



Three Cedars Waldorf School

School location: Bellevue

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: 2003

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

Note: Three Cedars closed in 2017, and Eastside Community School was created.

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Three Cedars Waldorf School reached and maintained a 70% recycling rate.
- Recycling bins and stickers provided by the King County Green Schools Program were placed in all classrooms, and students created signs for each bin.
- The school started to collect food scraps and other compostable materials by placing King County-provided bins in each classroom.
- Students were responsible for emptying classroom recycling and compostable bins every day into centrally located bins.
- The school expanded yard waste composting.
- Clothing and toy swaps were conducted in 2014. Lockers and lost and found containers were cleaned out regularly and unclaimed items were sent to Goodwill.
- The school reduced junk mail by unsubscribing from mailing lists.
- Students were encouraged to bring reusable containers and bags for lunches.

Energy Conservation and Transportation

- The school started a carpooling program, complete with mapping to encourage families and staff to share rides.
- In 2003-2004, the school reduced overall energy consumption by 28.3% and energy expenses by \$1,900.



- The school conducted a comprehensive energy audit with Puget Sound Energy and completed the following actions.
 - Replaced 260 incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
 - Installed timers for outdoor lights, an energy-efficient dishwasher, an energy-efficient gas furnace, and new energy-efficient baseboard heaters.
 - Unplugged selected equipment in classrooms and offices at the end of each school day.

Other Environmental Actions

- Fifth-grade students participated in a Stream Watch field trip and studied Botany throughout the school year. Faculty participated in a salmon identification field trip.
- Students participated in the following field trips and activities.
 - The Kindergarten class conducted daily walks to Wilburton Park.
 - Fourth- and fifth-grade students visited Bellevue Botanical Gardens weekly.
 - Students from first- through eighth-grade worked in gardening areas on the school campus.
 - Sixth-grade students took a field trip to Dry Falls at Steamboat Rock State Park.
 - Students from third- through eighth-grade participated in field trips to local working farms.

Award

The school received the Governor's award for Excellence in Energy Management in 2004.