



Illahee Middle School

School district: Federal Way

School location: Federal Way

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: February 2014

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2015

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Illahee Middle School more than doubled its recycling rate to 43%, thanks to waste prevention practices and collection of recyclable materials school-wide.
- The school announced its participation in the Green Schools Program over the school PA and at staff and student Green Team meetings.
- The student Green Team placed a recycling bin next to each garbage bin, and attached stickers from the Green Schools Program showing what materials can be recycled on all classroom recycling bins.
- The school placed recycling bins in its sports field to encourage recycling at practices and games.
- Students emptied classroom recycling bins into hallway recycling bins, and the custodian emptied hallway, cafeteria, and sports field bins.
- The student Green Team monitored lunchroom recycling and waste stations on a quarterly basis and tracked contamination, and then reminded students about what can and can't be recycled.
- The school created and showed the entire school a video about what materials to place in recycling and garbage bins.
- To reduce paper use and costs, the school tracked the monthly quantity of paper copies made by each staff member, and limited the quantity allowed each month.