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Why the Increase in Solar-Powered Schools?

Out of the 125,000 K-12 schools in the United States, *over 3,700* are running on solar power. Three-thousands of these schools installed their solar power systems within the past six years, as solar technology continues to become less expensive and more sophisticated.

This trend in powering our schools reflects the growing recognition by district and state officials that photovoltaic electrical systems offer significant financial and environmental benefits. Here are four key reasons why more schools are making this transition.

Solar-powered schools are more affordable

Each solar-powered school saves an average of *\$21,000 per year* in utility bills, which totals \$77.8 million per year nationwide. Schools can pass these savings on to the students in the form of subsidized laptops, tablets and other classroom resources, or savings can be used to provide over 2,000 teaching jobs throughout the United States.

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