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The district that your school resides in determines your garbage and recycling service provider. In-classroom containers can be provided by your hauler to aid in the collection of paper in the classroom.

Tours: Tours are given at the Recyclery in San Carlos. At the center, students will learn about what happens to their recyclables after they are placed on the curb and picked up by the recycling truck. Tours are given to youth ages 5 and older. The tour takes approximately one hour and can be scheduled by contacting **Elaine Sobouti**, Recycling Coordinator of Allied Waste at **(650) 596-6467** or elaine.sobouti@awin.com. Tours are given to groups of approximately 20-30 students.

Curriculum: Numerous resources are available through the State of California for classroom waste reduction and recycling activities. Summaries of these resources are included below:

Closing the Loop: Exploring Integrated Waste Management and Resource Conservation: 50 activities to help students discover and nurture an environmental ethic and stewardship for natural resources. The activities focus on solid waste and environmental awareness topics including landfills, recycling, packaging, resource conservation, waste prevention, worm composting, and more. The lessons are grouped into the K-3 and 4-6 grade modules. www.ciwmb.ca.gov/schools/curriculum/ctl/default.htm

The Worm Guide: A Vermicomposting Guide for Teachers: This publication shows teachers how to instruct students about the benefits of vermicomposting or using worms to eat decaying food which forms a valuable soil amendment. Detailed instructions are included on how to set up the process at your school. This publication also includes lesson plans and websites on this topic. www.ciwmb.ca.gov/schools/curriculum/worms/default.htm

RecyCool Club: This club is a great opportunity for children to learn about recycling and the environment. There is no cost to join and kids can sign up over the Internet, by phone, or by writing a letter. Kids can call 1-800-RECYCLE, go to <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/DOR/rre/kids/club.htm> or write a letter to the address below to join:

RecyCool Club
Department of Recycling
801 K Street, MS 20-24
Sacramento, CA 95814

After the child joins, they will have the opportunity to print a bookmark, membership card, membership certificate and RecyCool Club Activity Book. A membership kit and newsletters will be sent to the address provided at the time of registration.

Explorer's Club:

Here kids can learn more about the environment and the Environmental Protection Agency through fact sheets and interactive games. www.epa.gov/kids/

California Integrated Waste Management Board: Kidstuff Students can learn about how worms can turn food scraps into a valuable soil amendment through the adventures of Vermi the Worm and learn about hazardous products in their homes.
www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Kidstuff

Project Learning Tree: Solid Waste Module:

This curriculum is designed for the 6-12 module that is provided in partnership with Project Learning Tree and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. It is specifically intended for educators who would like to focus on current solid waste issues. It helps students to realize that they can create a positive change in their community and the environment. www.ciwmb.ca.gov/schools/curriculum/plt/default.htm

RecycleWorks Program: For more information on resources for schools visit the County of San Mateo RecycleWorks Web site at www.recycleworks.org.