



Thunder Mountain Middle School

School district: Enumclaw

School location: Enumclaw

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2008

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in November 2010

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Thunder Mountain Middle School increased its recycling rate from 28% to 48%, thanks to improvements in classroom recycling practices and the addition of bottle, can, and carton recycling in the lunchroom.
- Eighth-grade science classes regularly reminded students about what can be recycled through posters and announcements over the intercom system.
- In the 2009-10 school year, students performed skits in the lunchroom to promote cafeteria recycling.
- A “no print” day was held to increase awareness of paper waste at school.
- The school replaced plastic-wrapped utensils with unwrapped utensils and straws.
- At the end of the school year, students organized a Zero Waste locker clean-out to gather unwanted items for reuse or recycling.