

Case Study

The Seven Hills School

975 N San Carlos Dr
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Private School
Pre K-8th Grade

Diversion Rate History

2018/2019- 11%
2012/2013- 30%
2013/2014- 50%
2014/2015- 50%
2015/2016- 50%
2016/2017- 69%
2017/2018- 60%
2018/2019- 69%
2019/2020- 80%



Best Practices:

The Seven Hills School has been able to increase diversion from 11% in Fall 2018/Spring 2019 to 80% in Fall 2019/Spring 2020 by implementing specific program best practices:

1. Compost and Recycle containers in classroom, lunchroom and teacher's lounge
2. Student and green team monitors at lunch
3. Compost containers in restrooms
4. Compost pails in classrooms
5. Compost and Recycling at public events
6. Reduce number of stranded litter cans, implemented campus trios
7. Review purchasing at school and lunch vendors for throw away
8. Eliminate spork packets
9. Custodial partnership with student green team and staff
10. Recycling Crayons and Crayola Markers
11. Reusing ("used yet clean") plates, bowls, straws, and other materials with art classes for supplies

Special Notes:

The Seven Hills School has two student-run green team committees for (elementary and middle school) where the children come up with solutions to reduce waste and increase their school's sustainability program. Students created a list, 33 actions as of Spring 2020, to reduce waste and improve the environmental programs at the school to take on. Some tasks are successfully implemented, pending, and some have failed with lessons learned. The students celebrate all of the successful actions completed for the students.