



## **Dick Scobee Elementary School**

**School District:** Auburn

**School Location:** Auburn

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** December 2016

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2017

**Level Two of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2018

### **Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)**

- Dick Scobee Elementary School maintained a recycling rate of 58 percent.
- The school established a Green Team whose goal was to create and promote waste reduction and recycling (WRR) goals for the school.
- The school partnered with City of Auburn, UW Livable City Year Program, and King County Green Schools Program to complete a cafeteria waste audit to gain data on waste sorting, food share potential, and recommendations for improvement.
- Green Team members and other students were trained how to monitor recycling and composting in the cafeteria.
- The school reduced paper use by limiting the use of paper handouts, encouraging double sided printing and promoting paper-free days where no materials were printed.
- Waste-free lunches were promoted where students were encouraged to bring lunches in durable, reusable containers.
- To help reduce food waste, Dick Scobee set up a food share table where students placed unwanted and unopened foods from the school lunch program for other students to take.
- The Green Team made regular weekly announcements to educate and promote the practice of the 4R's – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink.



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# Success Story

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## Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- “Turn off Lights” and “Turn off Equipment” signs were placed in all classrooms to remind students and staff to turn them off when not needed.
- The Green Team formed an Energy Conservation Patrol to ensure all lights and equipment were turned off after school. Teachers turned off lights in unoccupied spaces and used daylight instead of electric lights whenever possible.
- The school created an energy conservation pledge and asked students and staff members to pledge to conserve energy both at school and at home.
- Dick Scobee encouraged all teachers to restrict the use of personal appliances in classrooms and offices.
- All incandescent lights were replaced with fluorescent or LED bulbs.
- The school encouraged students and staff to dress appropriately for the weather rather than adjust the thermostat.
- Custodians monitored the school’s energy use, and the Green Team shared the results annually through announcements and the school newsletter.

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