



# GreenSchools

Orange County Public Schools

## FIRST DAY PROCEDURES

The best way to grow a green culture is by to start it on DAY 1 in the classroom and around campus.

### Before Students Come:

Make sure every classroom and office has:

- 1 trash bin + 1 recycle bin
  - [Request FREE Recycle Bins](#) if you need any.
- A ledger (11x17) size OCPS Recycle Right! poster above the blue bin.
  - [Order FREE Recycle Right! classroom posters.](#)

Remember:  
**Recycling is mandatory at OCPS.**



Review the [OCPS Recycles Right! Guide](#) with your entire community to decide how your school could recycle best.

### On The First Day (and week):

Recycle Right! Classrooms are where recycling starts. Some students do not know how to recycle.



Here are some of our suggestions:

- Show the [OCPS Recycle Right! Video](#) on the first day to teach students how to properly dispose of their waste.
- Use the [Sustainability Classroom Roles](#) in addition to your typical classroom roles. (Carry on alongside with other classroom roles throughout the year.)



### On The First Day (and week):

**Milk Reminder: Stop Food Waste, Milk Is Optional**



OCPS Food and Nutrition Services wants to dispel the myth, so you know: Students DO NOT NEED TO TAKE MILK with their meal if they do not want it.

More than 50% of the waste generated at school is cafeteria waste. Help stop waste with these [MILK IS OPTIONAL](#) posters to educate students & staff.

Learn more about the OCPS Green Schools program by requesting to join the [Green School Recognition Program Canvas Course](#), where you will find a hub of resources for the whole year.

### **Join your school's Green Team:**

Do you have passions in gardening, energy and water conservation, or supporting a school Eco Club doing sustainable things?

*Email your school's Green coordinator today!*

For full details on the 2030 Sustainability Plan, visit [ocps.net](http://ocps.net).

Email [Sustainability@ocps.net](mailto:Sustainability@ocps.net) to learn more.