



# Congratulations

Your school has earned a valuable SERT award!



The School Energy Recycling Team (SERT) program is a systemwide resource conservation program promoting efficient and responsible resource use. Monetary incentives are awarded to schools based on energy conservation and recycling performance data and active school participation.

When a school earns a SERT award, funds are transferred electronically via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) directly into the school's Independent Activity Fund (IAF) or into the Building Services Custodial Supplies account, as applicable. Award certificates are delivered to the school by SERT staff.

Schools are able to use SERT award funds to promote and educate students and staff about the importance of conservation, environmental stewardship, and sustainability, but are not limited to such expenditures. SERT funds can also be used for legitimate school and student needs or improvement efforts under the discretion of the school principal.

Periodically, SERT funds are awarded to the school-based building service teams in recognition of their significant contributions to conservation. These funds are deposited into the building service supply account and should be used according to the guidelines set for that account.

Contact SERT if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the spending of SERT funds.

Here are a few conservation-related ideas for using your SERT funds:

- Field trips to the [PEPCO WaterShed Sustainability Center](#), the [recycling center](#) in Rockville, or the [Resource Recovery Facility](#) in Dickerson
- Paper and toner for student-made conservation or environmental awareness posters
- Video equipment or software for use in public service announcements about sustainability
- Student celebrations for SERT achievements
- Recycling bins/stations and equipment
- Membership fees for conservation programs
- Energy-saving equipment, such as task lamps and energy-efficient refrigerators
- Native species garden plants
- Sustainability education resources
- Art supplies used for SERT contests or conservation-related projects
- Assemblies related to sustainability
- Promotional items for Green Teams (aprons, caps, badges or T-shirts with the SERT logo)
- Energy tools for student use (like Watt meters)



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