

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for resource conservation and a basic structure for waste management and recycling.

The board believes that resource conservation should be an integral part of the physical operation of the school district and of the school curriculum. The board is committed to the conservation of energy and other resources as a part of prudent financial management.

Employees, students and users of district facilities should cooperate and support any measures designed to conserve energy.

The concept of resource conservation, including waste reduction and recycling, should be integrated into the environmental education curriculum at all levels of the school system.

Specifically, the program should be designed to decrease the amount of waste of consumable materials in these areas.

- reduction of the consumption of consumable materials wherever possible
- full utilization of all materials prior to disposal
- minimization of the use of non-biodegradable products wherever possible

To the extent practical, the district will consider generally accepted concepts and principles of ecology when writing bid specifications for material used by the school district. Personnel responsible for both utilization and purchasing will have a joint responsibility to consider ecological implications of such material.

Fitness and quality being equal, the district may purchase recycled products whenever available at no more than the total cost of non-recycled products.

The district will cooperate with recycling efforts made by local governmental units.

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