

Bellevue High School

School district: Bellevue

School location: Bellevue

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: In 2003, during the pilot Green Schools Program, then again in September 2008

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2009

Level Two of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2010

Level Three of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in April 2011

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school achieved a 45% recycling rate.
- Bellevue High's student Earthbound Club included approximately 50 members.
- City of Bellevue partnered with the Green Schools Program to assist Bellevue schools with recycling improvements.
- Recycling bins were placed in all classrooms, offices, and cafeteria.
- Earthbound organized a campus clean up and recycled any bottles/cans that were picked up.
- Earthbound continued promotion of recycling and waste reduction to student body.
- The school collected and mailed bottle caps to Aveda for the company's bottle cap recycling program.
- To reduce paper use, the school:
 - Instituted a double-sided photocopying policy and placed education sheets on all printers to promote the policy.
 - Used e-mail communication whenever possible.
 - Used smart boards and flash drives in classrooms.



Figure 1 Bellevue High receives its Green Schools banner.



Figure 2 Two students place "Please turn off the water" stickers above each sink.



Energy conservation (Level Two)

- The school completed Level Two by meeting all energy conservation criteria.
- Bellevue High conducted a campaign to reduce energy use.

Environmental education

- The Earthbound Club held “sustain able” events in 2009 and 2010 with speakers and more than 20 booths from environmental agencies. Approximately 250 people attended the events, including Bellevue City Council members.
- Club members went on field trips to “Idea House,” Alchemy Goods, a University of Washington sustainability event. and Cougar Mountain Zoo in Issaquah.
- Earthbound worked on Marra Farm, an organic farm in Seattle.

Water Conservation (Level Three)

- Earthbound conducted a water conservation outreach campaign. Club members placed water conservation posters throughout the school, and placed “turn water off” stickers by sinks throughout the school.
- Earthbound participated in a Friends of the Cedar River watershed restoration project. Many Earthbound members were also Salmon Watchers.
- Nature Vision presented a classroom workshop on water conservation, City of Bellevue presented a workshop about salmon, Earthbound members toured a King County wastewater treatment plant, and students learned about water conservation in their science classes.

Awards

- Teacher Ted Cox received a King County Earth Hero at School award in April 2010.
- For their leadership of the Earthbound Club, students Marielle Price and Rose Smith received a King County Earth Hero at School award in April 2007 and student Lynn Shishak received a King County Earth Hero at School award in April 2006.