

Policy 3511.1: Integrated Waste Management

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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. It is the intent of the Board of Education that schools assist cities and counties in meeting the solid waste diversion goals set by the State, which is currently 50% or greater.

(cf. 3511 - Energy and Water Management)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

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 in developing and implementing the district's integrated waste management program.

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 7131 - Relations With Local Agencies)

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-reducing 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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)
(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)
