

## WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for resource conservation and a basic structure for waste management and recycling.

The board believes that resource conservation should be an integral part of the physical operation of the center and of the curriculum. The board is committed to the conservation of energy and other resources as a part of prudent financial management. The center must set an example of stewardship of our natural resources and develop responsible citizenship in our students.

The board directs the director to develop and implement an energy management program that will result in energy conservation throughout the center. The program will ensure that employees, students and users of facilities cooperate and support measures designed to conserve energy.

The program will integrate the concept of resource conservation, including waste reduction and recycling, into the environmental education curriculum at all levels of the center system.

Specifically, the program should be designed to decrease the amount of waste of consumable materials in these areas.

- reduction of the consumption of consumable materials wherever possible
- full utilization of all materials prior to disposal
- minimization of the use of non-biodegradable products wherever possible

To the extent practical, the center will consider generally accepted concepts and principles of ecology when writing bid specifications for material used by the center. Personnel responsible for both utilization and purchasing will have a joint responsibility to consider ecological implications of such material.

Fitness and quality being equal, the center will purchase recycled products whenever available at no more than the total cost of non-recycled products.

In addition, the center will cooperate with, and participate in, recycling efforts made by local governmental units.

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