

Resilient Buildings Create Resilient Students: Combining wellness and net zero design







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Learning objectives

- Participants will learn about the successful planning and implementation of the WELL Building Standard and Zero Energy Certification on a high school campus. Specific strategies that make the campus more resilient will be discussed.
- The role of master planning and visioning will be discussed for attendees to understand their underlying importance.
- Participants will understand how both the physical infrastructure as well as policy and programming influence the wellbeing of students and staff.
- Participants will learn how programming decisions around facilities and food service can improve student outcomes and may be achieved without major capital cost implications.

This is a conversation

About energy. About carbon. About student wellness. About engagement.

Adlai E. Stevenson High School

Nationally recognized high-performing high school, whose mission *Success for Every Student* guides decision-making in all aspects of the teaching and learning experience

First year of operation: 1965 Size of school: ±1,056,000 square feet Number of students: +4,500 Number of faculty & staff: 550

Average SAT score: 1263 Average ACT score: 27 Advanced Placement participation: 2,100 students took an AP exam in 2022 Percent of grads who attend college: 96%

Ranked the #1 Public School in IL by U.S. News and World Report Ranked the #1 School District in America by Niche.com National Blue Ribbon School Awards: 5





Success for Every Student

Over its history, Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, IL has demonstrated and sustained a track record of prioritizing practices and initiatives that optimize the teaching and learning experience.

The school embodies a culture of continuous improvement that extends to "whole student" wellness. Sustainability is codified in operational policy. Additionally, design choices for the buildings — specifically for the East Building additions — are made with student's social emotional learning needs in mind:

- Easy access to Student Services
- Open and airy spaces with green and natural colors
- Access to a state-of-the-art Patriot Wellness Center
- A living wall
- Healthy food and drink options and more



Success for Every Student

In addition to its practical purposes for physical wellness, the building's biophilic design is intended to boost students' mental and cognitive well-being by bringing the feeling of nature indoors.

Research has shown that biophilic design is correlated with decreased stress and anxiety as well as increased cognition, attention and memory.

The district demonstrates its commitment to healthy learning spaces through campus certifications for high performance design, including International Living Future Institute's Zero Energy Certification and the WELL Building Standard (in addition to LEED).



A Demonstrated Commitment to Verified Environmental Leadership



LEED EBOM 2009 Gold – June 2011 Recert EBOM 2009 Gold – July 2016 Recert V4 EBOM Gold (ARC) – Aug 2022





East Building Addition Phase I LEED Platinum; LAPT Platinum; Zero Energy Certified (ILFI)



Fitness Center LEED Gold and targeting WELL Platinum

Fieldhouse LEED Gold; targeting WELL Platinum; targeting LEED Zero

ARC – A streamlined approach to measuring & reporting on your campus-wide sustainability efforts for LEED re-certification

Transportation

The survey asks one simple question: "On a typical day, how do you get to the building—one day, one way?" Respondents—which must comprise at least 25% of occupants—must include mileage for each transportation mode used.

Waste

The platform allows you to use either 12 months of data (as provided by your waste haulers) or data from a waste audit.

Water

Measure total potable water use on a monthly basis for twelve consecutive months (one full year). Input the twelve months of potable water use data into the Arc Platform and calculate a Water Performance Score for the project.

Energy

Arc energy score is based on a combination of greenhouse gas emissions and source energy. Both factors are equally weighted in the Arc Energy Score, which contributes up to 33 of the 100 total points in Arc. Used to be based on EnergyStar - now compares your building to other green buildings.

Human Experience

Human Experience is based on three data points:

- Annual occupant satisfaction survey
- Annual indoor air quality evaluation:

Carbon dioxide levels – less than 1000 ppm TVOCs – less than 500 ppm





LEED for Existing Buildings

Policy & Code Trends



Plan for the Future & Embrace Evolution



Towards a Carbon Neutral Campus

- Building efficiency and maintenance
- Photovoltaic array
- Building electrification
- Electric vehicle infrastructure planning for continued growth of EVs

Over **30 cities in California** have adopted some form of electrification codes, but a number of other cities in states across the country have also moved forward since last fall on policies favoring electrification. **Brookline (MA), Bellingham (WA), Park City (UT), Takoma Park (MD), and Ann Arbor (MI)** are among a growing list of cities considering or proposing measures that would prevent natural gas supply to new projects and incentivize electrification of existing buildings.

Country	Current government proposals to ban ICE only vehicle sales
China	Actively considering and studying a ban
France	2040
Germany	2030
India	2030
Ireland	2030
🗢 Israel	2030
Netherlands	2030
Norway	2025
Scotland	2032
UK	2040

The Sun will Set on the Internal Combustion Engine

Campus Energy Systems

- Energy saving strategies, from planned maintenance, equipment upgrades, and new construction reduce campus EUI
- A 1.34 MW photovoltaic system is installed on campus buildings, generating 1.715 MWh of electricity annually
- A natural gas peaker plant enables the campus to completely disconnect from the local electrical grid as part of a demand response program while maintaining full operations of buildings



The Worst Performing Building You Can Building By Law



Figure 2.1. Improvement in ASHRAE Standard 90/90.1 (1975-2013) with Projections to 2030

Roadmap for the Future of Commercial Energy Codes, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Jan 2015

Net Zero Energy



On an Annual Basis



А	Code design with premium HVAC: Heat transfer loop with electric boiler and fluid cooler. (baseline)
В	U-0.18 Window
С	U-0.18 Window + 0.05 infiltration (passive house standard)
D	U-0.18 Window + 0.05 infiltration (passive house standard) + R-20 below entire Slab On Grade
E	U-0.18 Window + 0.05 infiltration (passive house standard) + R-20 below entire Slab On Grade + R-35 Wall and R-60 Roof
F	U-0.18 Window + 0.05 infiltration (passive house standard) + R-20 below entire Slab On Grade + R-35 Wall and R-60 Roof + 70% Lighting
G	U-0.18 Window + 0.05 infiltration (passive house standard) + R-20 below entire Slab On Grade + R-35 Wall and R-60 Roof + 70% Lighting + 14 hour operation (17 hours originally)

	Performance or Design	Metric	Boundary	Combustion Allowed?	Efficiency Required?	Offsite RE Allowed?	Other Reqs.	
LIVING BUILDING CHALLENGE	\searrow				NC: 70% EBB* EB: 50% EBB (both w PV)	Yes. Using the offsite RE exception.	Must include on-sit storage; 20% embodied carbon reduction + EC offse	e
CERTIFICATION	\searrow				Highest efficiency	Yes, must be local. 75% of roof for		
ZERO CARBON CERTIFICATION	\searrow		빠스	Exceptions for EB and Emergency Power	NC: 25% < 90.1- 2010 EB: 30% < CBECS	Yes. Must be Additional.	10% Embodied Carbon Reduction + Carbon offsets for the remainder	
LEED Zero ENERGY	\searrow	7			No, but LEED	Yes. See tiered structure for	Must be LEED- NC or EBOM certified. Performance in	
LEED Zero CARBON	\searrow		H 1		Certified LEED v4.1 ASHRAE 90.1 - 2016	on- and offsite RE	Arc. TOU Option for LZC.	
ZERO CODE [™]	or 📈	Ħ			Must meet ASHRAE 90.1- (Or other listed standard)	Yes. After onsite. Tiered structure applies discount factor to various options.		
ophius	\searrow	7	H		Yes, stringent load, hygrothermal, and thermal bridging targets - see standard.	Yes. See tiered structure applies discount factor to various options.	Also requires Energy Star and ZERH.	
a = Transpo	ortation	= Embod	lied Carbon	= Site Energy	Use 📥 = Co	02e 🔒 = Source	e Energy Use	Chart ac Joshua WSP, 2(

Lessons Learned from Delivering Net Zero Energy

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- Energy model assumptions and equipment performance parameters don't always sync.
- Commissioning is key. And recommissioning.
- Net Zero is a **VERB**. In a performance period, you can't afford to adjust and wait for 30 days of results.
- Someone must be tasked with monitoring all the systems frequently.
- Problems are best solved with integrated team approach.

Operation

- Use the warranty period to keep trade contractors and equipment manufacturers engaged.
- The weather is going to be different than the weather model files.
- It's not always the weather. But you will become very weather conscious.
- Explore the comfort parameters and see if you can expand the comfort zone.
- If you think it's challenging to be net zero, you're right. So far....because it's a new practice...but shouldn't we apply this scrutiny to all buildings?

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In Illinois ^{3 verified} 13 emerging

ZE Status	State or Province	Name	Certifications	City	Building Type	Size (sf)	Total Site EUI	Net Site EUI
Verified	IL	Adlai E. Stevenson High School EBA I Science Addition	LEED, ILFI	Lincolnshire	Education	54,000	32	-3
Verified	IL	Carroll Center - Park District of Oak Park	PHIUS+ Sourc	Oak Park	Public Assembly	7,700	5	-6
Verified	IL	Techny Prairie Activity Center - Northbrook Park District	PHIUS+ Sourc	Northbrook	Public Assembly	44,200	27	0
Emerging	IL	Academy for Global Citizenship		Chicago	Education			
Emerging	IL	Adlai E. Stevenson High School EBA II Fieldhouse		Lincolnshire	Education	62,259		
Emerging	IL	Countryside Municipal Complex		Countryside	Public Assembly	34,700		
Emerging	IL	Electrical and Computer Engineering Building and Univ		Champaign	Education	250,000		
Emerging	IL	Heartland Community College Agriculture Complex		Normal	Education	30,000		
Emerging	IL	Lake County Forest Preserves Environmental Educatio		Libertyville	Education			
Emerging	IL	Oak Park Residence Corporation: 7 Van Buren		Oak Park	Multifamily			
Emerging	IL.	Parkview Early Learning Center		Mount Prospect	Education	10,000		
Emerging	IL	Prairie Activity & Recreation Center - Plainfield Park Dis	PHIUS	Plainfield	Public Assembly	39,776		
Emerging	IL	Saint Joseph's School Addition	PHIUS	Downers Grove	Education	7,000		
Emerging	IL	Sunset Ridge	LEED	Chicago	Education	73,890		
Emerging	IL	Walgreens Evanston Store	LEED	Evanston	Mercantile (Enclos	14,000	48	-5
Emerging	IL	Willowbrook Wildlife Center		Glen Ellyn	Other	25,000		0





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In Support of Wellness





- Daylight and views to the outside are emphasized throughout campus
- A resident nutritionist is available to all students and staff to promote healthy diet decisions
- Social-emotional needs as well as academic support are met through the Student Services Team
- Group fitness and one on one coaching is available to all students
- The fitness facility is open to students and staff before and after class, on weekends, and during the summer

In Support of Wellness



Provide spaces for students relax, collaborate, and socialize with a variety of seating options



PATRIOT RECREATION EDUCATION PROGRAM AT STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL

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In Support of Wellness

- Covid response measures
 - MERV 13/8
 - UV
 - Bi-polar Ionization
- Design for increased ventilation
 - Ventilation capacity of existing buildings
- Operable windows
- Indoor air quality monitors



Living Wall Integration in Mechanical System



Environmental Consciousness

- Single stream recycling
- Composting (beyond food scraps-"organic recycling")
- Homecoming Giving Week
- Give-a-thon
- 300 Hour Club
- Green Team (student centric)
- Building as Pedagogy





Building as Pedagogy: Green Roof Urban Agriculture







Building as Pedagogy



HEALTH AND WELLNESS RATING SYSTEM COMPARISON

With the emergence of health as a driver in planning, design, construction, and operations, a handful of building rating systems have begun to address and measure wellness-promoting features and strategies. This graphic highlights how LEED, the Living Building Challenge, WELL, and Fitwel compare on a variety of health-related priorities.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS RATING CATEGORIES



RATING SYSTEMS

LEED V4 BD+C LEED Pilot Credits WELL v1 May-16 Living Building Challenge (LBC) 3.1 Fitwel v1

HOW THEY ADDRESS HEALTH CATEGORIES

- Covered in detail
- Covered, but not in great detail
- Addressed, but leaves out some aspects
- ✓ Includes onsite performance measurements
- Precondition or prerequisite

LOCATION & SITE

3,* See footnote for more information

horizontal elements

VERTICAL

Health has always been a core component of a truly sustainable building project. As the connection between health and the built environment broadens to areas not covered by early versions of LEED, the need for a metric that addresses these qualities in a more comprehensive manner has become necessary.

HORIZONTAL

It is possible to have a LEED-certified building that lacks onsite greenspace, basic walkability, or public transportation access. WELL similarly emphasizes the building itself and focuses less on the importance of neighborhood and connectivity. The Living Building Challenge, in contrast, has required imperatives covering car-free living, onsite agriculture, and biophilia. Fitwel has a big focus on active design.

9	LEED v4	LEED Pilot	Well v1	LBC 3.1	Fitwel v1
Active Design		1	٠	٠	
Biophilia			٠	٠	2
On-site Food Options		3	• 4	\$ 5	6
Materials Specification Life Cycle Health Impact		7		٠	
Daylight			1	• 8	9
Interior Light Quality			٠		
Natural Ventilation				٠	
Thermal Comfort			٠	10	
Air Quality VOCs, Flush Out, Testing, etc.	testing		• / 11	٠	12
Drinking Water Quality		_	•1		
Acoustics	♦ 13 for schools	-14	• / 15		
Mental Health		16			17
Ergonomics/ Adjustable Furniture		18	٠		19

RATING SYSTEM MECHANICS

	LEED v4 LEED Pilot	Well v1	LBC 3.1	Fitwel v1
Third Party Certified 36	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Certification Costs	Medium	High	Medium	Low 37
Recertification	None*	Every 2 Years	None	None 38
Number of Health-Related Prerequisites	2	37 39	All	None
Market Maturity	High	Medium	Medium	Low 40
General Environmental Benefit 41	Comprehensive 🔶		Comprehensive	

Food Options

Services and

Safety

Employment Access

LOCATION & SITE							
S.	LEED	LEED Pilot	Well v1	LBC 3.1	Fity		
Walkability	20	21	22	•23			
Public Transportation Access					2		
Proximity to Green Space			i.				
Onsite Green Space Creation		1			2		
Proximity to Health	24.1						

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LOCATION & CIT



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From Sloppy Joes to Sushi:

How school cafeterias have changed in both food and design, and why this matters for children

Child nutrition connected to

- Physical development
- Behavior
- Emotional well-being



Healthy meals raise student achievement

percentage

points on

average*

"School Lunch Quality & Academic Performance"

*California State Department of Education and Economics at University California Berkley study over 5 years at 9,700 schools.









How can the space encourage change?





















Lighting Makes a Difference





CRI (Ra)<70

CRI (Ra)>80

Healthy Food First Flow around serving Personalized choice More than menu on display Lighting, lighting & more lighting Color Rendering Index (CRI)





Before & After





Before & After





Before & After



Quantifiable Data







Thank You!