

ENERGY MANAGEMENT CONSERVATION POLICY

As the Monroe County School Board, we believe it to be our responsibility to ensure that every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management.

Whereas, the School Board bears responsibility for the best use of tax dollars, and

Whereas, public education can provide leadership in developing a realistic energy ethic and awareness of energy needs and costs,

Therefore, the School Board of Monroe County Schools directs the superintendent and/or his/her agents to develop short and long range strategies in the areas of facilities management and curriculum development dealing with energy awareness and conservation.

1. Implementation - The implementation of this policy is the joint responsibility of the board members, administrators, teachers, students and support personnel and its success is based on cooperation at all levels.
 - 1.1 The district will maintain accurate records of energy consumption and cost of energy and will provide information to the local media on the goals and progress of the energy conservation program.
 - 1.2 This duty shall be assigned to an Energy Manager who shall be hired for this purpose as long as funds are available to fund the position.
2. Accountability - The principal and head custodian will be accountable for energy management on the campus with energy audits being conducted and conservation program outlines being updated. Judicious use of the various energy systems of each campus will be the joint responsibility of the principal and head custodian to ensure that an efficient energy posture is maintained on a daily basis.
3. Emphasis - To ensure the overall success of the energy management program, the following specific areas of emphasis will be adopted:
 - 3.1 Every student and employee will be expected to contribute to energy efficiency in our district. Every person will be expected to be an "energy saver" as well as an "energy consumer."
 - 3.2 Effective immediately, all unnecessary lighting in unoccupied areas will be turned off. All lights will be turned off when students and teachers leave school.

Custodians will turn on lights only in the areas in which they are working.

- 3.3 The evening head custodian at each school will be responsible for a complete and total shutdown of the facility when closed each evening.**
- 3.4 Within sixty (60) days, administrative guidelines will be adopted that will be the "rules of the game" in implementing our energy program.**

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