

ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

A. Generally

Westmoreland County School Board recognizes the critical importance of environmental sustainability in today's changing world and is committed to fostering the principles of environmental, economic, and social stewardship through the incorporation of sustainable practices throughout the school division.

B. Purpose

The intent of this policy is to provide a healthful learning/working environment which contributes to protecting, conserving, and enhancing the nation's environmental resources while providing long-term savings to taxpayers through lower operating costs.

C. Sustainability Provisions

The Westmoreland County School Board will encourage the following sustainability practices throughout the division:

1. Require that all school division new construction projects and major modernization/renovation projects be designed and constructed to a minimum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified or equal when possible.
2. Minimize the amount of School Division waste sent to the landfill and implement a divisionwide recycling program including but not limited to all school, administration, and support facilities.
3. Heighten awareness about the importance of environmental sustainability throughout the School Division through the curriculum and the promotion of environmental programs and initiatives.
4. Promote the use of "Green Seal" certified products in conjunction with environmentally sustainable cleaning practices throughout the school division.
5. Encourage the use of innovative energy management practices such as Performance Contracting and develop programs that monitor and regulate energy consumption.
6. Purchase Energy Star rated appliances and electronics when possible.
7. Continue the no idle policy for school buses while encouraging the purchase of fuel efficient vehicles for all fleet transportation.
8. Specify, as a minimum, 25% recycled content paper in lieu of standard office paper for all purchases as long as this is cost neutral.
9. Incorporate methods to reduce paper consumption and save energy by: electronic filing, two sided copying, web-based conferencing, and the transfer of data via online portals.
10. Promote the use of low impact fertilizers and Pest Management Controls.

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Legal Reference: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-212.1:2

Cross References: FA Facilities Development
FB Facilities Planning
FEA Educational Facilities Specifications
FECBA Energy Efficient Construction
FEG Construction Planning