



Brigadoon Elementary School

School district: Federal Way

School location: Federal Way

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2012

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

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school achieved and maintained a recycling rate of 57%.
- In fall 2012, Brigadoon set up a recycling program in its lunchroom.
- In spring 2013, Brigadoon started to collect food scraps and other compostable materials in its lunchroom and staff lounge.
- Head custodian Emmanuel Cortes handled collection of lunchroom recyclable and compostable materials and supported the school's conservation efforts.
- Teacher Barbara Kavanaugh led Green Team students and regularly attended the district's Green Team Coalition meetings to share ideas and support other district schools working on similar efforts.
- In its lunchroom, Brigadoon encourages students to "take only what you will eat and eat what you take."
- In 2012-13, Green Team students at Brigadoon
 - Made regular announcements about waste reduction and recycling practices.
 - Created "GOOS" (Good on One Side) boxes and delivered them to all intermediate classrooms to reduce paper use.
 - Created three-dimensional posters to help students properly sort recyclable and compostable materials in the lunchroom.
 - Received training and education from the Green Schools Program on what materials can be recycled and composted, what happens to



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recyclable and compostable materials when they leave the school, and why recycling and composting are important.

- Monitored lunchroom recycling stations wearing King County Green Team aprons to identify themselves as recycling station monitors.
- Parent volunteers helped monitor lunchroom recycling stations and made announcements about the school's waste reduction efforts.
- In 2012-13, Brigadoon participated in the King County elementary school assembly and classroom workshops to teach staff and students about waste reduction, recycling, and habitat stewardship.