

King County Green Schools Program



Mission

To provide King County schools and school districts with tools and support needed to:

- Initiate and expand waste reduction and recycling practices and other conservation actions.
- Operate environmentally efficient and responsible facilities.
- Involve the whole school community in environmental stewardship as a model for the larger community.

Program Benefits

- **Assistance** - King County provides hands-on assistance and guidance
- **Cost savings** - Conservation practices save money
- **Pride** - Participants are "Green School" models
- **Recognition** - Participants receive recognition
- **Resources** - King County provides recycling containers and stickers, information and referrals

Program Summary

- King County schools and school districts may progress through three program levels. After fulfilling criteria in each level, participants receive recognition.
- Eligible schools and school districts: K - 12, public and private, located in King County outside of the City of Seattle.
- King County provides assistance and support, including the following:
 1. Assessment of waste reduction and recycling practices.
 2. Site visits and ongoing guidance to make improvements, track successes and complete the program criteria.
 3. Student and staff education and outreach about conservation practices.
 4. Referrals to resources and funding sources.
 5. Recycling stickers for containers. Recycling containers up to \$200 per school.

How to Become a King County Green School

Step 1 Form a **Green Schools team**. **School** teams include two or more staff members (such as teachers, principal, custodian) and interested students. **School district** teams include at least two district staff (such as maintenance supervisor, resource conservation or facility manager).

Step 2 Fill out a King County Green Schools Program **application**.

Step 3 With county assistance, complete **level one** criteria*, which is focused on **Waste Reduction and Recycling**.

Step 4 Receive **recognition** after completing level one. (Additional recognition is received after each program level is completed.)

More Levels If desired, complete criteria* in level two — or in both levels two and three.

Level two

1. Complete **Energy Conservation** criteria.*
2. Complete criteria* in at least one of the following categories:
 - Environmental Education
 - Environmental Purchasing
 - Green Building
 - Hazardous Materials Management
 - Litter Reduction
 - Transportation Choices

Level three

1. Complete **Water Conservation** criteria.*
2. Complete criteria* in at least one additional category (from the list of categories above).

** Schools and districts that do not meet the criteria are still eligible to receive assistance.*

Participants Receive Recognition

- Each school receives a banner, a certificate of recognition and a success story on the program Web site.
- Media releases are issued to promote participants that complete program levels.

How Your School or District Can Participate

King County schools and school districts (K - 12, public and private, outside of the City of Seattle) may submit an application form at any time. Participants are selected on a first come, first served basis.

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