

## Barrington Public Schools Environmental Stewardship Policy

**Purpose:** To define and prioritize the role of Barrington Public Schools (BPS) in supporting economic stewardship through systems, resource acquisition and use, curriculum development, community engagement and extracurricular activities.

**Policy:** In support of the Environmental Stewardship goals, BPS will

- educate and empower students to make environmentally healthy, socially just, and economically viable choices through extracurricular activities and through the curriculum, as outlined by the UN Sustainable Goals.
- create opportunities for students and staff to engage their community around implementing innovative and economically viable solutions that build a healthier, more sustainable school and community environment.
- work to reduce the school district's carbon footprint.
- provide composting and other food-waste reduction opportunities in all the cafeterias, as well as reduction of other waste products, as per RI General Law 16-111-2 "Waste audit/Report."
- provide opportunities for waste audits with the support of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation.

The BPS administration will review new laws annually every summer for updates in BPS's responsibilities for environmental stewardship. BPS will support Environmental Clubs, Green Squads, Green Teams and related groups throughout the district, encouraging biannual meetings at the start and end of the school year of all Teams together to align goals and identify additional opportunities.

BPS will review the Environmental Stewardship evaluation of "What we are doing, What we need to do, and What we would like to do" list for opportunities, deficiencies, and potential resource needs on an annual basis every fall.

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