

MENU OF OPTIONS



Zero Waste Program in Middle Schools

The Zero Waste Marin Schools Program has a range of support offerings for schools enrolled in our program. We have tailored these offerings to middle schools for additional flexibility, allowing each site to choose what will work best for them. For the most comprehensive, successful results, we recommend choosing at least one educational effort from each category. Note that all enrolled schools will still participate in core program elements such as a waste audit, staff training, and infrastructure updates. All options are supported by Zero Waste Marin staff.

“Appetizers”

Lower-lift opportunities for education, generally requiring 1 – 3 hours of time.

School-Wide or Grade-Level Assemblies

Reach all students to introduce zero waste with an assembly.

Morning Announcements

Write one or more morning announcements about zero waste, give sorting tips, etc.

Host a Table

ZWM can host a table on campus during lunch or a “walk and roll to school” morning to educate students and parents.

“Main Courses”

More time-intensive, high-impact educational efforts.

Classroom Presentations

ZWM can present for 15–20 minutes in each classroom; usually this is done by working with a group of teachers for classes that every student takes, e.g. Science or English.

Train-the-Trainers

ZWM can train a specific group of students, e.g. an entire grade level, Student Council, or a club to be leaders that train the rest of the school.

Middle School Curriculum

ZWM has a three-lesson arc of zero waste curriculum for middle school students. ZWM can assist with teaching, or send it to interested teachers.

“Sides”

Fun, one-time efforts to keep zero waste front-of-mind.

Competitions

Have a student group set up a school-wide competition, such as getting entered into a raffle if you bring your reusable water bottle every day for a week.

Earth Day Fair

Host an Earth Day Fair to engage students with fun, zero waste or environmental activities.

Posters

Work with a student group to create posters that create awareness or promote action for the rest of the school.