

WASTE MINIMIZATION GUIDELINES POSTER

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The following standards form the basis of the Waste Minimization EcoReview:

Reduce

- (1) **paper use** by photocopying on both sides of paper whenever possible;
- (2) **paper use** by purchasing printers that can print on both sides of the paper;
- (3) **paper use** by using electronic methods (email, website) when communicating with parents. If printed communication is necessary, a sibling list is used;
- (4) **food-related waste** by implementing a waste-free lunch system.

Reuse

- (5) **paper** by organizing a “Re-use Box” for half-used paper that can be used for rough work and art projects;
- (6) **mugs, glasses, plates and utensils** - avoid using disposable dishes as much as possible;
- (7) **furniture and equipment** by advertising unwanted items internally within the Board.

Recycle

- (8) **all paper products** using a paper recycling system set up in all offices and classrooms;
- (9) **cans and containers** using a container recycling system set up in strategic locations throughout the school;
- (10) **photocopier toner bottles and printer cartridges** (if this opportunity exists in your Board) by collecting empty toner containers and printer cartridges according to the procedure outlined by the company that recycles these products.



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