



Sacred Heart School

School district: Private

School location: Bellevue

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: January 2014

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

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Sacred Heart School achieved a recycling rate of 47%.
- Waste reduction and recycling facts and information about the school's recycling practices were shared during morning announcements.
- In 2014, Sacred Heart began to collect recyclable materials in its lunchroom.
- The student Green Team created three-dimensional posters with actual items glued to them for lunchroom recycling stations to show students what can be recycled. Signs were placed near recycling bins in each classroom.
- A student team composed of Associated Student Body (ASB) members monitored lunchroom garbage and recycling to make sure recyclable materials and garbage were sorted correctly. The ASB also performed a quiz show skit at the K-4 lunch to educate students about what can and can't be recycled at lunch.
- Two bins for leftover liquids were provided by the Green Schools Program and placed next to lunchroom recycling and garbage bins. Students poured out leftover milk and other liquids into the bins and then recycled the empty cartons and cans.
- From the Heart, a weekly electronic newsletter sent to families, encouraged students and their families to pack lunches in reusable containers.
- In the lunchroom, disposable trays were replaced with reusable, washable trays.
- Durable plates, glasses, and cups were used in the staff room instead of disposable products.
- Signs about double-sided copying were placed above copy machines to encourage staff to make double-sided copies.