

# **812 ENERGY MANAGEMENT**

## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to acknowledge the importance of energy conservation in effectively managing school finances and in preserving the nation's natural resources. The district shall provide leadership in developing a realistic energy ethic in the operation of its facilities to improve the learning and teaching environment while maintaining a safe and comfortable environment for students and staff.

## **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The policy of the school district is to conserve energy in an effort to reduce operating costs and minimize the environmental impact. The district will strive to reduce its energy consumption by the use of best practices, the latest engineering solutions and by educating, as well as encouraging, the commitment of the faculty, students and employees of the district. It is the goal of the district to:

- Ensure awareness of the Energy Management Policy and guidelines to faculty, students, staff and suppliers
- Adopt a whole of life costing approach to purchases, where particular attention is paid to energy efficiency
- Reduce energy consumption and, thus, reduce carbon emissions
- Improve overall energy efficiency
- Engineer solutions for saving energy rather than relying solely on manual intervention
- Educate and encourage the motivation of faculty, students and staff within the district to save energy
- Publicize objectives
- Ensure an Energy Management Action Plan has been implemented
- Introduce energy conservation at the induction of new employees, students and vendors.

Energy management guidelines will be developed by the district in an effort to conserve energy, to improve the energy efficiency of its buildings, vehicles and equipment and the goods and services that it uses and to increase the use of energy from renewable sources.

The district shall use environmentally safe and sustainable energy sources as often as practical while achieving savings. The district shall strive to increase its use of energy from renewable sources.

**Legal References:**

Minnesota Session Law Chapter 398-H.F. No. 2972 (Benchmarks for Existing Public Buildings)

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