

ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

A. Generally

The Gloucester 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 goal of this policy is to provide an environmentally sustainable 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 Gloucester County School Board's encouragement of the following sustainability practices will include:

1. Incorporating LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification guidelines in new projects and major modernizations.
2. Addressing environmental concerns with a proactive and preventive approach, to include green products and green practices.
3. Incorporating the use of innovative energy saving practices.
4. Conserving the use of water and other natural resources and encouraging recycling.
5. Recognizing and supporting educational practices that promote protecting, conserving, and enhancing environmental resources.

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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