



## **Willows Preparatory School**

**School district:** Private

**School location:** Redmond

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** September 2017

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in February 2018

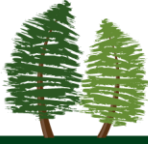
**Level Two of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in June 2022

### **Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)**

- Willows Preparatory School increased its recycling rate to 53%.
- A Green Team of 15 students was created and met weekly.
- The team created posters about reducing waste and recycling to display in the school, and created a video on what materials can be placed in recycling bins.
- The Green Team helped set up and promote collection of food scraps and other compostable materials.
- In Sept. 2017, waste reduction and recycling expectations were introduced at the start of the school year at an all-school assembly. The school also promoted waste reduction practices in the school's weekly e-bulletin.

### **Energy Conservation (Level Two)**

- The school continued reducing waste and collecting recyclable and compostable materials. The student Green Team educated their fellow students about how to sort recyclable and compostable materials from garbage, and focused on why reducing waste and recycling helps the environment.
- The school added hydration stations to make it easier for students and staff to refill durable water bottles. Each hydration station included a read-out of how many single-use water bottles were conserved due to refilling re-usable bottles.
- Motion sensors on all building lights automatically turned off lights when no movement was detected.



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- Two rows of solar panels were installed.
- Students learned how carbon emissions impact the Earth, and what can be done to lower emissions.