

Eton School

School district: Private

School location: Bellevue

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2009

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

Level Two of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in February 2017

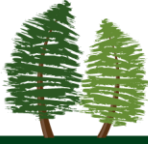
Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- In 2016-17, the school began using automatic paper towel dispensers programmed for each age level, with shorter sheets for younger students.
- In 2015-16:
 - The Green Team started to collect recyclable and compostable materials at the school's family Cultural Fair.
 - To reduce waste and save money, the school's janitorial service stopped lining indoor classroom and office recycling bins.
 - Dispenser systems were installed for toilet paper and soap to reduce over-use of those products. The school bought coreless toilet paper rolls so there was no core to dispose.
 - A student group assessed office garbage, and created a graph to present their findings. A major finding was that garbage bins contained 58% compostable items. The group realized staff did not have compost bins in offices, and students offered solutions to increase diversion of compostable materials from the landfill.



At a King County classroom workshop, Green Team students practiced sorting school waste and identified ways to reduce waste





King County Green Schools Program

Success Story

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Rethink

Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- The school posted signs near all light switches to remind staff and students to turn lights off in unoccupied rooms or when they were not needed.
- Energy conservation tips were added to the school's website.
- Social studies, STEAM, language arts, and science classes included energy conservation information into curriculum.
- Students calculated their carbon footprints and discussed ways they could lower their impact and how conserving electricity, including turning off lights in empty rooms, can help salmon.
- Staff and students were encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather rather than adjusting thermostat settings.
- Eton School conserved energy by turning off or putting to sleep all electronics when they were not in use.