



King County Green Schools Program

Success Story

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Woodinville High School

School district: Northshore

School location: Woodinville

Began participating in the Green Schools Program:
April 2009

Level One of the Green Schools Program:
Achieved in May 2011

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)



The Earth Club planned and created this native plant garden.

- Recycling bins from the Green Schools Program replaced old cardboard boxes in every classroom and common area throughout the school. Bins were labeled with stickers from the Green Schools Program showing what can be recycled.
- The 60-member Earth Club took a lead role promoting waste reduction and recycling throughout the school by making regular announcements, creating a video shown at a school-wide assembly, researching and sharing conservation facts in the school's daily bulletin, creating recycling posters, and presenting in classrooms. The club hosted a "green week" where they provided lunchroom recycling presentations.
- The student group ACT collected the school's recyclable materials, and also handled recycling of paperback books and newspapers from throughout the school district. These materials were sorted, baled if needed, and sold, enabling the students to practice life skills while reducing school waste.
- The Earth Club worked with school administration and custodians to start a lunchroom recycling program. Garbage and recycling bins were attached to each other to create stations throughout the lunchroom.
- The Earth Club created a slogan comprised of the letters CBC -- for cans, bottles, and cartons. The club's slogan succeeded in attracting attention: the club hung



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posters of just those letters, interviewed students about the letters, and repeated the letters to encourage students to focus on recycling those items in the lunchroom.

- To reduce paper use, staff made a paper reuse box for the copy machine area so paper only used on one side can be used to make one-sided copies.

Other Conservation Actions

- The Earth Club created a native plant garden. Students researched native plants and worked with a parent volunteer, a landscape architect, and the school construction workers to plan and create the garden.
- The Earth Club hosted monthly campus clean ups and worked with the City of Woodinville to host a street clean up.
- For Earth Day, the Earth Club encouraged staff to participate in “half-lights out” to conserve energy. When natural light provided adequate lighting, half of the lights in each room were turned off.