



Cascade Middle School

School District: Auburn

School Location: Auburn

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: October 2016

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

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Cascade Middle School achieved a recycling rate of 76 percent.
- A student Green Team made up of six students was established to help teach other students about waste reduction and recycling (WRR) practices, monitor waste at lunchtime, and assist the school custodian after school. Announcements were made at lunch time to share daily reminders and school WRR successes.
- The school held contests between lunches. A Green Team monitor at each waste station watched for incorrect sorting, another monitor recorded the number of mistakes. The lunch period with the lowest number of mistakes won. Prizes included popcorn, ice cream, a trophy, and recognition at an assembly.
- A cafeteria share table was set up so that students could take or place unwanted cafeteria food items that were unopened and packaged.
- Disposable lunch trays were replaced with durable, reusable trays.
- Air hand dryers and foam soap dispensers were used in bathrooms.

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