

The Governing Board believes that the conservation of water, energy, and other natural resources, the protection of the environment, and the implementation of an effective waste diversion program are connected to the district's educational mission and are essential to the health and well-being of the community. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a cost-effective, integrated waste management program that incorporates the principles of green school operations.

The district's integrated waste management program shall include strategies designed to promote waste management practices of source reduction, recycling, and composting to help the district reduce and recycle solid and organic waste, properly dispose of potentially hazardous materials, improve efficiency in the use of natural resources, and minimize the impact of such use on the environment. The program shall address all areas of the district's operations, including, but not limited to, procurement, resource utilization, and facilities management practices.

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with city, county, and state agencies and other public or private agencies in developing and implementing the district's integrated waste management program.

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities for the district's integrated waste management program, including applying for available grants or other cost-reduction incentives.

The Superintendent or designee may provide appropriate educational and training opportunities to students and staff regarding the benefits and methods of conserving natural resources and the manner in which integrated waste management strategies impact such efforts.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly monitor all aspects of the district's integrated waste management program and shall provide an update to the Board on its effectiveness as necessary.

LEGAL REFERENCES

Education Code

17070.96 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1996 consideration of high performance standards

17072.35 New construction grants; use for designs and materials for high performance schools

32370-32376 Recycling paper

33541 Science requirements

8700-8707 Environmental education

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

41780 41780 Waste diversion

25410-25421 Energy conservation assistance

40050-40063 Integrated waste management act

42620-42622 Source reduction and recycling programs

46230-42647 Schools site source reduction and recycling assistance program