

School Roles in the Zero Waste Program

Principal



- Make initial connection with Zero Waste Marin to understand the program.
- Demonstrate top-down support for zero waste initiatives.

Custodians



- Custodial partnership is imperative.
- Custodians will coordinate with ZWM staff to discuss work flows and possibilities for new systems.
- Ensure waste remains separated after collection and gets into correct hauler bins.

All Teachers



- All classrooms should establish a consistent "waste station" with recycling bins provided by ZWM.
- Schools are most successful when all teachers help normalize waste sorting.

Green Team Lead(s)



- Green teams can have one leader, or a group of leaders.
- The GT lead can determine the structure of the GT, and host meetings. GT teachers do not need to give up their lunches.

All Students



- Engage in learning about waste sorting.
- Sort their waste in the classroom and out at lunchtime.
- Keep the school community clean.

Green Team Students



- Lead initiatives to recycle and compost better on school.
- Example activities: supporting sorting at lunch; creating campaigns, videos, announcements, etc.; leading competitions to reduce waste.

All Parents



- Support students to sort waste at home: establish a system that works for you in your household for recycling and composting.
- Send your student to school with a reusable water bottle. ZWM can provide these to student groups at no cost.
- If time allows, some parents volunteer at lunch to help with sorting.

PTA / PTO or Parent Lead



- Identify a "Sustainability / Zero Waste Lead" or Committee.
- Help the Green Team lead teacher with logistics: email with ZWM team, keep track of needs, etc.
- Ensure school events promote zero waste: promote reusables, minimize plastic, etc.
- Get messages out to other parents.

Zero Waste Marin Staff

- Zero Waste Marin staff can help with many of the efforts on your campus, including:
 - School-wide assemblies
 - Classroom presentations to all students
 - Starting the Green Team
 - Waste Audits
 - Ordering new bins & infrastructure
 - Presentations to staff and the PTA / PTO
- We are here to help you establish a system that can be maintained and works for your school!

