

Policy 3511.01: ^Energy And Environmental Resource Management

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The Board of Education recognizes the importance of minimizing the district's use of natural resources, providing a high-quality environment that promotes health and productivity, and effectively managing the district's fiscal resources. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a resource management program which includes strategies for implementing effective and sustainable resource practices, exploring renewable and clean energy technologies, reducing energy and water consumption, minimizing utility costs, reducing the amount of waste of consumable materials, encouraging recycling and green procurement practices, and promoting conservation principles.

The Board believes that all citizens have a responsibility to be stewards of the environment and desires to integrate sustainable environmental accountability into all district operations. The Superintendent or designee shall promote sustainable green school practices which conserve natural resources, reduce the impact of district operations on the environment, and protect the health of students, staff, and community. Sustainable is further defined as using a resource so that it is not depleted or permanently damaged.

The Superintendent or designee may involve district administrators and staff, representatives of local governmental agencies, utilities, solid waste and recycling companies, and community organizations, health professionals, parents, students and/or others as appropriate in the assessment of current district operations and the development of strategies to improve the environmental impact of district operations.

In selecting and prioritizing strategies, the Superintendent or designee shall give consideration to the initial cost, long-term potential cost savings, quality and performance of the product or service, health impacts, and environmental considerations. Judicious use of the various energy systems and the environmental resource management of each campus will be the joint responsibility of the principal and plant manager to ensure that efficient energy use and sustainable resource management are maintained on a daily basis.
