



## Auburn High School

**School district:** Auburn

**School location:** Auburn

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** April 2012

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2013

### Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Auburn High School increased its recycling rate from 44% to 52% as a result of recycling in classrooms, office spaces, staff break room, and next to copiers.
- Student Green Club members made sure each classroom had a recycling bin, garbage bin, and recycling signs and posters to show students what can be placed in recycling bins. Club members created signs to place on garbage bins with reminders about what should be placed in garbage bins.
- Lunchroom recycling increased, thanks to Green Club and leadership class volunteers who monitored sorting stations, made daily announcements, and organized a quiz show event to engage students in learning about recycling.
- Students coordinated with City of Auburn and the recycling hauler to host a lunch recycling event with an information booth, games, and prizes.
- The Green Club made posters about recycling and about events, including an event to collect empty chip bags for TerraCycle, a company which used the bags to make new products. This fundraising event raised \$1,800 for building clean water containment wells in Kenya.
- DECA students helped organize recycling of old school computers.
- The school reduced waste by switching from paper trays to small paper boats.
- To reduce paper use, the monthly family newsletter was distributed by e-mail.
- Teacher and Green Club leader Bess Owens sent weekly staff emails with "One Minute" recycling activities for reducing waste and sorting recyclables correctly.
- Green Club members participated in the Auburn 2013 Clean Sweep Day where they joined other volunteers to improve landscaping in downtown Auburn.