



Cascade Middle School

School district: Auburn

School location: Auburn

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: October 2016

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

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Cascade Middle School achieved a recycling rate of 76%.
- The school established a student Green Team made up of six students who helped teach fellow students about waste reduction and recycling practices, monitor waste at lunchtime, and assist the school custodian after school.
- Announcements were made at lunch time about reducing waste and recycling.
- The school held contests between lunches. One Green Team monitor at each waste station watched for incorrect sorting, another monitor held a clipboard and recorded mistakes. The lunch period with the lowest number of mistakes won. Prizes included popcorn and recognition at an assembly.
- A food share table was set up in the cafeteria during lunch. Students were able to place unwanted, unopened packaged cafeteria food items on the table for other students to take.
- Disposable lunch trays were replaced with durable, reusable trays.
- Air hand dryers and foam soap dispensers were used in restrooms.