

Your students are here to HELP



Haverstraw Elementary School  
Haverstraw, New York



Farley Elementary School  
Stony Point, New York



Hempstead Elementary School  
Spring Valley, New York



Elmwood Elementary School  
Monsey, New York



West Haverstraw Elementary School  
West Haverstraw, New York



Green Schools of Rockland

Sample Cafeteria Sorting Line

1 LIQUIDS



POUR  
OUT  
EVERY  
LAST  
DROP

2 RECYCLE



3 LANDFILL



4 TRAYS

PLEASE  
STACK  
YOUR  
TRAY



Green Schools of Rockland

How can we reduce  
our trash from the school  
that is going to the landfill?





## WHAT WE DO:

- Visit your school to confirm that we will work together;
- Provide you with the services of our Green Schools Program Contractor;
- Working with your principal or a dedicated staff member in the beginning of the school year, we will schedule 3 short meetings, contractor visits and all dates relating to the program development;
- Conduct assemblies, student meetings and faculty briefings and a PTA presentation if requested;
- Provide the school with a Recycling and Drainage Station and on-site student and staff trainings;
- Conduct on-going monitoring of the cafeteria program;
- Recommend hauler and staff system adjustments in order to implement the new program.
- Coordinate a visit for your students to our Recycling and Environmental Education Center with your point person.

## OUR RESULTS:

- The Recycling and Drainage Station reduces waste in the cafeteria by 75 to 80%;
- The station is a learning center enabling students to develop leadership, communication and teamwork skills;
- More material is recycled from the cafeteria reducing the school's carbon footprint;
- Custodians have more time to focus on alternate duties – cleaner tables and floors;
- Liquids are drained into the station allowing less liquid waste in bags and a cleaner dumpster disposal area and
- The program engages the students and staff in ongoing improvements to reduce school waste.

## WE ARE HERE TO GUIDE YOU

In 2016, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority initiated the Green Schools of Rockland Program in an effort to reduce waste requiring disposal in landfills. Through a process of engagement, assessment, recommendation, training, implementation, and monitoring, the program creates customized, self-sustaining waste reduction programs in Rockland County Schools. This free program is part of an extensive education and outreach plan put in place to reduce our environmental impact, conserve resources, and reduce the economic burden on schools.

## WHAT YOUR SCHOOL DOES:

Your principal or a dedicated staff member organizes a few faculty and staff members, and the Green Team.

The Green Team:

- Establishes a point person for our contractor to communicate meeting reminders, modifications to scheduling or to address on-going program issues;
- Assists in supervising the program in the school;
- Attends the three meetings;
- Organizes Green Team students to lead the hands-on program in the cafeteria and
- Promotes a school-wide commitment to recycling and on-going waste reduction initiatives.



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED



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