

Policy submitted to the Superintendent of Schools. New Policies require two BOE readings. The BOE only meets once in August. This policy is pending final review in September.

Egg Harbor Township School District Sustainability Policy

Educating for Sustainability is learning that links knowledge, inquiry, and action to help students build a healthy future for their communities and the planet.

Egg Harbor Township School District is committed to helping teachers bridge grade levels and subject areas, curriculum and school operations, parent and community partnerships to achieve common sustainability goals. Through our sustainability efforts, we will develop our own meaningful, coherent approach to improve curriculum, community partnerships and campus ecology by developing a network of formal K-12 educators who are engaged in sustainability-related education and who share the goal of preparing students to be informed participants in the development of sustainable communities. Furthermore, the EHTBOE will promote the teaching of sustainability-related skills, knowledge and experiences through publications, professional associations, policy and events.

Under our Energy Conservation program, every student, staff member, and parent understands the importance of reducing waste and conserving resources. We work together to cut electricity usage, reuse and recycle paper products, compost our food waste, and look for new opportunities to help our earth every day.

The students and staff are responsible for ensuring that every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management.

We continuously strives to practice, monitor and educate our students, staff and parents on the importance of waste reduction and resource conservation in the areas of garbage reduction, recycling, energy conservation.

Students and staff pledge to explore more avenues in conservation. We will educate ourselves towards a greener way of living, making full and complete use of all materials, repurpose anything we can, recycle what we cannot reuse, and send to landfills only what is truly garbage. By educating ourselves and teaching others, our school, community, and ultimately our world will become a healthier, cleaner place to live.

Each student, staff member, and parent strives to reduce, reuse, and recycle. We work together to save energy, build awareness, and model "green" behaviors. We are committed to doing our part to save the planet.

The Egg Harbor Township School District will continue to strive to conduct its operations and make decisions that support sustainability by minimizing negative environmental impacts while protecting current and future human health and well-being in economically viable ways. Principles of sustainability will be a framework for decision making.

1. The Egg Harbor Township School District will demonstrate responsible leadership by making decisions and conducting operations with the following priorities in mind:

- 1.1. Protect students, staff, and our community from environmental harm. The District will strive to eliminate the use of potentially toxic and harmful substances.
- 1.2. Prepare our students for the future. The District will provide a high quality education that supports concepts and practices of environmental, social, and economic responsibility and sustainability.
- 1.3. Preserve current and future resources. The District will adopt practices in operations that balance environmental, social, and fiscal responsibility to protect and enhance the future quality of life.

Sustainability

The Egg Harbor Township School District will strive to conduct its operations and make decisions that support sustainability by minimizing the waste of natural resources, while protecting the health and wellbeing of its constituents through environmentally and economically sound practices.

The Egg Harbor Township School District shall consider, when purchasing, the potential for recycling of materials and shall avoid, when feasible, the purchase of materials that are not recyclable. The District shall take advantage of local opportunities to recycle waste materials and cooperate with the recycling efforts of the community.

Legal Reference(s):

ORS Chapters 279A, 279B and 279C

(3) The plan shall also include procedures for the Director of Facilities and Assets Management to administer the plan to maintain resource conservation, efficient buildings and provide training and recognition for students, custodians, teachers, principals and others as appropriate to ensure conservation accountability. The effectiveness of the district's resource conservation plan will be continually revised as needed to reflect conservation innovations and shall include recognition for student and staff special efforts toward the goal of resource conservation.

SCHOOL TEMPLATES

The following policies are examples from other schools throughout Oregon. Your school may choose to adopt any of these. Feel free to combine them and/or edit them to make them appropriate for your school. The district policies above can also be adapted for an individual school.

Always continue to recruit help to expand community involvement.

Success= Students, Staff, Parents, Community members and District all working together efficiently for a sustainable future.

Our policy is:

Reduce: Only take it if you'll use it!

Reuse: Be nice, use it twice!

Recycle: Know which bin to put it in!

Although we will continue with our recycling/comingling efforts, we want to place a greater emphasis on reusing and reducing.

[] School stresses the interdependence between human beings and the world. We show care and concern for animals, humans and the natural environment, taking responsibility for environmental and humanitarian challenges around the world. We are moved to serve through gardening, composting, recycling, conserving electricity and water, and reducing our use of materials for a sustainable future for ourselves and the planet. We are proud to empower our students to take ownership of many of these stewardship practices, both within our school and in our community.

[] School is committed to conserving and protecting the environment through reducing, reusing and recycling. We realize that this is a continuous process throughout which we must evaluate our efforts and look to see what we can improve. Here at [] School we recognize this process as a community effort and strive to involve other schools, working to lead the way in a successful endeavor to preserve the environment.