HOME Program/Renton Academy

School District: Renton
School Location: Renton

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2016
Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in January 2017
Level Two of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in February 2018

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school increased its recycling rate from 33 percent to 55 percent.
- HOME Program/Renton Academy began collecting compostable materials in the lunchroom and family room in 2016.
- The school shared waste reduction and recycling successes in weekly newsletters, intercom announcements and Facebook posts.
- The Helping Hands class:
  - Built a worm bin for the school garden.
  - Created posters for the cafeteria to assist with proper waste sorting.
  - Toured the King County Cedar Hills Regional Landfill to learn about what happens to garbage after it has been thrown away.
- Zero Waste Wednesdays were promoted to encourage students to bring durable containers and water bottles to school.
- The school collected polystyrene, which a parent volunteer took to a recycling facility.
- Reusable hand towels were put into use in school bathrooms.
- To reduce paper use:
  - The school set up Good on One Side (GOOS) paper reuse trays next to all printing stations.
At the school’s main printing station, instructions were posted on how to make double-sided copies.

School newsletters were sent out electronically starting in January 2016.

Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- The school’s Green Team established a goal of decreasing energy consumption by 5%.
- Energy conservation signs were posted on light switches, computers and monitors to remind staff and students to turn them off when not in use.
- Facts and tips about reducing energy use were shared in weekly newsletters.

For more information about the school’s conservation achievements and participation in the Green Schools Program, contact:

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