

Sustainability Club Theme Ideas

High school sustainability clubs can be very broad or very specific. A general sustainability club can tackle a variety of issues, both within your own school and within your community. It is up to you and your fellow members to decide exactly what issues you want your club to address.

Your club can focus on...	Possible activities
General sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join Bedford 2020's Greenlight Award Competition! • Plan a multi-day or multi-week sustainability event in your school or community that combines a variety of these activities • Any of the activities below
Climate action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign to institute broader climate change lesson plans in <i>every department</i>, and write the lesson plans yourself! • Write, pass, and sign a student-led climate action resolution • Talk to school decision-makers about school's energy use and carbon emissions
Plastics and waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a tour of your local recycling center and/or waste disposal site • Campaign to institute a broader spectrum of waste bins in your school (multi-stream recycling, upcycling, composting) • Campaign to ban single-use items (utensils, cups, plates, water bottles) from school dining locations • Organize a school- or community-wide clothing swap or tag sale

<p>Citizen science</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track data on an environmental issue specific to your community (ex. invasive species tracking, carpooling tracking, carbon footprint tracking, etc)
<p>Energy and transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign to reduce energy use in school (turning off lights, unplugging idle technology/ machinery) • Lobby to install solar panels and EV charging stations in school parking lot • Educate students, faculty, and staff on benefits of EV school buses and campaign to Board of Education • Sign up for the Renew Our Schools 2.0 Competition to compete to conserve energy in your school
<p>Gardening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a community garden • Teach students throughout your district how to compost • Create a student-led service to plant native plants and/or edibles in local yards for free • Campaign for cafeteria to buy locally sourced whole foods

High School Club Leadership Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibilities
President/Co-President	Leads meetings and facilitates discussions between members
Vice President	Helps president with meetings; plans events
Secretary	Records minutes. This includes meeting dates, times, attendance, and detailed record of what was discussed during the meeting. Is also responsible for ensuring that meeting attendees sign in
Treasurer	Handles budget and funding request forms; keeps track of cash donations; regularly checks and counts fund pool
Social Media Officer	Designs flyers, posters, and social media graphics; runs social media accounts, and distributes graphics on social media accounts
Historian	Takes photos of meetings and events (this can be combined with Social Media Officer)

Sample Funding Request Form*

***Note:** *Do not use this form for your school.* This is just an example of what a funding request form may look like. Ask your club advisor or student government for your school's funding request form, or look on your school's website.

Club Funding Request Form

Club name: _____

Club advisor: _____

Amount of funds requested: \$ _____

Approximate amount of funds collected by club fundraisers: \$ _____

Number of members of club: _____

Fundraiser(s) planned: _____

Description of what funds will be used for:

Sample Club Budget

Fundraiser Budget	
Item	Cost
One-month Canva subscription to make flyers	\$0.00 - \$13.00
Homemade poster and banner materials	\$40.00
Food, beverages	\$50.00
On-Campus Rooms and Equipment (tables, chairs, projector, computer)	\$0.00
Social media posts and publicity	\$0.00
Decorations and supplies	\$75.00
Total:	\$165.00 - \$178.00

Sample Club Proposal

The following page shows what your school may ask for your club proposal. If your school doesn't provide you with a proposal form to fill out, create a document or a presentation answering the questions shown below.

Attaching a petition for the club may also be helpful (see question #3). This petition would consist of a list of student names that endorse the creation of the club. Have students who are petitioning also provide their grade and student ID number on the petition form.

Club Proposal

1. What is the name of the club/activity that you are proposing?

2. What is your name?

3. What are the names of the students petitioning for this club?

4. To your knowledge, has this club/activity ever existed at [insert high school]? Does a similar club already exist?

5. Please describe the club/activity as best you can. Include any ideas for events, activities, projects, and/or campaigns.

6. Describe the lessons, experiences, or benefits this club/activity will offer students.

7. Where will this club/activity meet? What facility needs do you anticipate?

8. How often will this club/activity meet, and how long will each meeting last?

9. Who is your proposed club advisor?

12. Will this club/activity travel to other schools or locations for competitions, exhibitions, or field trips? If so, how often?

13. Are there any safety concerns associated with this club/activity? If yes, please describe how these concerns will be addressed.
