

DCPS Recycles! Honor Roll Self-Assessment

If you can answer “yes” to all of the questions in either section below then your school will be recognized on the Honor Roll. Schools will be recognized for Honor Roll with Distinction if they can answer yes to all questions in both sections.

Mixed Recycling

Due to mid-year changes to recycling contract classrooms and offices can have recycling bins for mixed recyclables OR paper only recycling. All dumpsters/compactors previously used to recycle cardboard and paper only are now used to collect all recyclables including plastics, metals, and glass.

- Do you have blue recycling bins for collecting recyclables in classrooms and offices?
- Do you have blue recycling bins for collecting mixed recyclables in common areas?
- Do you have blue recycling bins for collecting mixed recyclables in the cafeteria?
- Do you have blue recycling bins for collecting mixed recyclables in the kitchen?*
- Do these recycling bins have clear or no liners?
- Are these recycling bins labeled to depict acceptable items?
- Do these bins have only the acceptable recyclable items in them?
- Do you have trash bins (grey/black) for collecting non-recyclable trash in classrooms and offices?
- Do you have trash bins (grey/black) for collecting non-recyclable trash in common areas?
- Do you have trash bins (grey/black) for collecting non-recyclable trash in cafeteria?
- Do you have a dumpster or compactor designated for mixed recyclables only?
- Does your mixed recycling dumpster contain only mixed recyclables?
- Are the cardboard boxes in your dumpster broken down?

Organics Recycling

This section only applies to school receiving organics hauling services through DGS. Organics can be collected in cafeterias, kitchens, and any classrooms where students are served meals on a daily basis.

- Is your school participating in organics (food waste and compostable paper products) recycling this year? *If you answered no, then the following questions will not apply for your school.*
- Are all yellow organics collection bins lined with compostable bags?
- Do your organics bins contain only organics (small amounts of contamination will not be penalized)?
- Do your waste sorting stations include a liquid dump bucket or sink?
- Do your waste sorting stations have a place to stack trays?
- Are all bins in your waste sorting station labeled?
- Do you have 96-gallon green carts designated for organics?
- Do your 96-gallon green carts designated for organics contain only organics?

*The status of recycling in kitchens will not affect school’s ability to be recognized on Honor Roll

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