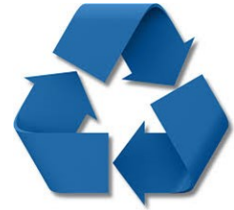




# SAN DIEGO

Unified School District \* Recycling Program  
2021-2022



## RECYCLE...IT'S THE LAW

The City of San Diego's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance (MRO) and the State of California's mandatory recycling law (AB 341), requires schools and school districts to recycle mixed paper (all types), cardboard, rigid plastics, glass bottles and jars, and metal containers. State legislation (AB 1826 and SB 1383/2020) also requires schools and districts to divert organic waste.

## RECYCLING SAVES \$\$

At SDUSD we spend over \$1 million each year to haul trash and recycling from our schools and facilities.

Since disposing of something in the trash costs **31%** more than recycling it, the more we recycle, the more \$ we save, all while helping the environment!



## THE PATH TO ZERO WASTE

The State of California set a 75% recycling goal to be achieved by implementing a number of initiatives to reduce waste, recycle, and compost. As a result, both the Board of Education and City of San Diego have adopted plans to work towards "Zero Waste" in our schools and community.

Schools currently divert approximately 44% of their waste (by volume). Together, let's keep raising the bar and cutting our waste!

## IS THERE A RECYCLING CHAMPION AT YOUR SCHOOL?



If you don't have a designated Recycling or Environmental Champion at your school, why not ask someone? Every school should have one staff person (not custodial) that can receive and share important information from the District's Recycling Program with the entire school community.

This information includes FREE resources, materials, funding opportunities, education and outreach, and hands-on support in establishing or expanding waste diversion efforts that will allow your school to be in compliance with State and local laws., while helping our environment. A win-win!

Many schools also have dedicated parents willing to help with environmental efforts. School events are a great way to sign them up! Please forward Environmental Champion information to SDUSD's Recycling Program at [jwhited@sandi.net](mailto:jwhited@sandi.net).

## SDUSD Recycling Challenge \*

Cash prizes totaling **\$5,500** are available to the top schools that divert the most waste and increase recycling efforts. Trash and recycling service levels in place in September will serve as the baseline for the current school year.

For more information, visit the district's website at [www.sdusdsustainability.com](http://www.sdusdsustainability.com).



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