

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of the environment in building a healthy and sustainable future. The Board supports the concept of environmental sustainability in meeting the needs of students, staff and the greater community.

The Board is committed to environmental sustainability and recognizes the influence the district can have on student and employee behaviour, district operations, the supply chain and the greater community.

DEFINITION

Environmental Sustainability is defined as those practices that minimize energy use, pollution and water consumption, resulting in a smaller carbon footprint for the district through innovative efforts focused to reduce, renew and recycle.

POLICY

The Board acknowledges that Environmental Sustainability is a joint responsibility of trustees, students and staff and is committed to sound practices that focus on minimizing pollution and refuse, reducing energy use and water consumption, and promoting a healthy environment for students and staff within the limited financial resources available.

The Board supports the development and delivery of educational programs that promote Environmental Sustainability.

The Board supports a systematic approach to energy management, including assessing performance, setting goals, creating an action plan, tracking performance, and communicating results.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. To support educational programs, activities, and initiatives that enable students to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will sustain the environment.
2. To encourage students and staff to be cognizant of their energy use and material consumption.
3. To encourage students and staff to be aware of Environmental Sustainability policies, actions, and results.

4. To integrate environmentally sustainable considerations into the operations and business decisions of the School District.
5. To make suppliers aware of Environmental Sustainability policies and encourage them to adopt sound environmental management practices.
6. To review, report, and continually strive to improve the School District's performance with respect to Environmental Sustainability within the limited financial resources available.

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Cross References: