



Beverly Park Elementary School

School district: Highline

School location: Des Moines

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2008

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

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- To conserve paper, the school adopted and promoted a double-sided photocopy policy.
- Beverly Park increased its recycling rate from 33% to 38%.
- To compost food and yard waste, paraeducator Karen Eng set up two outdoor worm bins. With help from the Green Schools Program, sixth-grade students from teacher Rosanne Esposito's class participated in a King County workshop on how to compost using a worm bin. Each lunch period, selected students collected food scraps and tended the worm bin.
- The school started recycling breakfast milk cartons and recycled approximately 150 milk cartons and 120 juice cartons per day. Custodian Archie Champion led this effort.
- Indoor recycling bins provided by the Green Schools Program were placed in the lunchroom for milk cartons, juice boxes, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and food scraps.
- School staff placed recycling stickers on all indoor recycling bins. Provided by the Green Schools Program, the stickers list what can and cannot be recycled.