

3511 Energy and Water Conservation

The Governing Board is committed to reducing the district's demand for electricity and water in order to conserve natural resources and to save money to support other district needs. To that end, the Board shall establish goals to help reduce the district's energy and water consumption.

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

As the Board of Trustees of the Etiwanda School District, we believe it to be our responsibility to insure that every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management.

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

The principal will be accountable for energy management on his/her campus with energy audits being conducted and conservation program outlines being updated. Judicious use of the various energy systems of each campus will be the joint responsibility of the principal and head custodian to ensure that an efficient energy posture is maintained on a daily basis.

To ensure the overall success of the energy management program, the following specific areas of emphasis will be adopted.

1. Every student and employee will be expected to contribute to energy efficiency in our district. Every person will be expected to be an "energy saver" as well as an "energy consumer."
2. Effective immediately, all unnecessary lighting in unoccupied areas will be turned off. All lights will be turned off when students and teachers leave school. Custodians will turn on lights only in the areas in which they are working.
3. The head custodian at each school, and where applicable in conjunction with the contracted night janitorial service, will be responsible for a complete and total shutdown of the facility when closed each evening.

As part of the energy 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 energy 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 energy and water 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 conservation goals.

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The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board of the district's progress in meeting energy and water use reduction goals.

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