



Rainier View Elementary School

School district: Federal Way

School location: Federal Way

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2010

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2011

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Rainier View's recycling rate increased from 20% to 55%, thanks to promotion of classroom recycling and a new lunchroom recycling program for plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and milk and juice cartons.
- Rainier View students heard regular announcements about why it's important to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- Rainier View teachers made connections between reducing waste and recycling at school and student learning objectives in the classroom. For example, in health and fitness classes, students learned about nutrition and how what they eat and drink at lunchtime affects their health and the environment. In math classes, students measured the volume of milk wasted at lunchtime, charted results from each lunch period, and shared the data with the school.
- Students drank more of their milk and ate more of their food as a result of education about food waste reduction.
- One class monitored lunchroom recycling bins for school service credits.