



## Living Wisdom School of Seattle

**School location:** Shoreline

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** May 2013

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2014

### Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school increased its recycling rate from 48% to 77%.
- In February 2014, Living Wisdom began collecting recyclable and compostable materials in every classroom.
- The student Green Team leader Jacob Burell led team meetings, organized events, and launched a kick-off for the school to "go green."
- Student Green Team members were trained by a King County Green Schools Program representative to sort recyclable and compostable materials and how to monitor recycling and disposal stations.
- The student Green Team led recycling games in each classroom to teach students and their teachers why recycling is important and what can be recycled and composted.
- Green Team students conducted a waste audit to track contamination and remind younger students how to sort materials.
- Recycling stickers from the Green Schools Program showing what can be recycled were placed on all classroom and office recycling bins.
- The student Green Team created three-dimensional posters with actual items attached to post above classroom recycling bins to show what can and can't go into each bin.
- Green Team students created G.O.O.S. (Good on One Side) boxes for each classroom to collect paper used on one side, allowing students and staff to reduce waste by using the blank sides of paper.



Living Wisdom student Green Team



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- The school reduced waste during lunch by using durable, reusable utensils, plates, and napkins, and by promoting waste-free lunches.
- Families and students were encouraged to bring reusable plates and utensils to school events. The school provided recyclable and compostable materials stations for each event.
- Staff communicate with parents via email instead of paper whenever possible.
- Students and staff attended a field trip at the King County Transfer and Recycling Station in Shoreline to learn about the recycling process.