

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLES**

### **Background**

The District believes in protecting, maintaining, and enhancing the environment and supports sound environmental practices in all aspects of the District's operations. Its practices and educational programs will reflect that focus. The following procedures are established to ensure District-wide adherence to environmentally sensitive practices.

### **Procedures**

1. All staff and students are encouraged to reduce consumption of materials, and to reuse and recycle waste materials.
2. The efficient use and conservation of water and energy is encouraged.
3. Chemical wastes shall be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.
4. Staff shall be encouraged and supported in the development and sharing of curriculum materials and initiatives which support environmental education.
5. The District's purchasing decisions shall consider environmentally friendly materials wherever feasible. The use of ecologically damaging materials shall be avoided if possible.
6. The District shall provide leadership and support for school-based, system-based, or community-based programs, projects, and events designed to advance awareness of, education about and care for the environment.
7. New and renovated facilities shall, wherever possible, be designed for efficient use of energy and sound environmental practices.
8. The operation and maintenance of equipment and the utilization of space shall, whenever possible, reflect sound environmental practices including energy reduction.
9. The District shall participate, wherever possible, in facility-based energy management programs designed to reduce energy consumption.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act  
Health Act  
Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act  
Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

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