



Kirkland Middle School

School District: Lake Washington

School Location: Kirkland

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: October 2016

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in April 2017

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Kirkland Middle School achieved a recycling rate of 48 percent
- A student Green Team was formed in fall 2016. All students were welcome to participate and the team met on a weekly basis.
- The Green Team regularly promoted waste reduction and recycling (WRR) practices via morning announcements and posters placed around the school.
- At the beginning of the school year, Green Team students presented a PowerPoint slideshow at a school staff meeting to remind employees of the school's waste reduction and recycling practices.
- Waste reduction and recycling successes were shared with the school community throughout the year via the school newsletter and the school website.
- To recognize Earth Day, the Green Team quizzed students at lunch about school-wide WRR practices using the phone app Kahoot. Science teachers used the Kahoot app for a similar activity during classes to connect WRR practices to environmental science.
- The Green Team created posters promoting waste reduction and recycling to help students understand how to sort recyclable and compostable materials.
- Green Team students collaborated with students from a University of Washington bio-solids class to plan and create PSA videos. The videos were completed and presented to Kirkland Middle School students in January 2017.
- To reduce food waste, a share table was set up in the cafeteria so that students could take or place unwanted, packaged, and unopened cafeteria items.



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For more information about this school's participation in the King County Green Schools Program, contact:

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