

POLICY TITLE: Energy and Resource Conservation		
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE: 4/14/1997	MOST RECENTLY AMENDED: 10/23/2023	MOST RECENTLY REAFFIRMED: 5/6/2002
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: District Management		

I. Purpose

The purposes of this policy are to establish Board goals and objectives relating to energy conservation and environmental stewardship; to facilitate responsible conservation practices; to emphasize environmental education; to allow Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) to comply with current and future regulations relating to energy management and conservation; to establish practices that will be applied to all aspects of HCPS operation to include but not limited to Operations and Facilities Management, Transportation, Planning and Construction, Procurement, and school-based decisions.

II. Statement of Policy

A. It is the policy of the Board that HCPS shall conduct its business and operations to the extent reasonable and practical, so as to:

1. Utilize the minimum amount of energy.
2. Explore and implement energy conservation programs.
3. Explore and utilize efficient procurement strategies to secure services required to implement planned energy conservation programs.
4. Utilize technology to monitor and develop energy usage reports concerning but not limited to:
 - a. The amount of electricity used from renewable energy sources; and
 - b. The overall electricity use by source and square foot; and
 - c. Current and historical data of energy use by square foot.
5. Explore the use of renewable energy sources in both new and existing facilities.
6. Utilize alternative funding approaches to leverage implementation of renewable energy, conservation, recycling projects through partnerships with private organizations and other creative funding strategies.
7. Partner with other government institutions in energy and environmental stewardship programs.
8. Educate all stakeholders in best practices around energy conservation and environmental stewardship.

- B. The Superintendent will consult with the Energy Management Committee to develop, review, and implement procedures and policy.

Board Approval Acknowledged By:



Sean W. Bulson, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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LEGAL REFERENCES¹

References are set forth in the Procedure.

¹ All references are to specific federal or Maryland statutes or regulations. References are provided for convenience and informational purposes only and are not to be considered as exhaustive or as precluding Harford County Public Schools from relying upon any other statutes or regulations in support of a policy.