

# Panasonic Student Eco Citizenship Project



## Starting a Student Eco Citizenship Club

- 1) **Create a vision or mission for the club.** Raise awareness about a cause students and teachers care about. Implement environmental actions students can take to improve the school and community.
- 2) **Set the goals for the club.** Decide what the club wants to accomplish for the short and long term.

For example, students could help create:

- Recycling Group: Collect water bottles and paper from the school, cafeteria, office and/or teachers' lounge.
- Energy Efficiency Group: Establish reminders to turn off lights, computers and/or AC/heat levels.
- School Garden Group: Plant a garden or beautify a common area that needs attention within the school or at a nearby park.

- 3) **Choose a day and time for the club to meet and have adult sponsors.** Consider the school calendar and room availability for the meeting.

Also consider:

- At least four to six students who will commit to participating in the club.
- Requirements for members.
- Assigning/electing leadership "officer" roles such as:
  - ✓President: Leads and supervises club and activities.
  - ✓Co or Vice President: Assists and fills in.
  - ✓Secretary: Takes notes and attendance.

- 4) **Promote the club.** Create posters and make announcements to recruit participants and peak curiosity. Have the club be a sponsor of school events.
- 5) **Create a meeting plan.** Define the most important items to discuss at each meeting and decide who will be responsible for completing the tasks. Try not to do too much at first meeting, but do have structure and direction.
- 6) **Follow school/district procedures.** Does the club need to be registered with the school? Are permissions slips required to participate? Can there be outside speakers or volunteers? Who will fund the materials, supplies, field trips, etc.?
- 7) **End of year celebration.** Acknowledge accomplishments and set new goals. Review what went well and what could be improved. Elect new officers/leaders so they can spend summer thinking of new goals and ways to promote the kick-off for the new school year.