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Project Paper Recycling

My organization's mission is to prevent school's from wasting and throwing away a lot of paper while teaching the importance of correctly recycling and conserving.

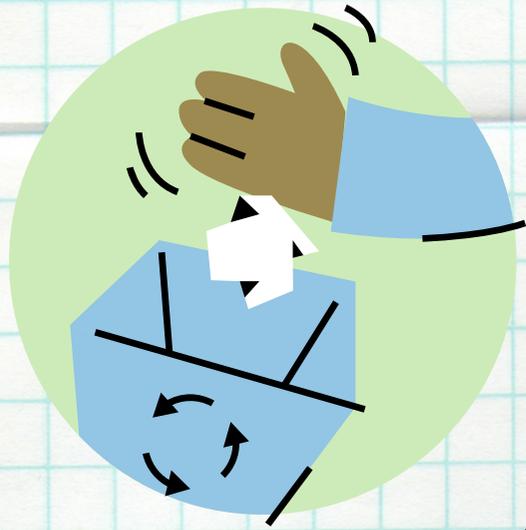
It has been hard to adapt this project which is campus-based to online actions. We decided to focus mainly on our goal of spreading information about the importance of conserving and reusing materials including paper, and teaching the correct ways to recycle so that you learn to purchase and recycle what actually works for the system. We plan to do this by creating zoom classes as well as creating informative posts for social media and to give to teachers to post on their classrooms.

We are proud to continue sharing information on the issue of recycling because we think that recycling gets overlooked and that it isn't done properly. By finding a way to share this information especially while people are spending a lot of time throwing things away, or even improperly recycling goods, and we can teach them the consequences and the best way to fix it on an individual level. Hopefully this will lead to a larger scope of individuals outside of my school.

I started this program with 4 of my fellow classmates and my Chemistry teacher last year and we began getting more contributors. At school, the plan was to give out volunteer hours to those who helped collect the paper bins as well. Many of my teachers are very supportive and intrigued by this program.

Success to me would be reaching out to a large group of students. I know that it will be starting off smaller, but success, at least virtually, will be to create clubs and chapters of this program in other schools where the rules and alternatives to recycling can be shared. In person, we chose to start with paper recycling, teaching and collecting, so that we could create a foundation in our school. We noticed that most classes used a lot of paper materials, but there was no recycling system and we wanted to prevent it all from going to the landfill. On campus, success to me is teaching my fellow students how to recycle correctly and actually seeing the program follow through and the amount of paper that we collect that isn't going to the landfill. Also, seeing this continue and grow to other branches of recycling even after I graduate.

PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM



Pre-covid, this projects mission was to get paper recycling programs at schools in California. We were planning to create a system in which students help collect and recycle paper recycling bins that would be put in each classroom at our school, our local elementary school, and hopefully eventually it would expand to more schools.

Why?



We want to **TEACH** the **CORRECT** way to recycle paper and what to recycle, and what not to. And **REDUCE** the large amounts of paper being thrown in the trash at our school, from packets to projects.

A student led and student-run program



Now What?

Online school means that there are no in person campuses available to this program and that much less paper is being given out by teachers. Still, we plan on teaching the proper ways to recycle all materials, including plastic, paper, aluminum, etc. We can do this through **ZOOM** meetings and create informative posts for teachers to put onto their virtual classrooms. By sharing how to recycle in the best way possible, we can teach students to recycle only the correct items, encourage them to purchase items made of glass, paper, and aluminum over plastic, and recycle or reuse them in the most sustainable way. This will help the recycling system of California, and even the US, because non-recyclable materials will be kept out of the system while recyclable materials will stay out of the landfill.

cami_pgc Before the corona virus lockdown, some classmates and I created this paper recycling program for our school and an elementary school. We had just gotten approval and began to make this proposal a reality when we had to do virtual school. Now, we are starting to plan ways that we can share the message of the importance of correctly recycling and reducing paper usage online! [#PGC2020](#) [@turninggreenorg](#)