



King County Green Schools Program

Success Story

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Rethink

Kentridge High School

School district: Kent

School location: Kent

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: March 2012

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

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Led by a core group of 35 members of the 200-member Key Club, Kentridge High started a school-wide recycling program.
- As a result of outreach and education conducted by Key Club, students were made aware of why waste reduction and recycling are important and took initiative to reduce waste and recycle at school.
- Kentridge High School reached and maintained a 43% recycling rate.
- Recycling bins from the Green Schools Program were placed in the lunchroom for milk cartons, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans, and stickers from the Green Schools Program were attached to all recycling bins to show what can be recycled.
- Staff and students served as lunchroom monitors to encourage students to recycle and to show what materials are recyclable.
- To help conserve paper, Key Club members placed paper reuse trays in each classroom for paper used on one side.
- To promote the school's waste reduction and recycling efforts, Key Club students and staff presented recycling tips in morning announcements, school newsletters, on a school bulletin board, and on lunchroom posters.
- As part of a district initiative to reduce waste, the school replaced plastic-wrapped utensils with loose utensils and eliminated straws in the lunchroom.