



# GREEN LUNCHROOM CHALLENGE



The Green Lunchroom Challenge is a voluntary pledge program for schools to improve the sustainability of their food service operations. By registering, participants are accepting the challenge to reduce and prevent food waste in their facilities.

The Challenge involves activities that range in complexity and commitment, to allow participants to best suit their situation, budget and available community resources. Participants are not required to complete activities, but with each activity that is completed successfully, they earn points and can be recognized as having achieved different levels of accomplishment.

Resources and guidance are available on the Challenge website, and from ISTC technical assistance staff, for each recommended activity.

In addition to typical activities tied to food preparation, presentation, and waste disposal, schools may also choose to integrate food waste prevention and reduction into curricula, helping students learn about food security and hunger, composting, the circular economy, and stewardship. Each year, participants that have achieved different levels of accomplishment by a specified date will be publicly recognized, and highlighted on the Challenge website.

## WHY PLAY?

- ✘ Reduce food waste
- ✘ Receive free technical guidance on cafeteria operations and menu creation
- ✘ Save money and resources
- ✘ Easy way to measure progress
- ✘ Earn recognition for your achievements

## HOW IT WORKS

- ✘ Register your school
- ✘ Choose activities you want to complete
- ✘ Find guides, curricula and technical support on our site
- ✘ Submit activities via email
- ✘ Earn points
- ✘ Get recognized

The Challenge is open to all K-12 schools in Illinois. Schools or organizations outside Illinois can register and participate, but will not be part of the leaderboard.

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