

Mount Madonna School Environmental Policy Statement

We shall strive to incorporate sustainability into our core school operations through internal and external efforts. Specifically, we shall adopt the following policies and practices:

- Conserve energy, water and natural resources.
- Commit to only purchase environmentally friendly products.
- Reuse, Recycle and Reduce.
- Promote environmental education, outreach and awareness.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

- Promote zero-waste lunches
- Reduce the waste stream by increasing recycling and composting capacity.
- Strive to increase waste diversion by recycling all paper, cardboard, wood, metals, bottles, plastics, packaging and cans.
- Participate in specific industry recycling programs, i.e. Crayola Color Cycle.
- Composting all food and landscape waste.
- Reduce the waste generated by donating reusable office items to charitable organizations.
- Reuse envelopes and packaging and purchase reusable products.
- Promote the use of natural lighting and solar energy.
- Institute a policy to turn off lighting and appliances in unoccupied rooms.
- Replace existing fluorescent lighting with LEDs and purchase energy star appliances.
- Conserve water by planting native drought tolerant plants and using a drip irrigation system.

Toxics Reduction

- Choose green sealed janitorial cleaning products.
- Only use recycled content products, materials and supplies.
- Purchase No VOC paints, markers and air fresheners.
- Use only natural, humane, non-toxic means of pest control.
- Continue the development of natural landscaping and wildlife habitats on school property. Grounds-care procedures that eliminate the use of chemicals, fertilizers and herbicides will be used.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

- Purchase remanufactured and refillable toner cartridges.
- Purchase office & toilet paper with 100% recycled content as well as tree free paper.
- Purchase office furniture and supplies with recycled content
- Promote the use of refillable bottles, canvas bags and reusable to-go containers.
- Purchase Energy Star rated appliances and office equipment.
- Install water efficient toilets, showerheads and faucet aerators.

Conserve

- Encourage the use of Mount Madonna School's bus for our students.
- Offer telecommuting options.
- The school will ensure that school-owned vehicles are maintained and operated in a fashion that has the least impact on the environment. Unnecessary idling of school buses or other vehicles on property will be discouraged.

Education/Curriculum

- All employees are provided with instruction on environmental policy and practice.
- Environmental impact will be considered for approval of curricula and/or resources
- The global care of the earth shall be reflected in the curriculum of all subject/discipline areas.
- Environmental education shall take place through teacher modeling. Specific environmental education curricula will be encouraged and developed for particular grade levels.
- The school will support environmental experiences that develop an environmental ethic in its students.
- Teachers will be encouraged to heighten their awareness of environmental issues and develop teaching strategies that reflect this awareness.
- The school will make resources that will enhance the teaching of environmental issues available to teachers.