

Energy Conservation Acknowledgment

The Board acknowledges that every effort should be made to conserve energy and natural resources. The Board believes that this commitment will benefit students, employees, and taxpayers.

The Superintendent shall develop the necessary administrative guidelines to implement a program of energy management and conservation that meets the goals of this policy.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that every effort is made in the District to conserve energy and natural resources, as well as to reduce the costs associated with the consumption of these resources.

Energy and Water Conservation Goals

The goals of this policy are to:

1. Conduct facility audits to identify strategies to reduce energy and water consumption costs in all facilities;
2. Establish and maintain a utility tracking system for energy and water consumption and costs at the District level, including an energy consumption baseline and individual facility benchmark for comparison and monitoring on an ongoing basis. This will consist of all District properties with metered energy or water consumption, including administrative buildings, campuses, recreational and sports centers, and support facilities;
3. Establish procedures for the efficient operation of HVAC equipment, including acceptable temperature set-point ranges and start/stop times for cooling and heating equipment to be implemented District-wide;
4. Implement low-cost or no-cost operation and maintenance procedures to ensure more efficient equipment operation;
5. Make building administrators accountable for maintaining an efficient energy posture on a daily basis;
6. Provide energy and water consumption usage and cost information on a regular basis to building administrators;
7. Establish and communicate energy and water conservation guidelines, including a recognition program to promote and encourage support from staff and students;
8. Involve students and employees in the energy conservation process;
9. Identify resources and funding options to implement energy cost reduction measures through capital improvement facility retrofit projects;

10. Participate in available utility-funded incentive programs for energy efficiency, water conservation, and demand response;
11. Establish an Energy and Sustainability Fund that captures utility rebates and avoided energy costs to serve as a dedicated source of revenue for future investments in District facilities; and
12. Establish an Energy and Sustainability Committee that will review and provide guidance on energy and sustainability recommendations developed for the District.

Responsibility

The success of this policy shall be the joint responsibility of the Board, administrators, teachers, students, support personnel, parents, and community members. Cooperation shall be expected on all levels in order for the program to be successful. Every employee and student shall be expected to contribute to energy efficiency.