



The Waste-Free Lunch School Pledge

We recognize that wasted food and materials are a major problem today and we want to learn and take action to help save our planet.

We are committed to helping to restore and protect our environment through the use of eco-friendly activities. First, through lunch waste reduction that will include all or a combination of reducing single use materials, recycling, composting, and food donation. We pledge to work to the best of our collective ability to vastly reduce waste.

As a school, we pledge to do the following:

1. Have the support of our principal/administrator to become a Waste Free School.
2. Organize a Green Team consisting of staff and students, led by a Waste Free Schools Team Leader, who embody environmental dedication to promote the goals of Waste Free School events or programs and other environmentally sustainable policies that our school chooses to implement.
3. Begin to conduct a waste assessment (audit) within thirty (30) days of signing this pledge.
4. Host a waste reduction lunch event as a first step.
5. Develop a comprehensive recycling program.
6. Integrate environmentally-responsible waste management into the classroom curriculum.
8. Inform everyone at school, at home, and the community of our efforts and successes.
9. Regularly monitor and track our trash amounts to record progress or the need to do more.
11. Seek and accept technical assistance when needed from MDE, and our County Recycling Coordinator.

School Name _____ Date _____

School Address _____

Phone number _____

Principal's Name _____

Principal's Signature _____

Green Team Leader's
Name _____

Green Team Leader's Signature _____