



North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
2025 Green Ribbon District Timeline

Background on ED-Green Ribbon Schools State Implementation

U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) recognition award is designed to be a tool to encourage new collaborations among state education agencies and various inter-agency and inter-sector partners. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) publishes criteria, a sample application which states may adapt and other resources for implementation. In addition, ED holds a call at least quarterly for state implementers of the award to share experiences and pose questions of ED.

ED-GRS NCDPI Annual Timeline:

Fall 2024	School and / or Districts who wish to participate prepare their application submittal.
January 16, 2025	*Deadline for the submittal of school, district, and post-secondary applications to NCDPI.
January 27, 2025	NCDPI notifies nominees who will be submitted to US-ED Green Ribbon Schools.
February 14, 2025	Deadline for NCDPI submittal of nominees to US-ED Green Ribbon Schools.
April 22, 2025	ED-GRS announces national honorees (Earth Day - Date Tentative)
Summer, 2025	ED-GRS hosts awards ceremony (Date and Location TBD)

***Submittal shall be online by 11:59 p.m. EST via email to: jon.long@dpi.nc.gov**