



2019/20 SDUSD Recycling Challenge

Your School Could Win Cash Prizes!

To help reduce waste, comply with state and local laws, and increase recycling awareness at our schools, the District is teaming up with our new waste and recycling service provider, Republic Services, to bring you the 2019/19 SDUSD Recycling Challenge. There are cash prizes for the schools that divert the most waste and increase recycling efforts.

How it Works

All schools that receive waste and recycling services through the District contract with Republic Services are automatically registered to compete in the Challenge. A baseline of existing services has been set for each school based on a pounds-per-student calculation for current waste disposal and recycling service levels. Our goal is to increase recycling participation and also “right-size” both trash and recycling services levels to reduce costs to the General Fund.

The criteria for award are based on a combination of school recycling and waste reduction efforts (overall waste diversion rate) and education efforts. **The Challenge runs from September 2019 – March 2020.**

Check out the Prizes!

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top two schools in each grade level category. A Most Improved award will be presented to the school that may not have reached the top tier, but made significant strides in their diversion level over the course of the school year. Non-cash prizes may be awarded to additional schools that worked hard to expand recycling opportunities on their campus.

In Spring 2020, winning schools will be recognized and receive monetary awards as follows:

Elementary/K-8 Schools

Winner: \$750
Runner-Up: \$500
Total: \$1,250

Middle Schools

Winner: \$1,000
Runner-Up: \$750
Total: \$1,750

High Schools

Winner: \$1,250
Runner-Up: \$1,000
Total: \$2,250

Most Improved (any school): \$250

Is Your School Up to the Challenge?

For information or assistance on expanding recycling and waste reduction programs at your school contact Janet Whited, Environmental Specialist at jwhited@sandi.net.