

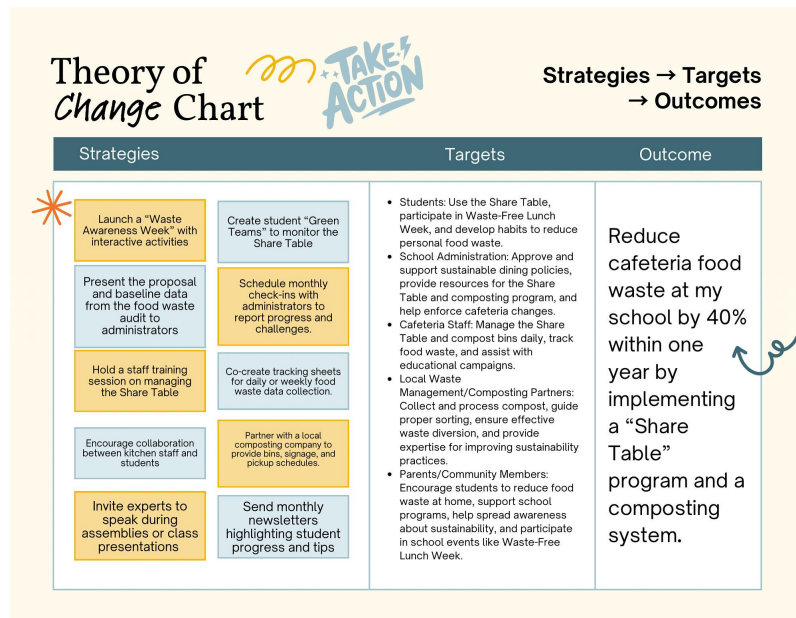
Day 27

Advocacy Action

The Dandy Lions
60 POINTS

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Strategies - Overview:

- **Students:** Lead awareness campaigns, use the Share Table, and compete in Waste-Free Lunch Week.
- **Cafeteria Staff:** Manage the Share Table and compost bins, track daily waste, and suggest improvements.
- **Administration:** Approve and support the program, provide resources, and help set long-term goals.
- **Local Partners:** Collect compost, give sorting guidance, and support educational events.
- **Parents/Community:** Encourage waste reduction at home and participate in school sustainability events.

Strategies: Taking Action

Target 1: Students

Goal: Motivate students to actively use the Share Table, reduce personal food waste, and support composting.

Specific Actions/Activities:

- Launch a “Waste Awareness Week” with interactive activities (e.g., trivia, posters, challenges).
- Create student “Green Teams” to monitor the Share Table and compost bins, encouraging peer participation.
- Host workshops during lunch or advisory periods where students learn how food waste affects climate change.
- Incentivize participation with recognition (e.g., “Waste Warrior of the Month” or raffle prizes for Waste-Free Lunch Week).
- Use social media campaigns and digital signage to highlight progress and student stories.
- Collaborate with art classes to design posters or murals promoting food sharing and composting.

Target 2: School Administration

Goal: Secure long-term institutional support and ensure policy-level backing.

Specific Actions/Activities:

- Present the proposal and baseline data from the food waste audit to administrators to demonstrate need and feasibility.
- Request policy adjustments (e.g., permission for Share Table setup, dedicated compost bins, inclusion in sustainability plans).
- Schedule monthly check-ins with administrators to report progress and challenges.
- Include food waste goals in school-wide sustainability or wellness objectives.
- Collaborate with ASB or school board to integrate food waste reduction into campus culture and student leadership activities.
- Seek funding or grants through district sustainability programs or green school initiatives.

Target 3: Cafeteria Staff

Goal: Empower staff to manage food waste reduction systems efficiently and provide valuable insight from daily operations.

Specific Actions/Activities:

- Hold a staff training session on managing the Share Table and proper compost sorting.
- Co-create tracking sheets for daily or weekly food waste data collection.
- Establish a feedback loop where staff can suggest improvements for menu planning, food storage, and serving sizes.
- Highlight cafeteria staff in announcements or newsletters as sustainability leaders.

- Encourage collaboration between kitchen staff and students on educational posters showing how much food is saved each week.

Target 4: Local Waste Management/Composting Partners

Goal: Ensure smooth compost collection and reinforce the educational impact of community collaboration.

Specific Actions/Activities:

- Partner with a local composting company to provide bins, signage, and pickup schedules.
- Invite experts to speak during assemblies or class presentations about composting and methane reduction.
- Organize a field trip to a composting facility to help students visualize the waste-to-soil cycle.
- Consult with them on proper waste sorting labels and contamination prevention.
- Collaborate on reports documenting measurable results (e.g., pounds of food diverted from landfills).

Target 5: Parents/Community Members

Goal: Extend sustainable habits beyond school and build community engagement around food waste reduction.

Specific Actions/Activities:

- Send monthly newsletters highlighting student progress and tips for reducing food waste at home.
- Host a “Family Sustainability Night” where parents learn about the school’s initiative and try composting demonstrations.
- Invite parents to volunteer during Waste-Free Lunch Week or Share Table monitoring.
- Partner with local grocery stores or restaurants for sponsorships or leftover food donations.
- Encourage families to track food waste at home through a shared digital challenge (e.g., “30 Days of Less Waste”).
- Create a recognition program for families who adopt waste reduction habits (certificates, social media shout-outs).

Theory of Change Chart Overview:

Our plan clearly connects to each group and supports our goal of reducing cafeteria food waste by 40% in one year. Students will change daily habits through education and activities, cafeteria staff will manage the Share Table and compost bins, administrators will provide support, local composting

partners will handle pickups, and parents will help encourage waste reduction at home. Together, we can cut down on trash, increase composting, and build a more sustainable school culture. To strengthen the plan, we could add details about how often we'll track food waste, who will collect data, and how we'll share progress. Overall, it's a practical and collaborative plan that shows how our school can make a real impact on sustainability.