

Zero Waste School Certification: 2023-2024 School Year

Platinum Certification:	9M and 20A+
Gold Certification:	9M and 14 to 19A
Silver Certification:	9M and 7 to 13A
Bronze Certification:	9M and 1 to 6A

AWARD:
 Monetary awards will be given to each site that is successfully certified. Regardless of certification level, all award amounts will be equal to ensure equitable opportunity to improve zero waste programs. Award amounts will be depend on budget and the number of schools certified.

As budget allows, awards will be offered on an annual basis and are to be used for waste diversion infrastructure/activities, Green Team incentives/awards and other ways to increase reduction/recycling on your campus!

Category	Mandatory vs. Advisable Activities	Check box: site received	Notes/Feedback
Service Level			
An increase in diversion from the start of the program, either by reducing landfill service level, increasing recycling/composting, or both	M		
School is making progress towards 65% diversion in service levels	A		
Infrastructure			
Landfill bins are paired with recycling and compost bins outside	M		
Landfill bins are paired with recycling and compost bins inside	M		
Clear signage on all bins, indoor and outdoor	M		
Paper towel compost bins in all restrooms	M		*Changed this to be mandatory
No liner or paper bag liners are used in outdoor compost bins	A		
Compostable serviceware is used at lunch in place of plastic single-use items	A		
Liquid bucket/container at lunch for excess liquids	A		
Provide a share table or share basket for uneaten/unopened food to reduce food waste	A		
Classrooms			
Every class has a Waste Monitor on their jobs list to assist in classroom sorting & bringing recycling to proper bins on	A		
School site has Zero Waste party kit(s) that can be shared among classrooms for parties	A		Contact ZWM for resources
Non-plastic alternatives to markers are used in classrooms	A		
The school properly collects & recycles batteries, light bulbs, and electronic waste	M		It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste in any of your regular collection bins for trash, recycling, or compost.
Note on Activities: Exceptions to mandatory activities may be granted under special circumstances. Our certification process does not track student population changes that could affect service levels.			

Certifying Staff Member & Date:

Education	Mandatory vs. Advisable	Check box: site received this	Notes/Feedback
There is an active Green Team that focuses on Zero Waste	M		
Lunchtime sorting is regularly assisted by students and/or staff experts	M		
Green Team creates sorting videos/presentations that are shared with the rest of the school	A		
Regular zero waste education activities are put on by the school's Green Team	A		Contact ZWM for resources
Green Team publishes an article in the school newsletter about waste reduction, sorting, Zero Waste strategies, etc.	A		
The PTA has a Zero Waste Committee or Zero Waste lead member	A		
Families are educated on Zero Waste lunches - the school sends out flyer from Zero Waste Marin, or the PTA hosts Zero Waste Marin for a presentation	A		
Custodial			
Administrators and students work collaboratively with custodial staff	M		
Green Team actively works with custodial staff and solicits feedback on waste systems	A		
Custodian spot checks bins for proper sorting before materials are picked up by hauler	A		
Campaigns and Innovation			
Communicate with district buyer about purchasing - paper with recycled content, zero waste school supplies, etc.	A		Contact ZWM for resources
A reduction campaign is conducted on campus: e.g. eliminate single-use plastic water bottles or straws	A		
Utilizes the Clean Marin "Adopt A Spot" Program to reduce litter on school campus.	A		https://cleanmarin.org/adopt-a-spot/
Use Zero Waste practices during school events	A		
Give a presentation to the school board on Zero Waste efforts, importance, and support needs	A		
Innovative zero waste activity not on this list	A		
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Total Activities Possible: 30
Total Activities Awarded:
Certification Level Achieved: