

# P-12 Schools Initiative

## Benchmarking Program



**LOWER**  
operating costs

**REDUCE**  
GHG emissions

**CREATE**  
healthy  
environment

## Understand energy use and costs

NYSERDA's Pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 (P-12) Schools Initiative—Benchmarking Program is available to provide up to three years of free energy benchmarking services to your school. Benchmarking is a process of measuring, tracking, and analyzing a building's utility costs, greenhouse gas emissions, and energy usage over time or relative to other buildings.

The Benchmarking Program will help your school better understand your energy usage and identify opportunities that could lower operating costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create healthier and more productive learning environments for your students.

### Why participate

#### Understanding your building's energy use can help your school:

- Identify energy inefficiencies
- Maximize energy performance and lower operating costs
- Support financial planning and budgeting efforts
- Inform energy conservation and sustainability policies
- Increase stakeholder awareness about energy consumption environmental impacts
- Gain recognition for energy efficient and sustainable practices

### How it works

Your school's utility data will be entered into the benchmarking tool and analyzed to determine trends in energy usage, water usage, greenhouse gas emissions, and utility costs. Your school will receive benchmarking reports every six months outlining these trends through metrics, visuals, and graphics to help you understand how your building performs month over month. In addition, your school may also receive a free site-specific report which will show where operational, maintenance and energy management modifications can result in energy savings.

## Learn more.

Get more details about  
P-12 Benchmarking at  
[nyserdera.ny.gov/  
P-12-Schools](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/P-12-Schools)

If you have questions  
or need support,  
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Your school will have access to the benchmarking tool throughout your participation in the Benchmarking Program. The tool establishes a benchmarking score for your school, which allows your school to compare your energy performance against other participating schools. In addition, the tool is integrated with ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager and calculates an ENERGY STAR score for your school.

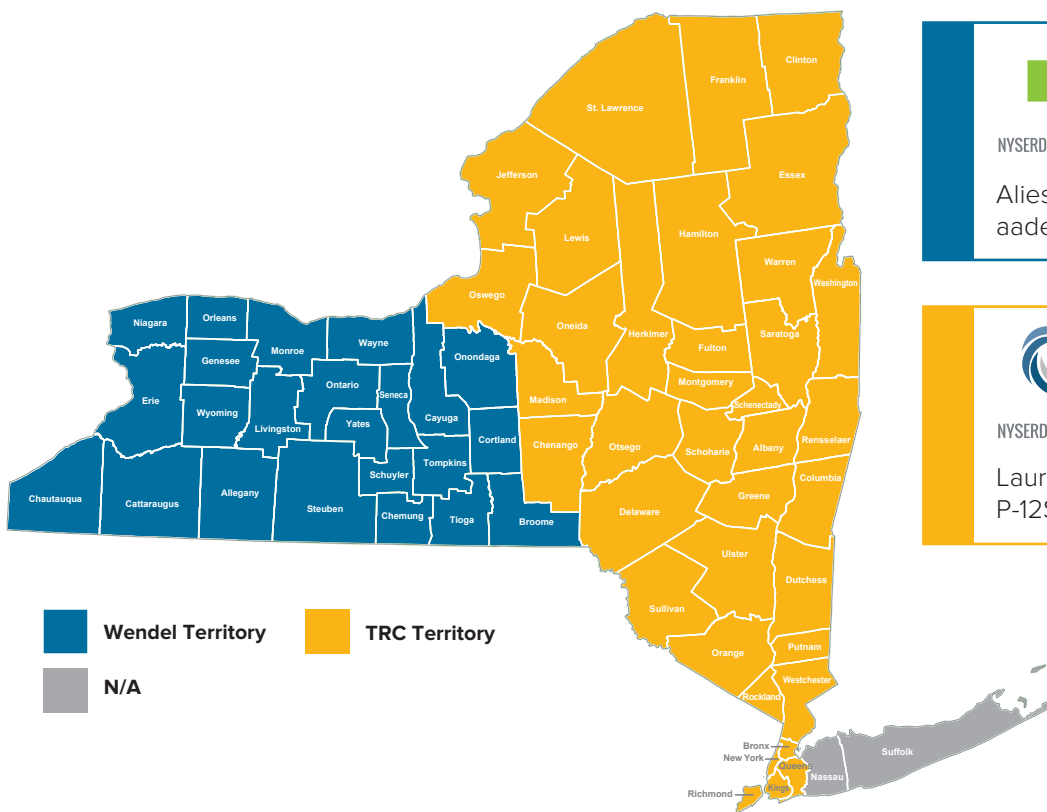
## Eligibility

To be eligible for services through this Benchmarking Program, your building(s) must be publicly or privately-owned and provide P-12 education. All space within your building(s) must be solely occupied by P-12 students and staff. Your building(s) must be located in New York State and pay into the System Benefits Charge (SBC) on your electric utility bill.

Applications must be submitted to [P12Schools@nyserra.ny.gov](mailto:P12Schools@nyserra.ny.gov). You may request a Benchmarking Consultant to prepare an application on your behalf. You must work with the Benchmarking Consultant assigned to your region (see below).

## Ready to get started?

To learn more about the Benchmarking Program, please contact the Benchmarking Consultant assigned to your region.



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