



## Enumclaw High School

**School district:** Enumclaw

**School location:** Enumclaw

**Began participating in Green Schools Program:** December 2019

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in June 2020

### Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Participation in Green Schools Program was announced at a Buzz Talk (similar to a Ted Talk) and a student presented about climate change and the benefits of reducing waste. She encouraged students to volunteer at waste sorting stations in the lunchroom and to join the new environmental club.
- Waste reduction and recycling practices were shared multiple times throughout the school year via announcements, Buzz Talks, presentations in classrooms, and at staff meetings.
- An Environmental Club student created a video about waste reduction and recycling practices and shared it with students in their homeroom classes in December 2019.
- Science classes hosted King County workshops in 2019-20.
- In February 2020, Environmental Club students visited Enumclaw Middle School's Green Team to discuss resource conservation and Green Schools Program goals.
- To reduce paper waste, all Enumclaw High classes used Google Classroom and the school had a 1:1 laptop to student policy.
- Staff members used electronic meeting agendas and emailed the weekly bulletin to the school community. Each staff member was assigned a copy code to track paper use and were encouraged to print only what is needed.
- The school rebooted lunchroom recycling practices in January 2020. Students made three-dimensional posters with examples of recyclable materials and displayed them at lunchroom recycling stations to encourage correct sorting.



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# *Success Story*

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- Recycling bins with signs were placed next to garbage containers in all classrooms, offices, and shared spaces.
- Student volunteers monitored lunchroom waste stations daily to help students and staff members correctly sort garbage and recyclable materials. Cans, plastic bottles, and milk cartons were collected for recycling in the lunchroom.
- The school used compostable trays and bulk condiments dispensers.
- An Environmental Club student leader presented at a school board meeting in February 2020 to highlight the success of the revamped recycling program and to encourage the district to engage all Enumclaw schools in the King County Green Schools Program.
- Kitchen staff members offered leftover non-perishable packaged foods to students to take at the end of each lunch.
- At the end of the school year, durable supplies for teachers were stored for reuse.
- Teacher Raeann Webb requested and received a copy of the Chemical Hygiene Plan from Enumclaw School District. The plan was reviewed by staff members and Environmental Club students.
- Teacher Webb offered cooking classes to teach students about nutrition and healthy food choices.