

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Background

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

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

Guidelines

The District 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 District practices.

Procedures

1. The District 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 District shall provide inservice opportunities for staff to enhance their knowledge and appreciation of the environment.
3. The District shall give assistance, when necessary, to the schools in order to ensure just environmental practices.
4. The District shall purchase goods and services that are relatively non-hazardous to the producer, users and the environment.
5. The District shall purchase goods and services that have reasonable longevity or can be reused or recycled.

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