



## Division-wide recycling program in full swing

Each month, on average 21,837 kilograms of recyclable materials—the equivalent weight of two fully loaded 66-passenger school buses—now heads off to be recycled thanks to a new Winnipeg School Division (WSD) program.

WSD kicked off a division-wide recycling program at the beginning of the 2007-08 school year that includes paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum and tin. Previously, the Division recycled paper and cardboard, and some schools and departments ran local recycling projects.

The new division-wide recycling program is completely covered by the Division's existing garbage pickup budget. (School divisions are not eligible for city recycling and garbage pickup and must pay contractors to supply these services.)

Now, students and staff can toss a variety of items into bins placed throughout schools and administrative buildings—no sorting is required. Bins are then emptied into outside recycling bins for regular pick up.



While paper recycling is very important, even more important is reducing paper usage. The Division is making a concerted effort to e-mail and post documents online as much as possible. Students and staff are encouraged to read and store documents digitally. Where printing is required, staff members are expected to print back-to-back when feasible.

Recycling is just one part of the Division's Five-Year Sustainable Development Plan, approved by the Board of Trustees, April, 2008. The plan includes practices and other environmental measures for the operation of the Division that will serve to model what is taught in the classroom. This important document is posted on the Division's website: [www.wsd1.org](http://www.wsd1.org).

