

The Ayer-Shirley Regional School District is committed to a course of action which will:

- reduce the amount of waste generated.
- increase the amount of materials diverted from the waste stream.
- comply with Mass DEP waste bans.
- increase the quality of all material batches collected for recycling

Most importantly the district will strive to raise the general state knowledge and awareness Of waste stream reduction in an effort to move closer in achieving a more sustainable environment. The District recognizes that practical knowledge gained by all students and staff in this initiative will easily translate to families and community for the greater benefit of all people.

-Specifically:

- material requisition will have a stamp indicating that a review has occurred relative to environmental effects and consistency with the stated objectives of this policy.
- food services will endeavor to divert food waste from trash whenever possible and to establish and support efforts in recycling batch quality.
- recycling containers will be appropriately located and marked in all areas under District jurisdiction.
- the Physical Plant Director will biannually inspect recycling batches prior to pick-up to evaluate system performance and take whatever action is deemed necessary to improve compliance.
- the Assistant Principal of each school will meet annually with a Recycling Committee Member/BOH member from each town to discuss successes, failures and initiatives In waste stream reduction and recycling. Of prime importance will be education and training; curricular or otherwise.
- the student councils in all schools will discuss recycling at least quarterly to evaluate general understanding and application in the schools and at home.

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