

Energy and Water Conservation

The Governing Board is committed to reducing the district's demand for electricity and water in order to help conserve natural resources and to save money to support other district needs. To that end, the Board shall establish goals to help reduce the district's energy and water consumption.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an energy efficiency program which shall include specific strategies designed to help the district use energy more efficiently and to help ensure that funds intended for student learning are not diverted to cover energy costs.

As part of the energy efficiency program, the Superintendent or designee shall develop an emergency action plan to address actions to be taken in the event of power outages in schools, both during and after school operations. The action plan shall also address the role of staff, students and parents/guardians in helping to conserve resources and other activities to help the district meet energy reduction goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall analyze the effect of a utility rate increase on the district's budget. He/she shall develop and implement any necessary contingency plans.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly inspect district facilities and operations and make recommendations for maintenance and capital expenditures which may help the district reach its energy and water conservation goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities and cost-reducing incentive programs to help the district achieve its conservation goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the district's progress in meeting energy and water use reduction goals.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

41422 School term or session length, failure to comply due to disaster

46392 Emergency conditions; ADA estimate

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

25410-25421 Energy Conservation Assistance

Management Resources:

CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

0118.01 California's Energy Challenge

0706.90 Water Conservation Advisory, 90-09

0222.90 Average Daily Attendance Credit During Periods of Emergency 90-01

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WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Facilities Division, Energy Challenge:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/facilities/energyefficiency>

California Energy Commission: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/>

Alliance to Save Energy: <http://www.ase.org/>