Chicago Schools Earn Money for Recycling!

Each semester, top CPS recyclers receive hundreds of dollars in office supply gift cards. That translates to school supplies and extra resources earned by helping the environment. Here’s how it works:

1. **Buy Recycled Content.** When schools and administration buy products with recycled content in it (paper, toner, folders, etc.) from our office supply vendor, Office Depot, some of the money is set aside to fund gift cards.

2. **Recycle!** Paper, cardboard, bottles, cans, and cartons all go in your school’s recycling dumpster. Follow the recycling tips in this guide (containers, collection, and communication) and recycle successfully.

3. **Hit Your Recycling Target.** Check your Recycling Score often (see below) to see if your school is on track to earn Recycling Rewards.

4. **Recycling Rewards are Awarded.** Every winter and fall, gift cards are mailed to winning school principals. Gift cards range up to $500. That means your school can earn up to $1,000 each year by recycling.

### Track your Recycling Success Online

Every week, Chicago Public Schools publishes how much each school recycles. Principals, teachers, students, and school leaders use this data to motivate their school to increase recycling and go green.

- Go to: [www.cps.edu/gogreen](http://www.cps.edu/gogreen)
- On the right hand side of the screen, click Weekly Recycling Report
- Use the drop-down menu to find your school
- Look at column “g.” That’s your Recycling Score.

Schools with **Recycling Scores** above 100% earn money through CPS Recycling Rewards!

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**Recycling Score**

- ✔️ = presence of unacceptable

### How is my Recycling Score Calculated?

Your recycling driver marks down how full your recycling dumpster is each time it is picked up. That volume is compared to the Recycling Target set for each school. If you have questions about your Score, contact Recycling.

For questions and/or recycling assistance, contact 773.553.3161 or recycling@cps.k12.il.us