

# King County Green Schools Program



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## Mission

To provide King County schools and school districts with tools and support needed to

- initiate and expand waste reduction and recycling practices and other conservation actions.
- involve the whole school community in environmental stewardship.
- operate environmentally efficient and responsible facilities.

## Program benefits

- **Assistance** - King County provides trainings and hands-on assistance.
- **Resources** - King County provides recycling containers and stickers, information and referrals.
- **Student learning and leadership**  
- Students learn about conservation, take action, and develop leadership skills.
- **Cost savings** - Conservation practices save money.
- **Recognition** - Participants are recognized as Green School models.

## Program summary

- Program participants may progress through program levels. After completing education and actions in each level, participants receive recognition.
- Eligible schools and school districts: K - 12, public and private, located in King County outside the City of Seattle.
- King County provides **assistance** and **resources**, including the following.
  - School visits, guidance for Green Teams, and ongoing help to make improvements, track successes, and meet program criteria in each level.
  - Best Practices Guides and assessments.
  - Recycling containers (up to \$200 per school), signs, and other materials.
  - Educational programs including classroom workshops, trainings for school and district teams, and guidance on outreach about conservation practices.

# How to become a King County Green School or District

## Step 1

**Sign up to participate** - Fill out a [program application form](#)

- **Schools:** Fill out the **school** application. Include names and contact information of two or more school employees (such as teachers, principal, or custodian). If students, student groups (such as a Green Team), or parents are interested in participating, note that on the application.
- **Districts:** Fill out the **district** application form. Include names and contact information of two or more district employees (such as resource conservation or facility manager, food services director, or curriculum director).

## Step 2

**Improve waste reduction and recycling practices (Level One) with assistance, education, and tools from King County.**

## Step 3

**Celebrate successes and receive recognition!**

**Beyond Level One:** If desired, participate in additional program levels (see below).

### **Level Two**

1. Sustain and build upon Level One waste reduction and recycling practices.
2. Complete **energy conservation** education and actions.

### **Level Three**

1. Sustain and build upon Level One and Level Two practices.
2. Complete **water conservation and pollution prevention** education and actions.

### **Sustaining Green School**

1. Sustain Level One, Level Two, and Level Three practices.
2. Complete one additional conservation action or educational strategy from the Level One, Two, or Three Best Practices Guides or any of the following Best Practices Guides provided by the program.

- **Green building**

- **Healthy schools**

- **Litter reduction**

- **Transportation**

## Participants receive recognition

- Each school that completes Level One criteria receives a banner, web logo, certificate, and success story on the program website. When schools complete Levels Two or Three criteria, certificates and "Level 2" or "Level 3" banner stickers are provided, and success stories are updated. Sustaining Green Schools receive a certificate and a "Sustaining Green School" banner ribbon for each school year that criteria is met.
- Media releases are issued to recognize participants that complete program levels.

*Schools and districts that do not meet program level criteria are still eligible to receive help.*

## Sign up to participate

King County schools (K - 12 public and private) and school districts outside Seattle may fill out an [application form](#) at any time. Participants are selected on a first come, first served basis.

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