



Climate Action Plan

This classroom is concerned about global climate change and believes that through education and action, we can make a difference at our school. To reduce our classroom carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, we will commit to the following:

ELECTRICITY (SCHOOL LIGHTING, ENERGY VAMPIRES)

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TRANSPORTATION

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WASTE (SOLID WASTE FOOD)

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WASTE (SOLID WASTE TRASH, PAPER, PLASTIC BOTTLES & BEVERAGE CUPS)

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Teacher name _____ Classroom _____



HERE ARE SOME TIPS YOU MIGHT INCLUDE

ELECTRICITY TIPS

- ⇒ **Use the lights less, when possible.**
 - Turn off lights when the classroom is empty - during lunch, planning periods, etc.
 - Turn off lights at the end of the day.
- ⇒ **Slay energy vampires.** Plug appliances into power strips, and turn the strips off at night. This will significantly reduce phantom loads.
- ⇒ **Flip the switch.** Turn off computers and printers at the end of the day, rather than putting them in sleep mode.
- ⇒ Find more tips under the [Eco-Schools USA Energy Pathway](#).

TRANSPORTATION TIPS

- ⇒ **Drive less, and walk, bike, bus, or carpool instead.**
 - Walking and biking are zero-emission ways to commute!
 - Sharing a ride with one other person halves your emissions; carpooling with two others reduces your emissions by one-third.
- ⇒ Find more tips under the [Eco-Schools USA Transportation Pathway](#).

SOLID WASTE TIPS

- ⇒ **Reduce.**
 - *Generating less waste = Fewer greenhouse gas emissions*
- ⇒ **Reuse.**
 - Use a reusable water bottle or cup instead of buying individual water bottles.
 - Use a reusable coffee tumbler for hot drinks instead of paper, plastic or Styrofoam cups.
- ⇒ **Recycle.**
 - Recycle - Recycle - Recycle! If the classroom doesn't recycle, start!
 - Recycle disposable water bottles.
 - Use recycled paper.
- ⇒ Find more tips under the [Eco-Schools USA Consumption & Waste Pathway](#).