

The Zero Waste Schools Program is a no-cost, government-run program that aims to help Marin's public schools reduce landfill waste through recycling, composting, and waste reduction strategies. The first year of enrollment in the Zero Waste Schools Program will focus on the following phases:



### Stakeholder Meeting & Walk-Through

Meeting with main stakeholders (principal / administrator, lead custodian, Green Team teacher if applicable) to explain the program, review current systems, and plan next steps.



### Pre-Program Waste Audit

Schools Program staff come on-site to conduct a waste audit of landfill bins to determine what could have been recycled or composted.



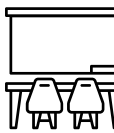
### Results Presentation & Staff Training

Present the waste audit results and review program rollout at a staff meeting.



### Assembly

Join a student assembly to introduce the Zero Waste Schools Program; if applicable, announce how to join the Green Team.



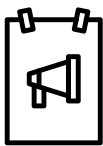
### Classroom Education

Over the course of one day, Schools Program staff visit each classroom to deliver a 15-20 minute presentation about waste sorting to all students.



### Infrastructure Roll-Out

Deliver color-coded and labeled classroom sorting bins, outdoor waste stations, staff room bins, and bathroom paper towel bins as needed.



### Ongoing Education

Start or continue a Green Team of students that can lead ongoing initiatives, such as making posters or videos, delivering morning announcements, creating a campaign, or hosting an Earth Day event.



### End-of-Year Waste Audit & Certification

Re-audit landfill bins and review the Zero Waste Certification checklist; identify next steps for the following school year.

Which California State Laws apply to schools? Participating in the Zero Waste Marin Schools Program helps school campuses comply with the following laws.

### **AB 341: Mandatory Commercial Recycling**



Passed in 2012, this law requires commercial sites (including schools) with more than four cubic yards of combined waste services per week to have a recycling system.

### **AB 1826: Mandatory Commercial Organics**



Passed in 2016, this law requires commercial sites (including schools) with more than two cubic yards of combined waste services per week to have a composting system.

### **SB 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction**



This law took effect in 2022, and targets the reduction of methane gas from the waste sector. This law requires all California residents, schools, and businesses to keep organic material (food scraps, yard waste, and paper) out of the landfill through proper waste sorting. It also requires education and training and color-coded waste stations.