



## Mount Si High School

**School district:** Snoqualmie Valley

**School location:** Snoqualmie

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:**  
September 2017

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:**  
Achieved in May 2018

**Student Green Team recognition:** Multiple years



Green Team members work with the King County Green Schools Program to conduct a cafeteria waste audit.

### Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The student Green Team of 17 members was advised by teacher Andrew Rapin.
- In September 2017, the Green Team held a Trash on a Tarp event to assess types and quantities of garbage, recyclable materials, and organics (including food scraps and other compostable items) generated at lunch. The event served to announce Green Schools Program participation and the club's goal to reduce waste in the cafeteria and throughout the school.
- The Green Team created a video demonstrating waste reduction and recycling practices, and shared the video with the entire school. To educate and remind the school how to reduce waste and recycle, the team used PA announcements, four videos, signs, and lunchtime monitoring of recycling and garbage bins.
- To prepare for the school's move to a new facility in Sept. 2018, the team discussed setting up sustainable practices and systems to start the new school year, and asking the district to include sustainability in district values and plans.
- The team painted a mural in the Commons to designate a Recycling Zone. To show students what materials should be placed in cafeteria recycling and garbage bins, the team created 3-dimensional posters with actual items attached to them.



## Green Team updates: 2021 - 2023

- To invite students to join, messages were shared on the team's Instagram, Schoology site, hallway bulletin board, ASB site, and advisor's science classes.
- The district Superintendent attended a Green Team meeting where members shared concerns and ideas about sustainable practices in the school and district.
- The Green Team presented at a **Snoqualmie Valley School Board** meeting to ask the district to include sustainability as a core value and to create a district-wide sustainability plan. [Here is the link](#) to the student team presentation.
- To reduce wasted food, the team partnered with Rooster Valley Farm School. Mount Si High students placed uneaten whole fruits and vegetables in a designated bucket. The collected foods were used as feed for the farm animals.
- With Oxbox Farm, Snoqualmie Native American Tribe, and the Society for Ecological Restoration, the Green Team worked at multiple restoration events to restore the nearby Kimball Creek Slough by removing invasive blackberries, morning glories, and English ivy, and planting native species.
- To spread awareness among students and staff about water conservation and water pollution prevention practices, the team launched social media campaigns, put up posters, and featured information on the school's TV channel Wildcat TV.