

Section: **MANAGEMENT SUPPORT**

Policy Title: **Energy and Waste Management/Education**

Energy Management

The Board of Directors of the Kelso School District recognizes the need for a comprehensive energy management program and it is committed to the development and maintenance of programs that support the conservation of energy and natural resources.

An effective energy management program requires a strong commitment from all school district employees. Staff support is important to the success of an energy management system.

The district's energy management program is expected to achieve the following goals:

1. To enhance awareness of energy conservation;
2. To encourage the efficient use of energy;
3. To institute effective energy management;
4. To decrease energy usage and energy costs; and
5. To maintain equipment on a regular basis in order to secure maximum energy savings over the life of said equipment.

It is recognized that each district facility varies somewhat as to its users and programs and that energy-saving methods appropriate to one facility may not be appropriate to others. Therefore, the energy management program of the district is to be implemented with consideration for the unique conditions of each facility.

Waste Management

The Board of Directors of Kelso School District recognize the need for a comprehensive resource conservation program including waste reduction and recycling, and is committed to the development and maintenance of programs that support the conservation of natural resources.

The district will act to make resource conservation an integral part of the physical operation of the school district and of the school curriculum. The practice of discarding materials used in school facilities is wasteful of natural resources, energy and money. It is also the function of the schools to set an example of stewardship of our natural resources and to develop responsible citizenship in our students.

An effective resource conservation program requires a strong commitment from all school district employees. Staff support is important to the success of a resource conservation system.

The district's resource conservation program is expected to achieve the following goals:

- To help staff, students and community develop a conservation lifestyle.
- To protect our environment.
- To reduce pollution.
- To reduce waste volume.
- To fully utilize all materials prior to disposal.
- To utilize biodegradable products whenever possible.
- To reuse materials, furnishings and equipment when safe and practical.
- To recycle all materials that are reasonably cost effective to do so.
- To reduce waste disposal costs.
- To save energy.
- To save landfill space.

The school district will purchase, where financially viable, recycled products. The district will also encourage suppliers, both private and public, to make recyclable products and unbleached paper products available for purchase by public schools.

The school district will cooperate with, and participate in, recycling efforts being made by the city and the county. The district will also encourage investigation of new and innovative methods for further reducing the Kelso School District waste stream.

Cross Reference: Policy 2020

Curriculum Development and adoption
of instructional materials

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