3R’s School Recycling Program

Program Overview

With in-class recycling and school-wide collection, this hands-on program empowers students to engage and educate their school community about the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

How It Works: The 3R’s School Recycling program works with student leadership groups and their advisors in K-12 schools on O’ahu to bring waste awareness and action to school campuses:

- Trained student leaders engage their school community in implementing a school-wide recycling system by conducting classroom presentations, creating campaign materials, and serving as mentors on campus;

- Student leaders oversee the collection and deposit of filled recycling bins from each classroom into the school’s recycling receptacle.

3R’s School Recycling Program Resources:

Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation provides recycling bins and the following educational offerings to customize the 3R’s School Recycling Program to the needs of each school community:

3R’s Orientation Materials: Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation provides student leaders with 3R’s orientation materials covering the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling, implementation of a school-wide recycling collection system, and tips on how to be recycling advocates on campus.

Educator’s Resource Guide: Downloadable on the Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation website, this guide includes information, activities, and references for educators to incorporate the 3R’s into classroom instruction.

Aloha ʻĀina Recycling Drives (AARD): Schools fundraise and clean up campuses by hosting Aloha ʻĀina Recycling Drives. Our team of recycling partners collects items such as HI-5 cans & bottles, computers & electronics, scrap metals, household cooking oil, clothing, household goods and more. For more information, go to www.kokuahawaiifoundation.org/3rs/aard.

Waste Stream Audits: Our toolkit helps students conduct classroom, cafeteria or school-wide waste audits that incorporate science and math with real world problem-based learning. Students follow a waste audit plan to examine the amount of waste generated and then determine ways to reduce, reuse and recycle it.

Outreach Events: School groups plan outreach activities that support 3R’s campus goals including film screenings, beach clean-ups, recycled art exhibits, greening school events, and more. For more information, go to www.kokuahawaiifoundation.org/resources.

For more information on the 3R’s School Recycling Program, including program registration materials, email: 3Rs@kokuahawaiifoundation.org or visit: www.kokuahawaiifoundation.org/3Rs

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