

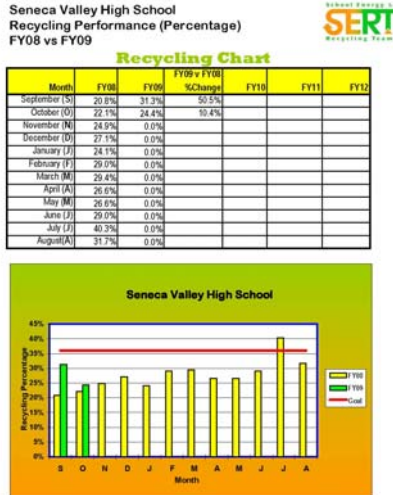


SERT Flash

School Energy and Recycling Team



NEW SERT Recycling Data Charts!



Are you curious about your school’s recycling data? Visit the SERT website to find your school’s recycling data chart in a user friendly format.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/data.shtm>

The dictionary says *data is individual facts, statistics, or items of information. This data represents the results of our analyses. Data is entered by terminal for immediate processing by the computer.* While it is simple to understand these words, it may not be easy to interpret or comprehend how the data applies to your school in a sea of numbers. The SERT office provides a quick and easy snapshot (a visual indicator) of your schools recycling data.

Along with the energy charts reflecting school electrical usage, a recycling chart is now available for each school. The recycling charts are updated on a quarterly basis with the energy charts. However, the recycling charts reflect different data. The recycling goal is to increase recycling to 36% (or more) in all schools. The recycling chart reflects three (3) different data: 1) the percentage of recycling recorded in each school for previous school year; 2) the percentage of recycling recorded in each school for the current school year; 3) goal line to achieve at least 36%. The percentage difference of current year compared to previous year is also displayed and used to help determine eligibility for recycling rewards. The FY09 first quarter recycling data celebrates a great beginning with many schools increasing their rates by 10% or more for the first two months. The next step is to increase your school’s recycling by 10% annually and reach at least a 36% recycling rate. .

If you don’t know where you are, you won’t know where to go. It is important to provide data to reflect progress made to achieve maximum savings and conservation. SERT strives to provide timely, accessible energy and recycling data as soon as possible to help schools reach their goals.

Do you have a “SERT Flash” you would like to share about your SERT efforts? Please submit a photograph and paragraph about your team and you too can be featured in a future FLASH!

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