



Beyond LEED®: Green Building Credits, Reference Standards & Specifications

GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified® products are recognized as credit criteria for several different green building programs. Low-emitting products that qualify for the GREENGUARD Certification or GREENGUARD Children & Schools can be used in a number of ways to qualify for points, and are listed in the GREENGUARD Product Guide at www.greenguard.org. The following programs are highlighted to demonstrate some of the ways that GREENGUARD Certified products can be used to achieve points.

CHPS Best Practices Manual Volume III

The Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) is recognized as a pioneer in developing sustainable guidelines and a building rating program for schools. Variations of the CHPS program is used in **California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington**. Building products and materials certified under GREENGUARD Children & Schools contribute credits toward earning CHPS recognition.

- **EQ Credit 2.2 – Low-Emitting Materials (Children & Schools)**

Green Globes

Large developers and property management companies throughout Canada and the United States utilize Green Globes assessment and rating systems.

- **12.2.1 Source Control of Indoor Pollutants – Volatile Organic Compounds (Children & Schools)**
 - **12.2.1 – A – Adhesives: Architectural, Substrates, Specialty, Sealants**
 - **12.2.1 – B – Paints: Latex Flat, Latex Nonflat, Floor Coverings, Insulations, Laminates, Hard Surfaces, Wallcoverings**
 - **12.2.1 – C – Floors and Interior Fit-Outs**

Green Guide for Health Care 2.2

An industry-recognized rating system that is being used as a foundational document for developing LEED-NC for Healthcare.

- **EQ Credit 4.1 - Interior Adhesives & Sealants (Children & Schools)**
- **EQ Credit 4.2 - Wall & Ceiling Finishes (Children & Schools)**
- **EQ Credit 4.3 - Flooring Systems (Children & Schools)**
- **EQ Credit 4.5 - Furniture & Medical Furnishings (Children & Schools)**
- **EP Credit 5 - Furniture & Medical Furnishings**
- **EP Credit 6 - IAQ Compliant Products**

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Green Seal Environmental Standard for Industrial and Institutional Cleaners (GS-37)

Green Seal is an independent non-profit organization that develops criteria for different industries to help promote the manufacture, purchase and use of environmentally responsible products and services.

- **Product-Specific Health and Environmental Requirements 4.10.2 – Chamber Testing** (Children & Schools)

GREENGUARD Certification as a Reference Standard

- City of Aspen and Pitkin County
- City of Austin
- Canada Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System
- National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Model Green Home Building Guidelines
- New York City Department of Design and Construction Office of Sustainable Design Specifications
- City of Portland's G/Rated Tenant Improvement Guide
- U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System

GREENGUARD Certification as a Resource

- American Lung Association Health House Builder Guidelines
- City of Boston Environment Department Guidelines for High Performance Buildings and Sustainable Development
- San Francisco Practical Tools for Green Building Design & Analysis
- City of Santa Monica Green Building Materials Selection and Specification Guide
- (Seattle) King County Online Resources for Built Green Projects

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