



Todd Beamer High School

School district: Federal Way

School location: Federal Way

Began Participating in the Green Schools Program: March 2016

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in April 2017

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Todd Beamer High increased its recycling rate by from 15% to 21% by improving waste prevention and recycling practices.
- Students in Mrs. Sproul's Environmental Science class visited each classroom, noted if there was a recycling bin, adjusted bin placement if needed to make sure recycling bins were placed next to garbage bins, and recorded items incorrectly sorted.
- The school's Environmental Club used the Environmental Science class observations to remind students and staff what items can be recycled and what items should be placed in garbage.
- To reduce wasted food, a food share table with a student-made sign was set up in the cafeteria. Students placed their unwanted, unopened packaged foods from the school lunch program on the table for other students to take.
- To reduce paper use, Environmental Club students created a handout explaining to teachers how to make double-sided copies, and the principal began to send school newsletters via email instead of printing copies.