

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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The Oldham County Board of Education is committed to protecting and improving our environment for today and for the future. To achieve this important objective, our activities will be guided by the following principles:

1. RESPONSIBLE OPERATIONS

We will conduct school business in a manner which protects public health and minimizes adverse impacts on the environment and we will be prepared to act quickly and appropriately in the event of incident. In doing so, we will comply with both the letter and the intent of applicable environmental laws and regulations. The Board will foster an open and constructive relationship with regulatory agencies, environmental groups, employees, and citizens with respect to environmental issues.

2. PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING

We will integrate into all levels of Board planning and decision-making consideration for protecting and improving the environment.

3. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

We will, through training, ensure that Board employees understand and exercise their individual responsibility for protecting and improving the environment. Every Board employee, contractor, and supplier shares in responsibility for environmental protection.

4. MATERIAL PROCUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT

We will consider potential environmental impacts of all products before their procurement. Where practical, we will promote recycling and selection of products manufactured from recycled materials. We will promote waste minimization measures. The Board will strive to reduce the use of hazardous materials and will provide for the proper handling, storage, and disposal of all waste.

5. ENERGY CONSERVATION

We will be guided by the principle that all energy should be used wisely. We will provide energy conservation information and programs to students, staff, and citizens to encourage efficient use of our products. We will work to use energy wisely in all Board operations.

6. EDUCATION

We will increase awareness of environmental issues among our employees, students, and the public and actively support environmental education programs in the schools and community.

7. LAND MANAGEMENT

We will serve as responsible stewards of the environment through appropriate management of Board-owned properties and through partnerships with environmental organizations.

8. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

We will regularly review the Board's effectiveness in complying with these principles to ensure continued improvement of our commitment to the environment.