



Student School Recycling Survey

- 1.) What grade are you in? _____
- 2.) Does your family recycle at home? (*please circle one*): Always Sometimes Never
 - a. If you answered sometimes or never, why? (*please circle all that apply*):
 - Don't think it matters
 - Not sure how
 - Too much work
 - No recycling bins in building
 - Other:
- 3.) How well informed are you about the following:
 - a. What materials to recycle (*please circle one*):
 - Very well
 - Well, but need more & better info
 - Not very well
 - b. The benefits of recycling (*please circle one*):
 - Very well
 - Well, but need more & better info
 - Not very well
- 4.) Do you know where New York City's garbage goes once you throw it away? (*circle all that apply*)
 - Yes, it goes to:
 - Landfill in Staten Island
 - Landfill in another state
 - Incinerator
 - Ocean
 - I'm not sure where garbage goes
- 5.) Do you know what happens to materials in the recycling bin? (*please circle all that apply*)
 - Yes, it goes to:
 - Landfill or incinerator
 - Ocean
 - Recycling facility
 - Another country
 - I'm not sure where recycling goes
- 6.) Is it the law for schools in NYC to recycle? (*please circle one*)
 - Yes No I don't know
- 7.) Did you know the NYC Department of Education has a goal of doubling the amount of materials recycled in NYC schools by 2013?
 - Yes No



8.) What items are recyclable in the cafeteria? *(please circle all that apply)*

Styrofoam trays

Milk and juice cartons

Plastic bottles

Potato chip bags and candy wrappers

Aluminum cans

9.) It makes me feel good and/or proud to help the environment *(circle one number on the scale)*

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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

10.) Why are landfills bad for our environment? *(please circle all that apply)*

- a. They generate methane gas
- b. All the trash gets burned
- c. We take trash to landfills in big trucks that generate noise and air pollution
- d. Landfills take up a lot of space

11.) What is an example of **reducing** waste? *(please circle all that apply)*

- a. Throwing old clothes in the trash
- b. Fixing something that is broken rather than throwing it in the trash
- c. Using a reusable bottle
- d. Not taking a plastic bag if you don't need one

12.) Why is littering bad for NYC and our environment? *(please circle one)*

- a. Litter makes NYC dirty
- b. Litter clogs drains that NYC needs when it rains
- c. Litter ends up in NYC's rivers and harbor
- d. All of the above

13.) Where does plastic come from? *(please circle one)*

- a. Trees
- b. Petroleum/Oil/Natural Gas
- c. Sand
- d. Mountains

14.) What is an example of **reusing** something? *(please circle all that apply)*

- a. Making art from trash and recycling items
- b. Donating old toys and clothes to charity
- c. Saving and cleaning take-out containers to store food
- d. Using paper plates and cups

15.) Would you share any of this information with friends or family members?

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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree



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