Finn Hill Middle School

School District: Lake Washington
School Location: Kirkland
Began participating in Green Schools Program: November 2018
Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2019

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Fill Hill Middle School achieved a recycling rate of 79 percent.
- The school formed a student Green Team and made announcements weekly about conservation practices.
- The Green Team worked on a variety of conservation projects and created posters and signs about waste reduction to be posted in the school.
- In spring 2019, the school piloted a share table for unopened, unwanted food items from the cafeteria, and donated leftover share table items to a nonprofit food distribution organization.
- Student volunteers monitored cafeteria recycling stations and the food share table.
- The school switched from disposable trays and utensils to reusable alternatives in the cafeteria.
- The school eliminated all concentrated acids and base chemicals and ensured proper storage of the remaining chemicals used at the school. Teacher Eric Lucke conducted an inventory of chemicals at the end of the school year.