



Highlands 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 April 2017

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Highlands Elementary School achieved a recycling rate of 54 percent.
- The first Green Team meeting was held in fall 2016 and was made up of 30 fifth-grader students. After a few months, fourth-grade students began participating.
- School-wide announcements about waste reduction and recycling were made at the beginning of the school year, school-wide assemblies, and staff meetings.
- Green Team students made 3-dimensional posters using actual recyclable materials from the school to show what items belonged in each bin.
- The school held an Earth Day Spirit Week in April of 2017, with a different theme each day. The themes included saving energy, walking/biking to school, cleaning up litter, and bringing recyclable materials from home to create art projects.
- Green Team students spoke to the school board about how they were working to keep the school clean, reduce waste, compost food scraps, and recycle.

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