



Benson Hill Elementary School

School District: Renton

School Location: Renton

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2016

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

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Benson Hill Elementary School achieved a recycling rate of 43 percent.
- The school established a student Green Team made up of 50 fifth-grade students. The team was trained by a King County Green School's Program representative and they helped monitor lunch time waste during the school year.
- Teachers were given talking points to teach students prior to the recycling kick-off. Waste reduction and recycling (WRR) practices and why they are important were shared via all-school announcements, as were WRR school successes.
- Green Team members created and displayed 3-dimensional posters using actual recyclable materials.
- To reduce food waste, Benson Hill set up a share table where students were able to place or take unopened, packaged cafeteria foods.
- Reusable trays and bulk dispensers were used in the cafeteria.

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