

CABE's newest sample policy on this topic to consider.

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Energy Conservation

Version # 1: The Board of Education believes that measures should be taken to conserve energy resources and to reduce expenditures of funds for energy, while providing a safe and comfortable learning environment for all staff and students. Therefore, the Board hereby directs the administration, supported by the school staff, to continually assess the consumption of energy and implement reasonable operating procedures to reduce energy consumption in the District.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an energy efficiency program which shall include specific strategies designed to help the District use energy more efficiently and to help ensure that funds intended for student learning are not diverted to cover energy costs.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly inspect District facilities and operations and make recommendations for maintenance and capital expenditures which may help the District reach its energy conservation goals. Further, every effort shall be made to identify funding opportunities and cost-reducing incentive programs to help the District achieve its conservation goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the District's progress in meeting its energy conservation goals.

Version #2: It is the responsibility of Board members, administrators, teachers, students, and support personnel to insure that every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management.

Version #3: The District shall operate facilities and programs consistent with sound principles for conservation of fuel and energy and for economical use of other natural resources.

The Superintendent of Schools shall [continue to] establish procedures to ensure the conservation of natural resources by personnel at all levels of the school system that will result in the creation of a healthy and comfortable learning environment while controlling energy consumption more efficiently and diverting the otherwise rising utility costs towards educational programs.

This policy will be reviewed on an on-going basis in accordance with the Board's policy review process.

(cf. 7230.1 - New Construction)

Policy adopted: