



WHAT CAN I DO?

SUGGESTIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- Enhance your district's existing recycling programs by adding permanent recycling containers, composting, collecting new recyclables, or launching a recycling awareness campaign.
- Coordinate an electronics recycling collection drive or program. For more information and a list of entities that take back computers/computer peripherals, cell phones, ink jet cartridges and the like, visit TCEQ.Texas.gov.
- Use compost on campus grounds and athletic fields to conserve water, lower maintenance costs, and reduce sports injuries.
- Coordinate field trips for district schools to a local recycling center, a recyclable materials processing operation, a recycling mill or plant, a local company, university, or military base with a well-established recycling program.
- Have speakers representing recycling-related businesses or facilities come to district schools to tell students about recycling or have older students speak on the topic to elementary schools.
- Integrate information that is related to recycling into all subjects, such as math, chemistry, biology, and speech. (Example: Calculate the number of sheets of paper that equals one ton.)
- Have a district-wide Texas Recycles Day Poster Contest.
- Conduct a district-wide student/faculty/staff contest on the best new idea(s) on ways to reduce waste in your school.
- Encourage and coordinate school-supply exchanges in district schools for items such as rulers, pencils, notebooks, and paper.
- Organize a district swap day for CDs, games, toys, and books.
- Have a district-wide clothing collection day at district schools for donations of good, clean apparel from students/community for Goodwill, the Salvation Army, a local church, or a civic organization.
- Set up recycling bins for aluminum cans and/or plastic bottles at football stadiums and make arrangements for a designated group to recycle them.
- Organize a waste-free lunch or party, with students, faculty, and staff bringing silverware, washable napkins, and reusable bags.
- Organize a campaign to write letters to local newspapers or government officials to encourage recycling.
- Conduct a Waste in Place curriculum training for grades K-8. The curriculum features hands-on activities on solid waste management.