

Policy: Sustainability

Definition

Sustainability means using, developing and protecting resources in a manner that enables people to meet current needs and provides that future generations can also meet their needs, from the joint perspective of environmental, economic and community objectives.

Purpose

The Chester School District will 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.

Program Objectives and Specifications

The Chester School District will demonstrate responsible leadership by making decisions and conducting operations with the following priorities in mind:

1. Protect students, staff, and our community from environmental harm. The District will strive to eliminate the use of potentially toxic and harmful substances.
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.
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.

In order to achieve the aims of this sustainability policy, the Board will incorporate sustainable goals into future strategic plans and directs the Superintendent and Business Administrator to develop additional policies, practices and procedures that create a legacy of leadership in sustainability across all District schools, including instruction, operations, construction, facilities, land use, energy conservation, and environmental integrity.

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Key Words

Green, Environmental, Sustainability

Legal References