

End of Year Evaluation

Green Up Our Schools will be based on a system of 50 points:

- Points will be awarded upon the completion of site visits by Green Up Our Schools staff during May of each year. Points will be awarded twice, once for each of the first two years of participation, independent of one another. The third year will not be scored.
- Three criteria will be used to determine points:
 1. Whether or not the action outlined in the application was put into place as described, including adjustments and modifications made throughout implementation.
 2. The impact of the action as judged by the scale of its implementation.
 3. The resulting effectiveness of the measure and feasibility of continuing the measure in future years.
- There are three different levels of achievement:
 1. Gold: 40-50 points
 2. Silver: 30-39 points
 3. Bronze: 20-29 points
- Schools that receive fewer than 20 points may be subject to termination of program funding, to be determined on a case by case basis.

Waste Reduction Plan

1. Recycle one or more new items (**10 points**)
2. Implement two waste reduction projects (**20 points**)
3. Form a student group to implement three promotional activities (**15 points**)
4. Involve Parents/PTA/Community in waste reduction and recycling activities (**5 points**)

The following defines the scoring manner that will be used to determine points in each of the categories:

1. **Recycle one or more new materials – up to 10 points possible**
 - a) **1 point** – New material is added to the school’s recycling program.
 - b) **2 points** – Material selection.
 - If a school currently has an effective program for recycling newspaper, office paper, cardboard, and drink containers including cans & bottles, then compost, fluorescent light bulbs, plastic bags, ink cartridges or other non-traditional recyclables will be considered an appropriate selection.
 - If a school is recycling none of the above, non-traditional recyclables will be considered a poor selection.
 - c) **3 points** - Scale of implementation/impact.

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- Recycling containers placed appropriately throughout the entire school campus will be required. Location will depend on the specific material.
(For example: placing one paper recycling bin in one classroom would not be an appropriate scale for the desired impact of the program.)
- d) **4 points** - Effectiveness/success rate.
- What is the participation rate at the school? Are recyclables still being thrown in the trash?
 - Is there a plan in place to ensure that recycling will continue in the future?
- 2. Implement two waste reduction projects – up to 20 points possible**
Up to **10 points** for each waste reduction project.
- a) **2 points** – Waste reduction project implemented.
 - b) **4 points** – Scale of implementation/impact.
 - c) **4 points** – Effectiveness/success rate.
- 3. Form a student group to implement three promotional activities – up to 15 points possible**
- a) **3 points** – Student activities implemented.
 - b) **6 points** – Scale of implementation/impact.
 - How many students were involved?
 - How often were the activities implemented?
 - c) **6 points** – Effectiveness/success rate.
 - How have the students' attitudes changed towards recycling?
 - Use the student sponsor group both early in the program and later on to gauge differences in school's recycling and waste reduction habits
- 4. Involve Parents/PTA/Community in waste reduction and recycling activities - up to 5 points possible**
- a) **1 point** – Implement parent/PTA/community activities.
 - b) **2 points** – Scale of implementation/impact.
 - c) **2 points** – Effectiveness/success rate.

Award of Funds Based on Points:

1. Award 1 (\$500) to be given September 1, 2008. Not dependent on points.
2. Award 2 (\$500) to be given September 1, 2009. Awarded to all schools that receive a minimum of 20 points in May 2009; schools below 20 points subject to review.
3. Award 3 (\$1,000) to be given June 5, 2010. Awarded to all schools that receive a minimum of 20 points in May 2010; schools below 20 points subject to review.

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