



## **Inglewood Middle School**

**School District:** Lake Washington

**School Location:** Sammamish

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** September 2015

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2016

**Level Two of the Green School Program:** Achieved in May 2017

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

- The school maintained a 69 percent recycling rate.
- School supported an after-school Green Team student club that met bi-weekly.
- A school waste audit was conducted March 31, 2016 to determine what items were routinely thrown away at school, what students and staff members were doing well, and how they could improve.
- “Did you know...” conservation posters were placed throughout the school and updated monthly with conservation topics, and students were informed about waste reduction and recycling through weekly announcements.
- The school Green Team
  - Conducted a weekly student poll on sustainability topics.
  - Hosted an Earth Day conservation Quiz Show activity during lunch periods.
  - Promoted waste-free lunches during morning announcements.
- In the cafeteria, durable plastic baskets were used instead of disposable trays.
- The school conserved paper by communicating with parents and students through email and the school website, and by completing some in-class assignments digitally rather than on paper.
- To reduce paper use, every classroom used digital tools such as an Activeboard, whiteboard, and document camera.
- Posters promoting paper reduction were placed in classrooms next to printers to remind staff and students to conserve.



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- School maintained a leadership closet for storing holiday and other decorations that could be reused each year. Hall passes were reused on a day-to-day basis. Most school P.E. equipment was reused every school year.
- Waste reduction and recycling (WRR) quiz games and online trivia were made available to students towards the end of the 2015-16 school year.
- Quiz games were held on Earth Day and trivia was posted to the school's ASB webpage.
- The King County Green Schools Program representative observed how waste was disposed at school lunches and provided tailored recommendations for WRR improvements.
- Liquid waste collection buckets were placed in the lunchroom and instructional signs were placed near them.
- Throughout the school year, the Inglewood Green Team used PA announcements and scrolling announcements on TV monitors in the lunch room to remind students and staff how to recycle and reduce waste.

## Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- The Green Team formed an Energy Conservation Patrol and performed random checks in classrooms after school to determine if and how much energy was being wasted.
- The Inglewood Green Team shared regular facts and tips regarding energy conservation during morning PA announcements throughout the school year.
- A link to King County Green Schools' energy conservation tips was posted in the Green Team's webpage.
- Tips on how to promote both Level One and Level Two practices were posted online.
- Students and staff were reminded during morning announcements to keep the room temperatures at school neutral by not touching the thermostat.
- Computers were set to sleep automatically after 15 minutes in order to save energy.
- To reduce energy use, vending machine lights were put on timers to prevent them from turning on if the motion sensor was triggered by a night custodian.
- The school district lent the Green Team a light meter to find over-lit areas and report them to the district. The district was then able to remove one or two bulbs in those spaces and reduce electricity use.



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