

Policy 3511: Energy And Water Management

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As the Board of Education of the district, we believe it to be our responsibility to ensure that every effort is made to conserve natural resources while exercising sound financial management. Natural Resources include, but are not limited to: electricity, water, natural gas, sewer and garbage.

The implementation of this policy is the joint responsibility of the Board members, all staff and students, and its success is based on cooperation at all levels.

The district will maintain accurate records of natural resources consumption and cost of natural resources and will provide information to the appropriate stakeholders on the goals and progress of the natural resources conservation program.

The site administrator/superintendent will be responsible for natural resources management at his/her site with natural resources audits being conducted and conservation program outlines being updated. Judicious use of various natural resources systems at each site will be the joint responsibility of the site administrator/superintendent and head custodian to ensure that an efficient natural resources posture is maintained on a daily basis.

To ensure the overall success of the natural resources management program, the following specific areas of emphasis will be adopted:

1. All district personnel will be expected to contribute natural resources efficiency in our district. Every person will be expected to be a "natural resources consumer."
2. Natural resources management at his/her site will be made a part of the site administrator's/superintendent's annual evaluation.
3. Within 60 days, administrative natural resources guidelines will be adopted that will be the "rules of engagement" in implementing our natural resources program.

Further, to maintain a safer and healthier learning environment and to complement the natural resources conservation program, the district shall develop and implement a preventive maintenance and monitoring plan for its facilities.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a natural resources conservation program which shall include specific strategies designed to help the district use natural resources more efficiently and to help ensure that funds intended for student learning are not diverted to cover natural resources costs.

As part of the natural resources efficiency program, the Superintendent or designee shall develop an emergency action plan to address actions to be taken in the event of power outages in schools, both during and after school operations. The action plan shall also address the role of staff, students and parents/guardians in helping to conserve resources and other activities to help the district meet natural resources reduction goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall analyze the effect of a utility rate increase on the district's budget. He/she shall develop and implement any necessary contingency plans.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly inspect district facilities and operations and make recommendations for maintenance and capital expenditures which may help the district reach its natural resources conservation goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities and cost-reducing incentive programs to help the district achieve its natural resources conservation goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on a quarterly basis the district's progress in meeting natural resources conservation goals.
