

Conservation News & Announcements

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07/08 Shared Savings Award Winners Announced

Seattle Public School custodians, teachers, students, and administrative staff have been working hard to conserve natural resources and it shows! In total, 41 schools reduced their overall utility use in 2007/08 compared to the previous year. In addition to reducing utility use, 27 of those schools also maintained savings they achieved in 06/07. These schools have earned awards of \$260 - \$3,100 per school for a total of over \$65,000.

From September 2007 through August 2008, winning schools have saved over 1,518,000 kilowatt hours of electricity and 45,800 therms of natural gas. They have also saved over 2,168,400 gallons of water. The electricity savings alone are enough to power 125 homes for an entire year!

Schools can use their award money to further conservation efforts. Each school collectively determines what project(s) they would like to fund. For example, past award winners have purchased tools for their custodians, increased their recycling programs, taken conservation-based field trips, and supported gardening programs.

Resource Conservation Specialists for the District continuously audit electricity, natural gas, and water data for each facility in order to determine changes in utility use. With the help of custodial and maintenance staff, they look for areas of high use and savings opportunities so that schools can earn Shared Savings Awards in future years. More information about the Shared Savings Program can be found at <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/conservation/sharedsavings.html>.

2007/08 Shared Savings Award Matrix

Facility Type	For each 1% reduction in 07/08 utility use compared to 06/07 use	Maximum earnable per school for 07/08	*Bonus Award: Maintaining 06/07 savings in 07/08
Elementary	\$260	\$1,300	\$700
Middle School	\$300	\$1,500	\$1,000
High School	\$340	\$1,700	\$1,400

(see below for 2007/08 winning schools)

Winning Schools: 07/08

High Schools

5% or more

- Addams/Sum. (\$3,100)*
- Ballard (\$3,100)*
- Rainier Beach (\$1,700)

3-4% Savings

- Franklin (\$1,020)
- West Seattle (\$2,420)*

1-2% Savings

- Hale (\$2,080)*
- Garfield/Lincoln (\$340)

Middle Schools

5% or more

- AAA (\$2,500)*
- Madison (\$2,500)*
- Washington (\$1,500)

3-4% Savings

- Mercer (\$2,200)*
- Salmon Bay (\$1,200)
- Whitman (\$1,200)

1-2% Savings

- TOPS/Seward (\$1,600)*

**Indicates school that received a bonus for maintaining 06/07 savings.*

Elementary Schools

5% or more

- Arbor Heights (\$1,300)
- Coe (\$2,000)*
- Day (\$2,000)*
- Dearborn Pk (\$2,000)*
- Gatzert (\$2,000)*
- Hay, New (\$1,300)
- Laurelhurst (\$2,000)*
- Lawton (\$1,300)
- Olympic View (\$2,000)*
- T. Marshall (\$2,000)*
- Wedgwood (\$1,300)
- W. Woodland (\$2,000)*
- Whittier (\$2,000)*

3-4% Savings

- Adams (\$1,480)*
- Decatur (\$1,480)*
- Greenwood (\$1,740)*
- Lowell (\$1,040)
- Sacajawea (\$780)
- Van Asselt (\$780)

1-2% Savings

- Beacon Hill (\$1,220)*
- Brighton (\$700)*
- Dunlap (\$1,220)*
- Gatewood (\$960)*
- Green Lake (\$260)
- Highland Park (\$960)*
- Muir (\$1,220)*
- Stevens (\$960)