Bellevue Montessori School

School District: Private
School Location: Bellevue
Began participating in Green Schools Program: November 2019
Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in January 2020

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

• Bellevue Montessori achieved a 40 percent recycling rate.
• Green Team students formed teams to monitor recycling, composting, and other conservation practices.
• The school started to collect compostable materials in 2019-20 for transport to a regional composting facility.
• Student Green Team members delivered compost bins to classrooms, taught each class about the benefits of recycling and composting, and showed other students how to sort materials into appropriate bins.
• To reduce food waste, students were encouraged to “take or bring only what you will eat.”
• The school started a new meal program to provide healthy lunch options using only compostable serving materials. The school’s new food delivery company provided compostable plates and utensils. No lunch trays were used.
• To reduce paper use, electronic curriculum modules replaced paper workbooks, the school communicated its policy on double-side photocopying and printing, and all newsletters were sent via email.
• The school purchased paper, paper towels, and other products made from recyclable materials.