

# MODEL ENERGY STEWARDSHIP IN YOUR CLASSROOM

**SPPS is big. We use a lot of energy, but that means we have a lot of opportunities to save it and be more sustainable. Model these behaviors in your classroom for your students and let's work together to reduce our carbon footprint.**

## **Take advantage of the sun**

When possible, turn off your classroom lights, open your shades, and use daylight from the sun to light your classroom.

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## **Turn it off**

It sounds simple, but don't forget to turn off your classroom lights when you leave the classroom, even if you'll only be gone for a moment. At the end of the day, shutdown your computer and turn off your monitor.

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## **Unplug electronics**

Even when turned off, some appliances and electronics use power 24/7 when plugged in. Use power strips or unplug electronics at the end of the day to stop wasting energy.

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## **Minimize appliances**

If you need access to a microwave, fridge, or other small appliance, use one in the teacher lounge or a fellow teacher's classroom before bringing in your own.

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## **Talk to the Head Engineer**

Communicate with your building's Head Engineer when you encounter a problem. Everyone is on the same team to save energy, so follow their instructions and let them know if things don't seem to be working right.

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## **Involve your students**

Communicate with your students! When you do things to save energy and prevent waste, tell your students why so that your good habits become theirs.