

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

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		
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.			

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:**