



Mount View Elementary School

School district: Highline

School location: Unincorporated King County

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: January 2020

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in June 2022

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- With leadership from assistant principal Lyon Terry, the school started to collect organics, including food scraps, napkins, and other compostable materials. To kick-off organics collection, the principal held an all-school assembly.
- Cedar Grove Composting, a regional composting facility, visited the school to educate students about composting.
- The school formed a student Green Team led by fourth-grade teacher Kristie Stoehr. The 15-member team helped support organics collection at all six lunch periods. Students worked with Cedar Grove Composting to label bins with signs showing what can be placed in lunchroom organics bins.
- Student-created videos about composting were shared with fourth-grade classes, and mini-lessons about composting were shared in classrooms.
- To reduce single-use serving-ware, the school worked with Highline Public Schools to fix its dishwasher so durable, washable trays could be used at lunch.
- To reduce wasted food, the school:
 - Encouraged students to relax and take their time to finish eating lunch.
 - Established a food share table in the lunchroom so students could place unopened, packaged foods and drinks from the food services program on the table for other students to take and eat.
 - Grew produce in the school garden and donated it to local community members.



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Success Story

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- To reduce paper waste, assignments were posted online and white boards were used often instead of paper handouts.
- The school's garden club met regularly, and a garden worm bin was maintained as an educational tool. Teachers used the garden as an outdoor classroom.