

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Background

Responsible stewardship of God's creation is part of our beliefs. The Division recognizes its role in creating a climate of conservation and responsible energy and resource consumption.

The Division will encourage practices that improve energy, water and waste management practices in all Division facilities.

Guidelines

The Division is committed to:

1. Leadership in improving the quality of the environment.
2. Promotion of values, attitudes, understanding and skills which lead to environmentally responsible behavior.
3. Cooperation with agencies that promote stewardship of our environment.
4. Advocacy of learning experiences within the curriculum, appropriate to student developmental levels that reflect stewardship of our environment.
5. Consideration of environmental issues and concerns in building and maintenance, purchasing and other Division practices.

Procedures

1. The Division shall encourage and assist teachers to incorporate appropriate learning experiences on the environment into their program of studies.
2. When it is deemed necessary, the Division shall provide inservice opportunities for staff to enhance their knowledge and appreciation of the environment.
3. The Division shall give assistance, when necessary, to the schools in order to ensure just environmental practices.
4. The Division shall purchase goods and services that are relatively non-hazardous to the producer, users and the environment.
5. The Division shall purchase goods and services that have reasonable longevity or can be reused or recycled.

6. The Division shall promote and endorse energy efficiency in operating practices.
7. The Division shall continually review consumption and disposal practices to reduce the burden on the environment.
8. The Division shall promote and endorse energy efficiency in all new facilities that are designed and constructed to minimize any negative impact on the environment.