

## **Environmentally Sustainable Practices**

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Environmental sustainability is critically important to the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, the State of California, and the nation. Efficient use of resources is central to this objective. The District is committed to stewardship of the environment and to reducing the District's dependence on non-renewable energy sources. The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of new initiatives to incorporate sustainable practices. Such sustainable practices shall include:

- Incorporate the principles of energy efficiency, conservation and sustainability in all capital projects, operations and maintenance within budgetary constraints and programmatic requirements.
- Minimize the use of non-renewable energy sources by creating a portfolio approach to energy use which would include: on-site energy production (e.g., Photovoltaic), purchasing local renewable energy; purchasing "green" power from the grid, and conservation measures that reduce energy consumption.
- Minimize greenhouse gas emissions on District facilities, and incorporate fuel-efficient vehicles and practices into the District's fleet of vehicles.
- Promote alternate means and accessible modes of transportation to and from the campuses to achieve energy efficiency and sustainability.
- Minimize the amount of District-generated waste through an aggressive recycling program for all products which can be diverted from the landfill; toward this end, evaluate life cycles of products to determine how they will be disposed of at the end of their useful life.
- Utilize the District's purchasing power to reduce packaging and to purchase green products.
- Establish and implement communications strategies that involve the active participation of administration, faculty, classified staff and students in understanding and promoting these Board values and practices.

The Board of Trustees will regularly review progress towards implementing Districtwide sustainable practices.

*See Administrative Procedures 3214*

Title 5 Sections 57100, 57121  
Title 14, Div. 6, Chapter 4

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