

7461 GREEN INITIATIVES

The Black Horse Pike Regional School District Board of Education recognizes the importance of minimizing the district's use of natural resources, providing a high-quality environment that promotes health and productivity and the effective management of our fiscal resources. The Board of Education agrees that the Superintendent of Schools and designated administrative staff will be responsible for developing a resource management program that includes strategies for implementing effective and sustainable resource practices, exploring renewable and clean energy technologies, reducing energy and water consumption, minimizing utility costs, reducing the amount of waste of consumable materials, encouraging recycling and green procurement practices, and promoting conservation principles by implementation of the following actions:

- 1. Energy and Energy Conservation Curriculum: The Black Horse Pike Regional School District Board of Education will seek to integrate the concepts of resources conservation, including waste reduction and recycling, into our district's environmental curriculum at all grade levels.**
- 2. Consumable Waste Reduction: Wherever possible and economically practical, the Black Horse Pike Regional School District Board of Education will seek to reduce the consumption of consumable materials, fully utilize all materials before disposal, and minimize the use of non-biodegradable products. Green purchasing efforts and promoted encouraging EPP (environmentally preferred purchasing) of products and services that create less waste and are more efficient.**
- 3. Recycling and Environmental Operations: The Black Horse Pike Regional School District Board of Education will explore collaboration with local, State, and Federal entities to promote recycling efforts.**
- 4. Facility Operations, Maintenance, Construction, and Renovations: The Black Horse Pike Regional School District Board of Education will strive to develop and implement an operations and maintenance program for its buildings and**



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facilities that embraces practices for energy conservation, energy cost containment, and revenue enhancements. Green Cleaning with the use of green/environmentally friendly products will be utilized by staff and vendors where at all possible.

In addition, it will be the administration's goal to develop construction or renovation projects that adhere to LEED Silver standards. Furthermore, when economically viable and practical, the Black Horse Pike Regional School District Board of Education will develop site improvements that will attempt to reduce greenhouse gases while promoting environmentally-friendly lifestyles. Potential steps could include increased utilization of landscaping plantings, school gardens/learning centers, and greening of selected locales.

The GREEN Committee(s) (staff and students) will be responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of this Sustainability Policy, as well as an annual Sustainability Plan and reports (as needed) in concert with the Superintendent of Schools and designated staff.

1st Reading: 17 March 2016

Adopted:

