



3R's School Recycling Program

The Kokua Hawai'i Foundation's 3R's Recycling Program is provided to O'ahu schools grades K-12. We provide recycling bins, educational resources and orientations, and, if needed, we can suggest resources to assist with recycling pickups if your school does not have an Opala Community Recycling Bin on your campus.

3R's Goals

To reduce both fuel costs and greenhouse gas emissions, we are encouraging schools to utilize the large community recycling bins provided by the City and County to engage in a hands-on practice to taking care of our islands by recycling. This program allows your students to deposit recyclables directly into these bins themselves. We can also help you to find a routine that works best. We hope this program not only resonates a message to care for our islands on your school campus but that it's also a positive experience for your students.

3R's Program

The 3R's program engages students in simple actions to take charge of recycling at their school. It includes onsite visits made by Kokua Hawaii Foundation to introduce the program, conduct orientations and implement a waste audit toolkit for students to measure and track waste. Recycling bins are also provided for each classroom on campus. Each room receives two, a green bin for corrugated cardboard, paper and newspaper and a yellow bin for plastics, aluminum cans and glass bottle jars.

How it Works

Each classroom receives their two recycling bins, one yellow and one green. Every two weeks the assigned recycling group collects the recyclables from each classroom and deposits them into your school's [community recycling bin](#). Tools are provided to assist students in this process. After recyclables are deposited, the City & County of Honolulu returns income generated from these recyclables to the schools. We will be happy to consult with you about ways to further implement the 3R's program on your campus.

**The 3R's Program cost is \$500 per school to supplement the already established program.*

2009 3R's Educational Offerings:

Recycling Orientations: Kokua will provide your lead group of recyclers with a refresher course on recycling, including why we should do it and how to recycle properly to avoid "contamination" in your bins. We'll also cover procedures on logging the amount of goods recycled and converting this data into meaningful statistics for kids. During an orientation we hope to inspire and encourage lead groups to become 3R's advocates on campus by creating

skits, make presentations in individual classes or assemblies for the entire school and teaching by example.

HI-5 Collections: We can assist you in finding ways to turn your school's HI-5 recyclables into funds for your school. Options include regular pickups and payments by recycling companies, quarterly recycling drives, and more. While these options require that all containers be sorted, City & County community bins are one way to generate partial income for HI-5's without sorting beverage containers by type.

Waste stream Audits: We can lead students in conducting a school and/or classroom waste audit. These waste audits prompt students to examine the amount of waste generated on campus (including the cafeteria!) and determine ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle it.

Additional Classes: We can also sponsor classes on eco-footprints, composting, and more to help your student group reduce waste on campus. These can be tailor-made for your class/school.

Educational Resource Guide: We are adding a resource guide to our webpage that will include information, activities, and references that educators can use to incorporate the 3R's into their teaching.

Environmental Education Field Trip Assistance: We have a limited amount of Field Trip grants available if your school is interested in expanding into onsite visits to places like Hawaiian Earth Products where students will develop a better understanding of why recycling is important in Hawaii

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