

The background is a soft-focus green and white scene with various elements: green leaves in the corners, a pink butterfly on the left, and a central circular graphic with two concentric green lines and three small green dots connected by thin lines. The text is centered within this graphic.

**This House believes that
all schools should go
completely paperless in
order to reduce Global
Waste Production , Land
P o l l u t i o n a n d
Deforestation.**



Definition of the Motion

“All schools” includes primary, secondary, and tertiary educational institutions across the world.

“Go completely paperless” means eliminating the use of paper in all aspects of school life—teaching, homework, administration, communication, exams, etc.—and replacing it with digital alternatives.

“In order to reduce global waste production, land pollution, and deforestation” identifies the key environmental goals that motivate this shift, suggesting that going paperless is proposed as a solution to these pressing global issues.

Proposition Arguments

1. Reduction in Deforestation

Paper production is a major driver of deforestation.

Fewer trees = less CO₂ absorption = worse climate change.

2. Less Global Waste

Tons of paper waste are generated by schools each year and often end up in landfills.

3. Prevention of Land Pollution

Paper waste mixed with ink and plastic (from notebooks, folders, etc.) pollutes the soil.

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4. Digital Literacy

Going paperless boosts students' digital skills—essential for 21st-century careers.

5. Cost-Effective in the Long Run

No need for constant paper and printing costs.

Digital content can be easily updated and shared.

Opposition Arguments

Thesis: While reducing paper is admirable, completely eliminating it is unrealistic, inequitable, and has downsides.

Arguments:

- **Digital Divide**

Not all students have access to reliable devices or internet at home.

A paperless school could increase inequality.

- **Health Concerns**

Too much screen time affects eyesight, sleep, and concentration.

Writing by hand improves memory and learning.