



King County Green Schools Program

Success Story

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Rethink

Kent Mountain View Academy

Kent Mountain View Academy closed in 2021, but combined with Kent Phoenix Academy to form Kent Laboratory Academy.

School district: Kent

School location: Des Moines

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: November 2012

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2013

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school reached and maintained a 63% recycling rate.
- In fall 2012, all staff and students were trained on waste reduction and recycling practices. Elementary students received an assembly on role-modeling and practicing stewardship in the lunchroom.
- Leadership students created posters, signs, and videos to remind students about what can be recycled. Leadership and elementary students participated in the Green Thumb club.
- The Green Schools Program provided signs to place on all indoor recycling bins.
- In the school's newsletter and PA announcements, the school shared waste reduction and recycling reminders and school conservation successes.
- The school encouraged double-sided photocopying and monitored copy accounts.
- To reduce paper use, seventh- through tenth-grade classrooms received Smart Boards and laptops. Staff saved and reused durable supplies.
- To reduce wasted food, the school set up a lunchroom food share table for unopened, packaged items from the school program.
- As part of a district initiative to reduce waste, the school eliminated straws in the lunchroom and replaced plastic-wrapped utensils with loose utensils.
- The school included waste reduction lessons in a recycle art class.