



School Composting: Sample PA Announcements

Use the following sample PA announcements to help promote composting at school. Engage students to read these announcements or come up with announcements of their own.

PRIMARY and ELEMENTARY

Option 1. “Did you know apple cores and banana peels can be recycled? Composting is nature’s way of recycling! Let’s recycle our fruit and vegetable scraps just like nature by putting them in the school compost bin.”

Option 2. “You already recycle your drink containers at school. Well, now you can recycle your fruit and vegetable scraps too! All you have to do is put things like banana peels and apple cores in the compost bin instead of the garbage bin.”

Option 3. “Worms and insects love to eat our fruit and vegetable scraps. They recycle those scraps into rich compost that makes the earth healthy. You can help the worms and insects recycle your fruit and vegetable scraps by using the compost bin at school.”

Option 4. “When leaves, berries and branches fall to the forest floor, do the moose and squirrels gather them up in a garbage bag and bring them to the dump? Of course not! Nature doesn’t make garbage; nature recycles! You can recycle just like nature by composting at school.”

SECONDARY

Option 1. “One third of the garbage we throw away every day is organic waste – that’s waste that will break down naturally when composted. You can keep organic waste out of our overcrowded landfills and turn it into rich compost by composting at school.”

Option 2. “Are you trying to get to half? Then start composting at school. Organic waste makes up 30% of what we throw away every day, so composting is an easy way to reduce your waste and get to half.”

Option 3. “You’re an environmentally conscious student. You know it’s important to cut down on waste so you reduce, reuse and recycle whenever you can. But what else can you do? Take it one step further by composting at school!”

Option 4. “Nothing in nature is wasted or sent to a landfill. In nature, decomposer organisms break down dead plants and animals returning nutrients back into the soil. When we compost at school we are using these natural processes – turning waste into a valuable resource.”