

Waste Reduction and Recycling Pathway Step 2 (Institutional Commitment)

Complete all the “mandatory” items and at least one of the “reach for the stars” items below. Please check boxes next to items when the items are accomplished.

Team

Mandatory

- Green Team** - Form a Green Team (Green Team members should include members from the whole school community: teachers, students, administrator(s), custodian(s) and parents/guardians).

Policy

Mandatory

- Policy** – Adopt best management practices for waste reduction and recycling that include all of the following:
 - Recycle cardboard, mixed paper on campus. [Refer to Ed. Code.](#)
 - Recycle bottles and cans on campus.
 - Provide readily accessible areas for storage and collection of materials for recycling on campus.
 - “Universal Waste” such as batteries, electronic devices and florescent light tubes/bulbs are properly recycled through hazardous waste facilities, collectors and/or services.
 - Reuse or donate surplus materials/equipment on campus including the lost and found them.
 - Prioritize the reduction of paper use.^A
 - Prioritize double-sided photocopying and printing.^A

Reach for the Stars

Check one or more from the list below:

- Adopt a policy to purchase office paper and paper products that contain at least 30% recycled content. [Refer to Ed. Code.](#)
- Promote an adoption of a waste-free celebration/ event policy.^A
- Adopt an environmentally preferable purchasing policy.
- Adopt a policy that encourages the recycling of broken metal items such as filling cabinets, chairs, and desks.

- Adopt a policy that encourages use of reusable foodware.
- Adopt an "Offer vs. Serve" policy for the Cafeteria to reduce food waste.*
- Adopt a policy that encourages students and parents in menu planning to reduce food waste.
- Implement a Waste-Free Lunch policy for lunches brought from home.
- Adopt a policy that promotes the collection of food scraps (kitchen food scraps and leftovers from students' meals & snacks) and soiled paper to be collected by the recycling hauler for commercial composting, if service is available locally.
- Other: _____

Mandatory

- Develop and implement a Plan that ensures all students, during the course of their education at the school, have been introduced to resource conservation, waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting through lessons or classroom activities. Share the plan with the Green Star Schools Program. Summarize plan below:
