



King County Green Schools Program

# Success Story

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## Kent Phoenix Academy

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

**School district:** Kent

**School location:** Kent

**Began participating in the Green Schools**

**Program:** January 2013

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:**

Achieved in May 2013

## Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school reached a 43% recycling rate.
- The Green Schools Program trained student Green Team members on what materials can be recycled and how to monitor lunchroom recycling and disposal stations.
- Green Team students created signs for the lunchroom to remind students about what can and can't be recycled.
- With support from interim head custodian Linda Clarendon, the school began collecting recyclable materials in the lunchroom.
- District staff trained school staff how to sort waste and recyclable materials in the lunchroom.
- The school reduced paper use by providing online curriculum and laptops for students, and monitoring staff photocopy accounts.
- As part of the district's initiative to reduce waste, plastic straws were eliminated in the lunchroom, and plastic-wrapped utensils, napkins, and straws were replaced with loose utensils and napkins available in sanitary bulk dispensers.



Cafeteria disposal station before cafeteria collection of recyclable materials was started.



Cafeteria recycling station after collection of recyclable materials was initiated.



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- Diana Pratt, assistant principal, shared waste reduction and recycling successes in PA announcements and the school newsletter.
- The school partnered with King County to host an electronic and hazardous waste annual collection event in the school parking lot.