



Recycle-Rama!

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Does your school's trash make the grade?

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- **October Waste Assessment**
 - Every school in the Green Up Our Schools program must perform a Waste Assessment in October of 2010.
 - The results must be reported back to Green Up Our Schools.
 - Results must be in the format of pounds of recyclable material & pounds of non-recyclable material found in one bag of classroom trash, which will be used to create a percentage (%) of trash considered recyclable. To illustrate:
 - 20 lb. bag of classroom trash = 15 lbs. non-recyclable + 5 lbs. recyclable
= 25% recyclable material
 - (the lower the number, the better – the most successful recycling program has no recyclable materials in the trash)
 - Results will be referred to as the *October Baseline*.
- **Student Green Team Promotional Activities**
 - Over the next few months, the student green team is encouraged to promote proper recycling habits with their fellow students.
 - The student green team is also encouraged to gather student signatures on the "Participation Pledge" sheets. Signing this sheet is a student or faculty member's acknowledgement of and promise to participate in the Recycle-Rama competition by recycling to the best of their ability.
- **Spring Competition**
 - From February 1 to March 31, the student green team is required to perform the Waste Assessment three (3) more times at a maximum frequency of once a week (i.e. Waste Assessments must be at least one week apart, if not longer).
 - Results must be reported back to Green Up Our Schools using the form online at www.GreenUpOurSchools.org/RecycleRama.
 - These three (3) results will be averaged into one number for each school, called the *Spring Average*.
- **Prizes will be awarded based on the following categories:**
 - Most improved from October Baseline to Spring Average (i.e. high % of recyclable content in October, low % in the spring).
 - Most consistently low from October Baseline to Spring Average (i.e. low % of recyclable content in October, low % in spring).
 - Highest % of signatures on "Participation Pledge" sheets (% based on school enrollment).

**In the event of a tie, Green Up Our Schools reserves the right to ask the schools for further documentation, actions, and/or other requirements to break the tie. Such decisions will be made at the sole discretion of Green Up Our Schools.*