

Earn Sustainability Points for Your Waste Reduction Efforts!

You can earn up to 10 extra points for programs and practices that were implemented both before and during the Recycle Rally. You can earn Sustainability Points for Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling actions in the following areas:

Policies - What specific policies promote waste reduction in your school?

Practices - What daily practices reduce waste in your school?

Promotion - What communication strategies promote waste reduction in your school?

✓	3 R's Action Ideas: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
	Paper products (including paper towels) contain at least 50% recycled content.
	Photocopier and printers default setting to print on both sides of paper.
	Buys reusable and refillable supplies, i.e. laser printer cartridges, washable mop heads, rags, etc.
	Reuses envelopes for school or inner-office mailings.
	Has an environmentally preferred purchasing policy.
	Uses reusable trays, flatware and dishes for its food service.
	Uses a 'Share Table' for uneaten/unopened foods that other students can eat if hungry or used in afterschool programs.
	Buys in bulk to reduce waste.
	Students compost snack scraps and/or paper towels in classroom.
	Collects food scraps for composting during lunch from students and staff.
	Special Recycle Programs: batteries, flip-floppy plastic, clothes, ink-cartridges, markers, electronics, etc
	Conduct a wasted food study to reduce the amount of food going to waste in cafeteria.
	Posters or signs in the cafeteria as reminders to recycle and/or compost.
	Students are encouraged to use both sides of paper and/or has reuse collection for one-sided paper.
	Teachers use half-sheets of paper for short quizzes and notes.
	Teachers utilize on-line resources such as Google Docs/Classroom for notes and homework instead of using paper.
	The school holds a locker/cubby clean-out day so unused school supplies can be collected and reused.
	School communicates and updates families about sustainable initiatives via a newsletter or social media.
	School encourages families to use reusable containers for student lunches.
	Staff use non-toxic, environmentally friendly cleaning supplies where possible.
	Staff helps monitor cafeteria sort stations during lunches.
	Staff has a program for properly handling and disposing of hazardous materials, including cleaners and fluorescent bulbs.
	Held Trash On the Lawn Day (TOLD) to determine how well your school sorts Trash, Recycling, and/or Food Scrap/Compost and evaluate areas needing improvement.
	The school holds annual assemblies on how to recycle and compost correctly?
	The school has an on-site compost bin that is used regularly, finished compost added to school gardens, part of the outdoor classroom.
	All staff are trained on how to properly handle & store hazardous materials and waste.
	The school has student, staff, and/or faculty environmental club, Green Team, Compost Squad, etc.
	Recycling, composting, or other waste reduction strategies are incorporated into the classroom curriculum.
	School-wide Waste Management Policy -- Establish a waste and recycling policy supported by the head of school or school district and all administrators that engages students and all members of the school community to help monitor and solve waste issues in class and on campus. Set specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, targets and timely goals to reduce and eliminate landfill waste and increase recycling and food scrap collection programs.