



TAF@Saghalie (Technology Access Foundation Academy)

School district: Federal Way Public Schools

School location: Federal Way

Began participating in Green Schools Program: October 2018

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in December 2020

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Led by head custodian Margarita Jacobson and Communities In Schools outreach coordinator Kimberly Foster, the school improved its recycling practices to achieve a 41 percent recycling rate and to educate students and staff members about the importance of waste reduction and recycling.
- Jacobson coached students daily in the cafeteria about correct sorting, and sent emails to staff members every two weeks and as needed to provide updates and reminders about reducing waste and recycling.
- Recycling bins with signs were placed next to garbage containers in all classrooms, offices, and shared spaces. Recycling signs provided by King County Green Schools Program were posted throughout the school in September 2019 and updated or replaced as needed. All composting, recycling, and trash guidelines were visible in the cafeteria and classrooms.
- In September 2019 and January 2020, school-wide trainings were conducted on lunch procedures, including how to sort correctly. Waste reduction and recycling procedures also were reviewed during staff member orientations.
- From October 2019 through January 2020, students in Service Learning Classes helped clean the cafeteria after student lunches after receiving training on how to correctly sort food waste, recyclable materials, and trash. The classes rotated on different days and shifts.



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Success Story

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Rethink

- Sixth-grade and seventh-grade students participated in STEM Exposition projects January through March 2020. Topics included eco-systems and environmental sustainability.
- To reduce food waste, the school set up a food share table for unopened packaged foods.
- In 2019-20, the school started to use durable instead of single-use cafeteria trays.
- Bulk dispensers were used for condiments.
- In June 2019, non-toxic and bulk cleaning products were purchased, and all cleaning products were converted before school opened in August 2019. To reduce waste and over-use of chemicals, single-use wipes and paper towels were replaced with reusable washable cloths and spray bottles diluted from a concentrated solution.