

# ELEMENTARY & HIGH SCHOOLS

## Why should schools participate in Love the Boot week?

In 2017, Gov. John Bel Edwards signed into law Act 72 (HB 111) which ensures that litter education and prevention are taught in Louisiana public schools from kindergarten through fifth grade. Love the Boot gives schools a ready opportunity to engage future generations across Louisiana to show they care about our state through active participation in community cleanup events. It also provides students with the chance to learn about the importance of environmental issues at a young age.

## How can schools get involved and make a difference?

Organize a cleanup on or around your school campus. Encourage the entire school to participate or engage certain grades or classes — it is up to you! Expand the cleanup to include other efforts on campus such as gardening, painting and eliminating straws in the cafeteria. Promote your event by using print and digital tools in the Love the Boot toolkit at [lovetheboot.org](http://lovetheboot.org). Make sure to register your event at [lovetheboot.org](http://lovetheboot.org) and post your outcomes for statewide recognition.

## Organize a cleanup

- Prior to Love the Boot Week, go to [lovetheboot.org](http://lovetheboot.org) to register your event.
- Organize a cleanup for students at your school or around your community to take place anytime during April 20 to 26, 2020. Create a friendly challenge among grade levels or classes. Include parents, as well! Download a Litter Cleanup How-To Kit and promotional tools at [lovetheboot.org](http://lovetheboot.org).
- Use the tools in the Love the Booth Promotional Toolkit to promote the event throughout the school on your website, on campus and in the student newsletter. There are logos, digital ads, posters and banners available for your use. Download the Promotional Toolkit at [lovetheboot.org](http://lovetheboot.org).
- Promote Love the Boot Week with social media posts showing what your school did with the hashtag #LovetheBoot.
- After your event return to [lovetheboot.org](http://lovetheboot.org) to post your outcomes for statewide recognition.

## Benefits of participation

- Recognition as a participant on [lovetheboot.org](http://lovetheboot.org) for one year.
- Social media posts highlighting school activities.
- A clean, healthy, inviting school for your students.
- Opportunity to set a good example for students.
- Reduction of waste and litter on your school campus.

## How can schools #LoveTheBoot all year long?

- Eliminate the use of straws, plastic water bottles and Styrofoam cups.
- Install trash and recycling receptacles at all transition points and in parking lots.
- Recycle all paper in classrooms, offices and in the teacher's lounge.
- Advocate for clean, green practices to save your school money and benefit the environment.
- Mulch and trim trees.
- Create or maintain gardens on campus.
- Paint fences and benches around school.
- Organize a car wash or other fundraising event and donate to Keep Louisiana Beautiful's efforts.

**REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL AT [LOVETHEBOOT.ORG](http://LOVETHEBOOT.ORG).**