



Instructions for Student Reflections

Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District sponsored field trips:

The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District (District) is responsible for ensuring that the County achieves State mandated goals for recycling and waste reduction. The District achieves these goals through the implementation of waste reduction programs such as the field trip your students will experience.

When students are given an experiential learning experience such as a field trip, it is important to spend time helping them process and reflect on their new knowledge. As such, a requirement of the District is for you to provide proof that your students reflected on and processes the information gained during the field trip. You may create this reflection in a variety of ways. It is up to the individual teacher to be sure the reflections are appropriate and reveal learning of the significance of reducing landfill usage.

The following are suggestions for how to encourage your students to think about the field trip.

- Step 1:** Prepare students **before** the trip with expected learning outcomes.
- Step 2:** After field trip, have students debrief with the whole group or with a partner focusing on what they learned, why it is important, and how they can use this information in their lives.
- Step 3:** Give students time to reflect. Work may be completed in a variety of mediums. For instance, the students may opt to create posters, write creatively, write a letter to their local representative, create a video, etc.

You must submit copies or photos of their reflections within 10 days of the field trip via one of the following options:

- E-Mail:** angela.rivera@hamilton-co.org
- Mail:** Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District, c/o Angela Rivera, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
- Fax:** Angela Rivera at (513) 946-7746

If you need clarification on expectations or have questions, please feel free to contact Angela Rivera at (513) 946-7746.

Please give this instruction sheet to all teachers whose class is participating in the field trip.

Those teachers not fulfilling the required reflection will forfeit their right to future field trips.