

Examples of Green Team Structures



Structure: Entire Grade Level

Overview: An entire grade level becomes the Green Team, and this grade is responsible for fulfilling Green Team responsibilities each year.

Example: Kent Middle School uses this strategy; the 5th graders at Kent are automatically enrolled in the Green Team and help with sorting station monitoring during lunch.



Structure: Conflict Manager Replication

Overview: Conflict Manager / Peace Keeper programs are popular on schools campuses. Green Teams can replicate this structure where students know their lunchtime role, grab a vest and lanyard, and act as a Green Team member at lunch.

Example: Coleman Elementary School has a group of Green Team students that go to get their vests and lanyards each lunchtime to help monitor waste stations.



Structure: Student Council

Overview: Create a new group or position on the Student Council that focuses on zero waste initiatives.

Example: San Pedro Elementary School created a group within their student council called the Land Protection Team. These students do classroom presentations to train younger students how to sort and generally mobilize waste efforts on campus.



Structure: Student Volunteers / Student Club

Overview: This is a more traditional Green Team structure - students volunteer for a new club and help monitor sorting at lunchtime. Green Team responsibilities could also be spread across existing clubs.

Example: Many of our schools have chosen this model and utilize student volunteers to help educate their peers!

