

Events

Ensure recycling and composting at events (PTA meetings, open house, potlucks, etc.).

Provide student monitors or volunteers to help sort.

Provide a washable party kit for classes. Parents, students or volunteers wash, dry, & return kit.



Require tenants to participate in recycling and composting,

- Pre-schools
- Daycares
- Camps
- Boy Scouts & others

Buying & Donating

Review purchasing:

buy compostable or recyclable items, avoid one use/disposable items.

encourage students to re-use supplies rather than buy new each year.

At the end & start of year, donate unwanted items, supplies, furniture & classroom equipment.

Provide and arrange pickup for a centralized donation box.

Contact

For more information, questions, and printable resources please email:

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Green Schools Challenge

School Guide to meeting state laws AB 1826 & AB 341 and Alameda County mandates 2012-01 & 2008-01



Best Practices Checklist

Laws

New state and county laws mandate that all schools correctly recycle and compost waste. Failing schools can be cited/fined.

We recommend:

- creating a school green team to oversee compliance and
- working through items on this checklist.

Audits

Conduct waste audits

- at lunch
 - in classrooms
 - in bathrooms
 - in offices
 - in dumpsters
- to identify areas that need improvement.

Set-up

Have the right color cans in classrooms, offices, & lunch areas.



in bathrooms (Paper towels are compostable.)



Group cans together in three stream stations.

Remove any single standing cans. They attract mixed waste.

Choose smaller trash cans where ever possible. Try caddies in offices



Make sure all bins have well placed & correct signage.



Find printable signs at altamontea.org

Education

This program involves everyone on site. Check out lesson plans, videos, songs and other resources at altamontea.org.

Send out annual info & reminders to all staff.

Provide training and info for new staff.

Educate students each year about recycling and composting (see online lesson plans & guides).

Provide student and parent green team monitors at lunch to help students sort.

Check custodians and kitchen staff know how to sort waste correctly.