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Santa Barbara High School honored with a **Silver Award** as a **Green Ribbon School** by the California Department of Education.

Santa Barbara, California – It was announced on February 26, 2016 that Santa Barbara High School received Silver Medal honors from the California Department of Education in the California Green Ribbon School Award program. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr16/yr16rel17.asp>

Only 27 awards were given statewide to individual schools or school districts. **The award is given to schools and districts that conserve resources while promoting health and environmental literacy** and is part of the larger U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon program.

SBHS's recognition was largely based upon the strength of its green curriculum in AP Environmental Science, the work of the Dons Net Café (a business academy with a focus on sustainable growth) and the work of various campus and district entities; the school's custodial staff has implemented green cleaning procedures and three refill stations allow students and staff to refill bottles in order to alleviate plastic waste while SB School District Nutrition Services contributed significantly to students' health.

The Silver Medal is the result of SBHS's first year entry in this awards program, an effort documented by the PTSA Sustainability Committee and led by SBHS teacher Jose Caballero.

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