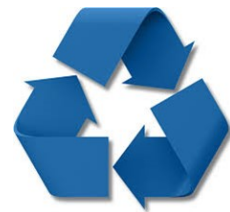




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Unified School District Recycling Program

2019-2020



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) also requires schools and districts to divert organic waste.

RECYCLING SAVES \$\$

At SDUSD, disposing of something in the trash costs more than recycling it.

During the 2018-19 school year, 18 schools reduced their trash service levels on average **52%**, and expanded recycling efforts, resulting in General Fund savings of approximately \$36,000 per year. Is your school ready to save? ✨

THE PATH TO ZERO WASTE

The State of California has set a goal of 75% waste diversion by 2020. As a result, both the Board of Education and City of San Diego have adopted plans in support of working towards "Zero Waste" for our schools and community.

SDUSD's overall waste diversion rate is approximately 42%. Schools only divert 27% of their waste. Together, let's raise the bar and cut 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.

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.



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