

POLICY

Hazlet Township Board of Education

Section: Operations
8900. SUSTAINABILITY
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The Hazlet Township 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 and 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 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. Programs and Policies to promote physical activity: The Hazlet Township School District will seek to create, enact and implement policies and programs which will support active and healthy community environments that encourage safe walking and bicycling and physical activity by children.
2. Green Purchasing: The Hazlet Township School District will continue to introduce green purchasing procedures for the school community in order to reduce environmental impacts and educate the community on making environmentally friendly choices for life.
3. Recycling and Environmental Operations: The Hazlet Township School District will continue to explore and work closely with local entities to promote recycling efforts.
4. Facility Operations, Maintenance, Construction, and Renovations: The Hazlet Township Public School District will continue to develop and implement an operations and maintenance program for its eight schools that embraces practices for energy conservation, energy cost management, and revenue enhancements. In addition, it will be the administration's goal to develop future construction or renovation projects that adhere to LEED standards. Furthermore, when economically viable and practical, the Hazlet Township School District will develop site improvements that will strive 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 locations.

The Hazlet Township School District's *Sustainable Jersey for Schools Green Team* 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.

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