



Bay Area Green Business Program

Environmental Values At Work



Many types of materials are collected for recycling at the Student Activity Center



The garden generates vegetables for students and staff to enjoy



Close to 30 percent of Gunn's students ride their bikes to school

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On a typical morning at Gunn High School, you will see many students and staff arriving by alternative modes of transportation, due to the pollution prevention and traffic reduction initiatives put in place by the school. Bicyclists win prizes through the Pedal for Prizes program sponsored by the Parent Teacher Student Association, a free shuttle bus brings kids from areas farther from campus, and carpoolers receive preferential parking and are allowed to purchase parking permits prior to those who drive solo.

Gunn also has a comprehensive paper reduction and recycling system in place. Most of the school communication is done electronically, including the course catalog and school elections. Classrooms have recycling containers for newspaper, mixed paper, cardboard, and cans and glass. In addition, electronics, toner cartridges, eye glasses, batteries, cell phones, and tennis shoes are collected for recycling in the Student Activity Center. Students have also built and maintain a large organic garden at the back of campus.

In the past year a "Green Team" was initiated on campus. The Team is a collaborative effort led by teachers, parents and students and focuses on "green" initiatives that can be implemented on the school grounds. An effort is currently underway to make homecoming activities more environmentally friendly by switching to compostable plates in the food service area and encouraging the use of used and reusable materials for float making.

For more information on Gunn High School's green efforts contact Lisa Hall.