

Wastebusters Application

School:		School Year:
Address:	City	Zip:
Principal		
Program Contact:	Title:	
Phone:		
Email:		
District:		

To be considered for a Wastebusters Award, your school needs to meet the following basic criteria and reach a minimum diversion rate (described below).

BASIC CRITERIA <i>(Please check once completed)</i>	Completed
1. Label recycling, food scrap, and compostable paper containers in all classrooms, cafeterias, and restrooms throughout the campus	
2. Post recycling and food scrap/compostable paper signs in each classroom, cafeteria, and restrooms throughout the campus	
3. Implement recycling and food scraps/compostable paper collection in all cafeterias and lunch areas	
4. Support custodial staff in creating an organized and accountable system for the collection of recyclables and food scraps/compostable paper	
5. Notify students and faculty of the recycling and food scraps/compostable paper programs that are in effect	
6. Collect yard trimmings, separately from the trash, for composting	
7. Meet with your principal, custodian or facility manager to reduce trash volumes and "right size" recycling and food scrap collection service	
8. Arrange for annual cleaning and relabeling of recycling and food scrap/compostable paper containers	
9. Ensure that all outdoor trash dumpsters, recycling, yard trimmings and food scrap carts are appropriately labeled	
10. Convene a schoolwide Green Team to help promote and monitor recycling and food scrap programs	
11. Conduct one promotional activity (ex. assembly, classroom or lunchtime presentation, skit, or other school activity) during the school year	
12. Take pictures and/or videos of student recycling activities and submit them along with your application (verify that pictured students are not on the "Do Not Photo" list)	

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DOCUMENT DIVERSION RATE

	Dumpster/Cart Size (cubic yards or gallons) and Number:	Frequency of Collection (times per week/month):	Total Volume Per Year (cubic yards)	Total Tons Per Year:
Recycling				
Food scraps				
Yard trimmings				
Trash				
Diversion rate (%)				

Gallons to cubic yard conversion: 1 US gallon = 0.00495113169 cubic yards
Pounds to tons: 2000 pounds per ton

VOLUME TO TONS RATIO

	Pounds per Cubic Yard
Recycling	105
Food scraps	1,300
Yard trimmings	300
Trash (dumpster)	300
Trash (compactor)	450

Contact Ruth Abbe at Ruth.Abbe@abbeassociates.com or (415) 235-1356 for assistance in documenting your diversion rate.

ADDITIONAL DIVERSION ACTIVITIES

Please list any other diversion activities or initiatives you have undertaken this year:

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Signatures:

I certify that this school has completed the above indicated activities.

Program Contact Signature (electronic okay): _____

Principal Signature (if not contact): _____

Award Criteria:

Wastebusters awards will be granted based on the following:

- \$1,500 for reaching 75% diversion and above (first year)
- \$1,000 for maintaining 75% diversion and above
- \$750 for reaching 60% diversion
- \$500 for reaching 50% diversion

All Wastebusters schools will be acknowledged by the RecycleSmart Board of Directors. They will also be on the priority list for the Materials Recovery Tour Field Trip and will get one paid bus trip per year for the field trip.

Please contact RecycleSmart for guidance. Once you are ready to certify your school as a Wastebuster school, complete the application form, and email it to Ruth.Abbe@abbeassociates.com.

Visit www.recyclesmart.org and click on the "Schools" page for resources to help implement programs that support the Schools Program. For questions on the program or application, please contact Ruth Abbe at (415) 235-1356.

Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority

The Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (RecycleSmart) provides collection services and programs for residents and businesses in Central Contra Costa County. RecycleSmart holds franchise agreements with Republic Services for collection of recyclables, compost and trash.

www.recyclesmart.org

Member municipalities are [Danville](#), [Lafayette](#), [Moraga](#), [Orinda](#), [Walnut Creek](#), [Contra Costa County](#).

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