



LOWELL ECO CLUB

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

We at Eco Club care about the environment and see that the world around us is taking up too many resources than our planet can provide. We want to bring more awareness about environmental issues in our school community through our projects, for everyone to become conscious consumers and a little more mindful about living more sustainably through sharing personal actions, wide-reaching community action events, and education within our club about careers and topics in sustainability through guest speakers, panels, and sharing outside learning opportunities.

Accomplishments

- Implemented utensil dispensers in our cafeteria to reduce unnecessary plastic packaging.
- Supplied refillable whiteboard markers to over 50 teachers in starting 2019-2020 school year, an ink refilling program ran entirely by our members.
- Started an annual thrifting event called Eco Swap where students and teachers can drop off used clothes in good condition and take secondhand clothes in exchange for free on a week-long clothing display on campus.
- Started occasional Bike and Hike sustainable transportation Days where we encourage students to bike, bus, walk, or carpool to school on Mondays where we have a late start, incentivizing them with free pastries that were food waste rescues from local bakeries.



Recent & Current Projects

- Eco Swap, 2021 version. We have 8 locations in our city where different members host bins near their house as drop-off and pickup locations for secondhand clothes. A three-week event open to the public. Every day, we take pictures of everything new and post them on our @lowellecoswap Instagram story for people to see and claim for free.
- Collaborating with our school's PTSA with sourcing school merchandise more sustainably, opening a discussion to push for 100% organic cotton and fair trade made hoodies to replace the current 50% polyester 50% cotton blend hoodies.
- Creating a school sustainability policy outline. Think of the EPA. We want to be like that for our school, and have an outline with tangible steps and goals to advise areas of our school's ways to achieve our set sustainability goals! This is in the works of outlining, and will hopefully be a legacy that is passed down in Eco club, to sustain real impactful change.