



Innovation Lab High School

School district: Northshore

School location: Bothell

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: December 2021

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in June 2023

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Innovation Lab High School increased its recycling rate from 41% in early 2022 to 52% in April 2023. Garbage volumes decreased from 9 to 6 cubic yards per week due to waste prevention practices and collection of compostable materials.
- With leadership from teacher Alex Virga, the student Climate Action Club of 20 students made sure each classroom had a recycling and garbage bin side by side, and brought collection of compostable materials to the school cafeteria.
- Club members participated in Fridays for Future climate strike, and the Club



MARCH 4TH FOR CLIMATE

Join our march from Pop Keeney Stadium to Bothell City Hall at 12:30pm to kickoff the event! Show your support for climate action and find out about volunteer opportunities, community initiatives, and how you can make a difference!

**MARCH 4TH, 2023
1-3PM**

BOTHELL CITY HALL PLAZA



Food, music, and activities for all ages! Bring your plastic bags and electronics to be recycled.

ORGANIZED BY INNOVATION LAB HIGH SCHOOL'S CLIMATE ACTION CLUB

planned and led a Climate Rally in March 2023.

- The Green Schools Program connected the Club with Inglemoor High's Earth Corps student group, which provided an interactive booth about reducing waste and recycling at the rally.



King County Green Schools Program

Success Story

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Rethink

- The Club placed donated refillable water bottles in a bin for students to take. To remind students to bring reusable bottles instead of using disposable cups, the Club posted graphics near hydration stations and vending machines.
- Club members researched and posted facts about reducing waste, recycling, and composting in the weekly student bulletin and school newspaper, and created 3-dimensional posters with actual items attached to hang above cafeteria bins to show students how to sort.
- A King County representative met with the Club to talk about connections between food waste and climate change.
- To reduce paper use, staff made double-sided copies and each workroom had a box with paper printed only on one side so staff could use the blank sides.