



### **Suggestions for Green School Activities**

1. Make sure the school is recycling at least the minimum materials (cardboard, paper, mixed commingled items) and a few of the extras, such as ink & toner cartridges, cell phones, clothes, shoes, etc. on a regular basis.
2. Switch to more environmentally- and socially-themed fundraising opportunities (e.g., Equal Exchange).
3. Initiate an energy conservation campaign, with the students leading the charge. Include awareness posters, morning and afternoon announcements, and a student energy patrol.
4. Incorporate “green” concepts into lesson plans. Email ideas to all staff on a weekly or biweekly basis.
5. Have students read age-appropriate, environmental-themed books as an entire grade level.
6. Hold a “green” talent show, featuring environmental-themed poetry, songs, plays, and other talents.
7. Participate school-wide in Arbor Day, Earth Day and other celebrations.
8. Correspond with staff, parents, and students using paperless means as often as possible.
9. Center field trips around environmental themes (nature, recycling, water conservation, energy, etc.).
10. Plant school gardens and involve the students heavily in their maintenance and care. Use the space as an outdoor classroom to teach multi-disciplinary concepts.
11. Invite guest speakers to interact with staff and students about “green” topics.
12. Hold a “green” career day.
13. Team up with community partners, local businesses, and others to advance the school’s green goals.
14. Post environmental-themed messages on school marquee, on Edline, in parent newsletters, etc. to encourage participation and garner support.
15. Implement a carpooling program and/or encourage walking or biking to school instead of single occupancy vehicles.