



Highlands Elementary School

School district: Renton

School location: Renton

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2016

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

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school achieved a recycling rate of 54%.
- The first Green Team meeting was held in fall 2016 and was made up of 30 fifth-grader students. After the first two months, fourth-grade students began participating as well.
- Announcements about waste reduction and recycling practices were made at the start of the school year, at school-wide assemblies and staff meetings.
- Green Team students made 3-dimensional posters with actual items attached to show what belonged in each garbage, recycling, and compost bin.
- The school held an Earth Day Spirit Week in April of 2017. Each day of the week was a different theme, including recycling, saving energy, walking/biking to school, and cleaning up litter.
- Green Team students spoke to the school board about how they were working to keep the school clean, reduce waste, compost food scraps, and recycle.