



Cascade K-8 Community School

School district: Shoreline

School location: Shoreline

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: October 2016

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2017

Student Green Team recognition: Received June 2023

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Cascade K-8 achieved and maintained a recycling rate of 54%.
- The school was introduced to waste reduction and recycling practices in 2016 at a King County Going Green Together Assembly.
- Green Team students were trained by King County about what can be recycled in the lunchroom, and then were scheduled to serve as lunchroom monitors.
- Green Team students created 3-dimensional lunchroom posters with actual items glued to them to show what can be placed in recycling and organics bins, and what should be placed in garbage bins.
- Team members from all grade levels helped monitor lunchroom recycling and waste stations. They noted reminders students needed, and those reminders were shared in school announcements and at lunch throughout the school year.

Student Green Team and school actions: 2022 – 2023

- Green Team students helped promote waste reduction and recycling practices, and monitored cafeteria recycling stations.
- To reduce wasted food and drinks, the school set up a “no thank you” table in the cafeteria for students to place unwanted, unopened packaged food and drink items from the school lunch program. Students then could help themselves to items on that table.
- Middle school students picked up trash on the school campus during recess.