



Northwest Yeshiva High School

School District: Private

School Location: Mercer Island

Began participating in Green Schools Program: November 2011

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in January 2013

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Northwest Yeshiva High School increased its recycling rate, thanks to outreach conducted by student Green Team members and a variety of waste reduction and recycling strategies.
- Under the leadership of student Mathias Cohanin, the Green Team students:
 - Periodically posted green tips around the school.
 - Encouraged the collection of recyclable and compostable materials at lunch by monitoring waste containers and promoting proper sorting.
 - Collected bottle caps for the Aveda bottle cap recycling program. In May 2012, students dropped off eight large boxes full of bottle caps to a recycling collection site.
- In 2012, Northwest Yeshiva began to purchase compostable paper products for school events. Compostable cups were used for guests in the main office, and unwrapped disposable utensils were replaced with compostable utensils.
- Staff members used durable cups rather than disposable cups for their beverages.
- Northwest Yeshiva began to use a worm bin in 2012 to compost food scraps and garden waste for use in the school's organic garden. Students maintained the garden year-round.
- Ongoing announcements in the weekly school bulletin, over the loudspeaker, and in the lunchroom described the school's waste reduction and recycling efforts.
- Signs were posted on every recycling and compost container to promote proper sorting and reduce contamination.



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Success Story

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- Green Team students partnered with an organization called Redeeming Soles to run an annual shoe drive to collect unwanted shoes in good condition. In 2012, students collected more than 100 pairs of shoes for use by those in need.

Energy Conservation

- Students and staff worked with the American Jewish Committee in 2012-13 to install a reserved school parking spot for fuel-efficient vehicles.

For more information about the school's conservation achievements and participation in the Green Schools Program, contact:

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