

## Environmental Stewardship Policy

The Patrick County School Board promotes environmental stewardship by supporting resource conservation as an economic, environmental and social priority to be taught, practiced and implemented throughout our schools. The school board understands the profound impact that our actions have on our ecological systems and natural resources. It encourages efforts which will consistently prevent or eliminate damage to our environment thereby protecting the health and well-being of our children and employees both present and future.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to support environmental stewardship through a district-wide sustainability plan.

- I. **POLICY IMPLEMENTATION:** The District shall employ the following practices in order to adhere to the policy herein:
  - A. **Education & Training:**
    - a. Quality education and training will be provided to all employees concerning environmental impacts, practices and responsibilities.
    - b. Internal and external department collaboration on environmental practices and programs will be ensured.
    - c. Best Management Practices (BMP) in environmental stewardship will be identified and communicated and viable information shared with all stakeholders.
  - B. **Conservation & Compliance:**
    - a. Mandate the efficient use of materials and natural resources.
    - b. Reduce or mitigate negative impacts to the ecosystems we affect.
    - c. Reduce waste generated from our facilities and operations through source reduction, reuse, or recycling.
    - d. Collaborate with stakeholders, agencies, and other organizations to mandate and promote sound data supported principles and to achieve common objectives.

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