



Mount Madonna School
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Environmental Policy Statement & Procurement Guidelines

Mount Madonna School is committed to minimizing environmental impact and actively promoting sustainable practices. Our environmental policy encompasses waste reduction, responsible energy consumption, and a purchasing policy that prioritizes eco-friendly products and services. By adhering to the following principles, we strive to create a greener future for our community, students, parents, and staff.

Waste Reduction

- Provide dual-stream bins for landfill waste and recycling. Keep these bins co-located.
- Recycle all paper, bottles, and cans.
- Compost all organic waste via GreenWaste green bin.
- Obtain or donate previously used furniture, supplies, or materials.
- Purchase office/copy paper that is either: 100% recycled *or* FSC Certified with at least 30% post-consumer waste recycled content.
- Make two-sided printing and copying standard practice in your business.
- Use reusable dishware in breakrooms and cafeteria
- Reduce paper use by sending electronic contracts, online bank statements, and regularly unsubscribe from junk mail
- Provide party kits for classrooms
- Promote and incentivize waste-free lunches

Energy Conservation

- Complete regular maintenance on HVAC systems
- Only use LED lightbulbs in fixtures and lamps.
- Ensure that future equipment purchases, including printers, computer monitors, scanners, and refrigerators are Energy Star Certified.
- Utilize occupancy sensors lighting in additional spaces, if possible.

Pollution Prevention

- Continue purchasing Certified Green janitorial cleaning products. Look for EPA Safer Choice Certified labels, see the purchasing policy on the reverse page. Limit the use of disinfectants to only surfaces in restrooms or on door handles. Use a hydrogen peroxide-based disinfectant product when necessary.

- Utilize Integrated Pest Management best practices
- Use un-bleached/chlorine free paper products

Miscellaneous

- Include this Environmental Policy in employees' onboarding.
- Encourage and support student projects such as the Environmental Justice club, labeling stormwater drains, school gardens, research etc.
- Keep dumpsters impreamable to rainwater

GREEN BUSINESS PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES

- [Energy Star](#) office equipment, appliances, printers, computers, laptops, and monitors.
- **Paper products:** chlorine-free/unbleached and at least 30% post-consumer waste recycled content with FSC Certification *OR* 100% recycled content. This applies to paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, and printer paper.
- **Cleaning products:** [US EPA Safer Choice](#), UL [EcoLogo](#), or [Green Seal](#) certified.
- Active ingredient in **disinfectants** should always be hydrogen peroxide, thymol, or citric acid-based (no chlorine or ammonia). Use sprays instead of single-use wipes.

CLEANING PRODUCT CERTIFICATION LABELS

EPA Safer Choice, UL EcoLogo, GreenSeal



NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____