GET READY TO RECYCLE & COMPOST AT SCHOOL

Featuring observations and best practices for working with collection service providers:

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State law requires schools to recycle and compost

AB 341
AB 1826
SB 1383
AB 827

https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/schools/laws
There are many models for working with service providers and they can all work.
USE THE CITY’S CONTRACTOR

- Acalanes Union
- Dublin Unified
- Lafayette Unified
- Mt. Diablo Unified
- Napa Valley Unified
- Newark Unified
- San Leandro Unified
- Walnut Creek Unified
USE THE CITY’S CONTRACTOR

Advantages
- Matches City programs
- No contract management needed
- Typically includes extra technical assistance and support
- Oftentimes recycling and composting are subsidized
- Sometimes services are provided for free

Disadvantages
- Less control
- May include City fees
- May not include all services that are needed
HAVE YOUR OWN CONTRACT

- Alameda Unified
- Oakland Unified
- Los Angeles Unified
- Redwood City Unified
- San Francisco Unified
- San Mateo Union
Advantages
- Can specify services
- Can include amenities (staff support, equipment)
- Potentially less expensive (compared to City services)

Disadvantages
- May require more management and oversight
- Might not be able to attract service providers to propose
Teresa’s Top 5:

- Top-down commitment
- Equity across district
- Knowledge of waste generation
- Understanding of available waste services and costs
- Designated “champions” at district level and each site