



Lake Hills Elementary School

School district: Bellevue

School location: Bellevue

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2008

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in June 2009

Level Two of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in June 2010

Level Three of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in April 2011

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Lake Hills Elementary reduced garbage pickups and increased its recycling rate from 43% to 69%.
- In 2008-09, recycling bins were added to classrooms, offices and the cafeteria and school staff placed a recycling sticker showing what can be recycled on each recycling bin.
- In 2009-10, a food scrap recycling program was started in the cafeteria. To promote the new program, students created posters about food scrap composting.
- In order to reduce paper use, Lake Hills Elementary made the following changes:
 - Started and promoted a double sided copying policy.
 - Used e-mail communication instead of printed sheets as much as possible.
 - Increased use of smart boards in classrooms.
 - Reduced unwanted mail by requesting removal from mailing lists.
- In 2010-11, the school participated in a pilot program to use compostable trays and was able to divert an estimated 800 trays from the landfill each month.
- Second-grade classes participated in the “recycling basics” workshop.
- To educate students and staff on what is and is not recyclable, the school signed up for a waste reduction and recycling assembly.



Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- All classrooms, offices and cafeteria have stickers on light switches to remind staff and students to turn off lights when they leave each room.
- Morning announcements were made about ways to conserve energy.
- Teachers were encouraged to use available natural lighting, turn off classroom smart boards during lunch and preparation periods and turn heat down in classrooms.

Water Conservation (Level Three)

- Fourth-grade classes participated in the Nature Vision workshop “healthy water systems.”
- Students placed “turn water off” stickers by sinks throughout the school.
- The Girl Scout troop No. 42828 assisted in outreach about water conservation.