

Does Ramapo Recycle?

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Student Perspective

Poll taken with 151 responses.

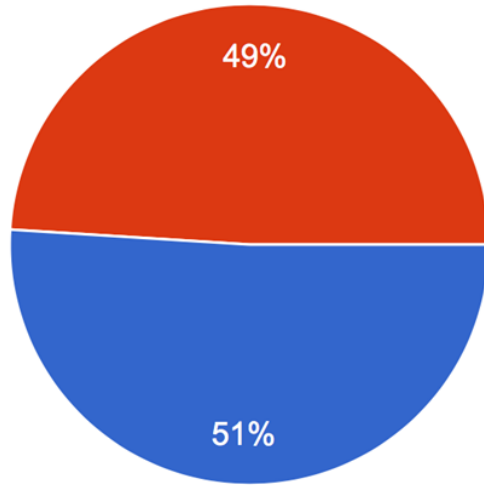
Do you think Ramapo recycles?

Do you recycle at school?

If no, why not?

Do you think Ramapo recycles?

151 responses



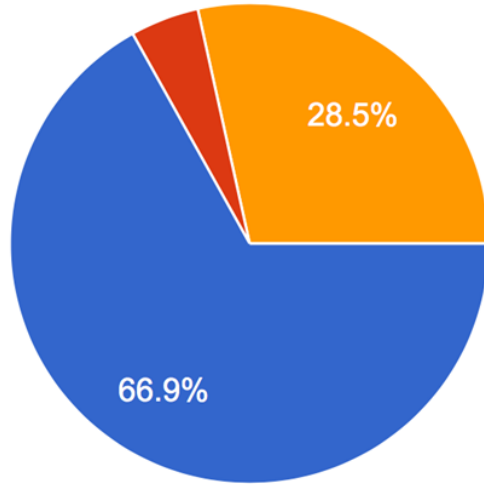
- Yes
- No

77 Responded Yes

74 Responded No

Do you recycle at school?

151 responses



- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

101 Responded Yes

7 Responded No

43 Responded Sometimes



Student Perspective

Taken from the combined “No” and “Sometimes” voters (50).

Why Don't You Recycle at School?

- Lazy
- Not enough recycling bins
- Doesn't think the school recycles / gets confused



Examples from 21 responses

Taken from the combined “No” and “Sometimes” voters (50).

- They throw the contents of the recycling bins into the trash dumpsters
 - There are no actual recycling cans; there is no separation between recycling and garbage everyone mixes the two in the same bins. I am also pretty sure both bins get dumped in the same dumpster so it doesn't matter.
 - Teachers have told me that it all goes to the same place but I recycle anyway.
- Usually just out of laziness, plain and simple.
 - It's too far away
 - Wherever there's a can, I throw something out, whether it's recyclables or not.
- There's more trash cans available than recycling from what I've seen
 - Not always recycling bins.



Ramapo's Recycling Contract

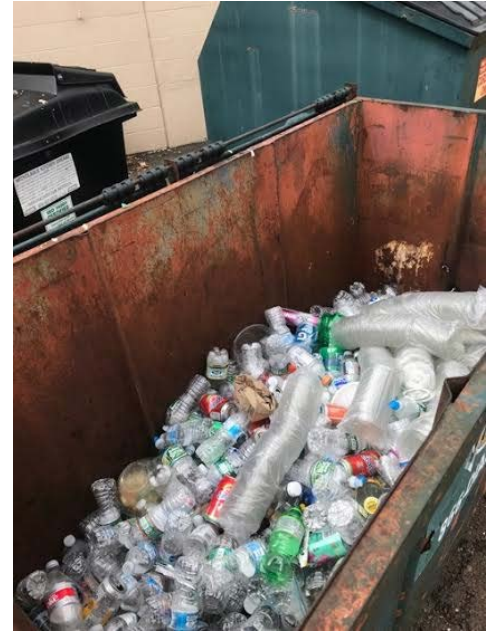
- 3 Dumpsters
 - Trash, Recycling, and Cardboard
- Separate cleaning crew brought in to empty trash and recycling from classrooms and lunchroom
- All waste is collected by Interstate Waste Services and brought to Millenium Recycling in Airmont, New York.

** Disclaimer**

If there is trash in the recycling, or vice versa, all contents of the bin will be thrown in the trash. The cleaning service will not dig through to separate trash and recyclables.



The following photos show the contents of the recycling and cardboard dumpsters outside Ramapo High school, over the course of a couple of weeks.









How can we overturn this myth?

- Educate students and teachers
 - Posters and Activities (Trex)
- Buddy system
 - Wherever there is a garbage bin, there should always be a recycling bin
- Enforce throughout the school



What Are Obtainable Goals for the Future?



**WASTE
LESS.**



RECYCLE MORE.



Information About the Project:

This project was completed as part of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission's Junior Commissioner initiative. Junior Commissioner Ally Sassano, a student at Ramapo High School in the class of 2019, created this recycling myth presentation and the research for the project. December 2018.