

**GREEN SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Board of Trustees believes that all citizens have a responsibility to be stewards of the environment and desires to integrate environmental accountability into all district operations. The Superintendent or designee shall promote green school practices that conserve natural resources, reduce the impact of district operations on the environment, and protect the health of students, staff, and community.

The Superintendent or designee may involve district and site administrators and operations and maintenance staff; representatives of local governmental agencies, utilities, solid waste and recycling companies, and community organizations; health professionals; 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.

Such strategies may include, but not be limited to:

1. Reducing energy and water consumption and exploring renewable and clean energy technologies
2. Establishing recycling programs in district facilities
3. Reducing the consumption of disposable materials, by reusing materials and by using electronic rather than paper communications when feasible
4. Purchasing and using environmentally preferable products and services whenever practical, including, but not limited to, products that:
  - a. Minimize environmental impacts, toxins, pollutants, odors, and hazards
  - b. Contain postconsumer recycled content
  - c. Are durable and long-lasting
  - d. Conserve energy and water
  - e. Produce a low amount of waste
5. Using least toxic, independently certified green cleaning products when feasible, as well as high-efficiency cleaning equipment that reduces the need to use chemicals
6. Providing professional development to maintenance staff in the proper use, storage, and disposal of cleaning supplies

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7. Focusing on green building standards, sustainability, and student health in facilities construction and modernization projects, including decisions about site selection, building design, and landscaping and grounds
8. Reducing vehicle traffic by encouraging students to walk or bicycle to school or use district or public transportation
9. Providing fresh, unprocessed, organic food in the district's food services program
10. Providing instruction to students on the importance of the environment and involving students in the implementation and evaluation of green school activities and projects as appropriate