Present your ideas to a local service club or your school board
- Give various treats with slogans: "It's A Hot Idea to Conserve Energy" (atomic fireballs), Be a "Light Saver"; turn out the lights (lifesavers), "Don't Be a Dum Dum" – Save Energy (Dum Dum suckers)
- Energy Scavenger Hunt - Students look for facts that have been on posters
- [Take Care of Texas](#) offers free online resources and well as [free publications](#).

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

- Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebrations  
[www.arborday.org/arborday/celebrate.cfm](http://www.arborday.org/arborday/celebrate.cfm)
- Recycle items/goods (paper at school, cans, telephone books, newspapers, etc.)
- Aluminum Foil Recycling  
<https://recyclenation.com/2015/10/how-to-recycle-aluminum-foil/>
- Recycled paper airplane contest
- Trade dance, Homecoming, prom decorations with another school
- Arts and Crafts made from recycled projects:
- Decorations for special events, gifts for teacher appreciation
- Bluebonnets or roses from 6-pack plastic rings
- Recycled Arts and Crafts Fair or Sale - donate money for a worthy cause
- Carpool to School Day
- Trash Pickup Days
- Promote curbside recycling in your community
- Bike to School Days
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- Partner with [Cellphones for Soldiers](#)
- Partner with [The Wireless Alliance](#)

## **DASH PROJECT IDEAS**

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### **Drug (including Tobacco) Education and Awareness Projects**

- Red Ribbon Week (focus on drugs)
- Great American Smoke Out
- The Real Cost Anti-Smoking Campaign
- Say What! (Students Adults & Youth Working Hard Against Tobacco)
- Prescription Drug Abuse
- Anti-Drug Use Poster or Video Contest
- Catch My Breath (vaping)

### **Alcohol Education and Awareness Projects**

- Red Ribbon Week (focus on alcohol)
- Shattered Dreams
- Don't Drink and Drive Campaign
- Know the Law Campaign (MIP, DWI)
- MADD, SADD Awareness
- Anti-Drinking Door Decorating Contest

### **Safety Projects**

- Swimming, water, boating, tubing
- [Teens in the Driver's Seat](#)
- [Nickel From Nicole](#)
- Automobile Occupant (seat belts/car seat awareness)
- Automobile Maintenance
- Pipeline
- Railroad
- Recreational (Bicycle, skateboarding, etc.)
- Social Media Safety: (cell phone, internet)
- Fire Safety (smoke alarm drive for low income families)
- Dating Abuse Awareness
- Self-Defense Programs
- CPR Training
- Guest Speaker from police dept., fire dept., local hospital, or advocacy group
- Break the Cycle – dating violence prevention
- [Texas Advocacy Project](#)
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Safe2Save

### **Health Projects**

- Blue Ribbon Campaign (Child Abuse Awareness and prevention campaign)
- Disease Awareness & Prevention (Heart Health, Leukemia Awareness, Autism Speaks, STD's)
- Hydration Awareness Projects
- [Thirst Project](#)
- Healthy Eating Campaign, Obesity Awareness, Dairy MAX Campaign
- Wall of Awareness for Cancers, Color Cancer Project (Color Run 5K)
- Teen Pregnancy Awareness
- Hand Washing/Disease Prevention
- Organ Donation Education (Donate Life Texas)
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fund raiser and awareness campaign
- Blood Drives
- [Make a Wish](#) fundraiser/Awareness Campaign
- Relay for Life
- Pink Out Campaigns (Breast Cancer Awareness/Side Out Foundation)
- Susan G Komen Race for the Cure
- Go 4 The Goal (Helping Kids with Cancer Achieve Their Goals)
- Women's Red Campaign (Women's Heart Health)
- [Say What! \(tobacco education\)](#)
- [Donate Life Texas](#)

### **Mental Wellness & Health Projects**

- Anti-Bullying
- Suicide-Awareness Campaign (National Suicide Prevention Hotline, To Write Love on Her Arm Project, Semi-Colon Project)
- Positive Self Esteem (Be-YOU-tiful week) Projects
- Love is Respect (safe dating program)\*
- Hi! How Are You Days
- [#icanhelp](#)
- Random Acts of Kindness Week
- Food Drives and Food Pantry
- Projects with [Work2BeWell](#)