

MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy 733

Energy Conservation

The Board of Education recognizes that the conservation of energy is in the best interest of our society, as well as our local community. We believe that the staff, students and school community of the school district have a responsibility to take a leadership role in conducting activities as responsible stewards of the environment and use educational activities to promote environmental awareness. All staff, students and school community members are urged to use every means possible to conserve on energy consumption.

An energy conservation program in the Monona Grove School District shall be developed to provide for practices and procedures which minimize the use of all forms of energy in the District's facilities; a plan to reduce energy use through cost-effective building modifications; and the utilization of curriculum materials designed to inform students regarding the wise use of energy.

The District will:

- Strive to conserve natural resources and support their sustainable use.
- Develop a long range, self sustaining energy plan that will start with low cost, no cost items and work it's way up to capital intensive energy initiatives.
- Establish the ultimate long-term goal in how the energy savings will relate back to improving the education and environment for students and teachers in the district.
- Create annual milestones in energy achievements related to not only energy and dollar savings but also the environmental impact of each measure.
- Study the benefits of energy, dollar and environmental impact to the district.
- Pursue outside sources including state, federal and private programs to assist in the identification and documentation of energy saving projects.
- Through studies determine the financial and environmental benefits of energy related district wide behavioral changes.
- Use biodegradable products when possible.
- Implement and maintain an energy management program.
- Maintain an ongoing energy conservation committee, which will serve to advise, assist and monitor the development and implementation of the plan.
- Maintain accurate records of energy consumption and cost of energy and report annually on the goals and progress of the energy conservation program.
- Require all administrators, in conjunction with their head custodian, to share the joint responsibility to ensure that an efficient energy approach is maintained at each school site.
- Strive to foster an understanding of each individual's responsibility for the environment in its instructional program for students.
- Strive to describe individual responsibility and guide action for minimizing adverse environmental impacts in the implementation of this policy.

The Director of Buildings and Grounds shall be responsible for efficient operation of all energy consuming equipment and shall develop short and long range strategies in the areas of facilities management.

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