



# SERT Flash

School Energy and Recycling Team



## It Takes a Team, The Walt Whitman High School Green Team



How many people does it take to actively recycle? It takes everyone.

At Walt Whitman High School the Green Team consists of a team of fifty students who actively participate in the recycling collection at their school, but it takes all of the staff and students to accomplish this monumental task. The students and staff are making consistent efforts to dispose of their trash and recycling appropriately. With recycling stations in each hallway and recycling bins and trash cans in every classroom it takes all team members including building services to effectively recycle at such a large school.

The Green Team's first project of the year was implementing a recycling program at all outdoor sporting events. This involved raising money to purchase recycling containers and then actively reminding stadium users to recycle by making announcements at the games and assisting the building service team at the end of each event.

This team is making sure the users dispose of their waste properly, they collect and separate the recycling, and the building service staff makes sure the recycling is placed in the proper dumpsters.

With students in each classroom identified as recycling collectors and building collection conducted by the students two times a week they exemplify the SERT Magic Triangle. The triangle of success consists of supportive administration, helpful building services, and a dedicated recycling team including students and staff. With a well rounded team we are sure that Walt Whitman High School will reach the goal to increase their recycling rate by 10% this year.

If you are looking for additional energy savings and/or recycling strategies to implement in your school, please contact the SERT office for assistance – 240-314-1090.

Do you have a “SERT Flash” you would like to share about your SERT efforts? Please submit a photograph and paragraph about your team and you too can be featured in a future FLASH!

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