

Composting at Beecher Road School

- I. Kitchen waste vs classroom waste vs cafeteria waste

- II. Separating compost vs recycling vs trash during lunch waves
 - A. Clearly labeled containers with giant easy to read signs with pictures
 - B. A table to help kids rest trays while sorting
 - C. A compost guide to help separate
 - 1. parent volunteers
 - 2. older students
 - 3. kitchen staff
 - 4. regular staff already in cafeteria during lunch
 - D. Consideration of food rescue table (for uneaten/unopened food)?

- III. Disposing of compost – might get better deals if we coordinate with the highschool?
 - A. Blue Earth Composting
 - 1. ~\$27/week if 3 35gal trash cans per week filled, pick up once/week
 - B. Lars at CloverNook Farms in Bethany, CT
 - 1. ~\$30-40/week if 2 64gal trash cans per week filled, pick up once/week
 - C. Massaro Farms in Woodbridge, CT
 - 1. Working on DEEP rules to see if can accept compost from school
 - D. Common Ground High School in New Haven, CT
 - 1. They are working on getting their new compost system set up

- IV. Reporting results back to students
 - A. Amount of decreased waste
 - B. Amount of compost each week

- V. Ability to decrease bin size or collection times for All American Waste and save on trash disposal