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## AMERICAN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Celebrating Action from Local to National

HOW-TO GUIDE

### Fostering Sustainability and Environmental Literacy Through Art, Action, and Education

[Pencil 2 Planet](#)

*This student-led organization inspires long-term sustainable habits and educates students about environmental stewardship through composting programs and creating environmental artwork using recycled materials.*

Before launching their initiatives, Pencil 2 Planet met with key stakeholders, including leadership from Calabasas High School (CHS) and the Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD), City of Calabasas staff members, Calabasas Environmental Commissioners, and Waste Management. These partnerships were important in implementing their initiatives and increasing outreach.

Pencil 2 Planet implemented a composting program at CHS and worked with LVUSD and the California Youth Climate Policy leadership program to propose a climate emergency declaration resolution as well as an on-site composting resolution. Waste Management

also supported the organization's efforts by donating three compost bins. The organization collaborated with the CHS Art Department to introduce an environmental art curriculum where students create artwork from recycled materials. Finally, Pencil 2 Planet hosts free monthly art classes for underprivileged youth, combining creativity with environmental education. These outreach efforts allowed increased participation as more stakeholders saw the value of combining education, creativity, and action to address environmental challenges.

## Replicate This!

### How To Get Started

1. Implement and manage a composting program at local schools to engage students
2. Expand programs to other Unified School District schools through a proposed school board resolution
3. Develop and introduce an environmental art literacy curriculum using recycled materials
4. Establish partnerships to expand scope and increase participation