

Lake Oswego School District 7J

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Sustainability

“Sustainability,” as defined by the 2001 Oregon Legislature and ORS 184.421, means “using, developing and protecting resources in a manner that enables people to meet current needs and provides that future generations can also meet future needs, from the joint perspective of environmental, economic and community objectives.”

The district will strive to conduct its operations and make decisions that support sustainability by minimizing negative environmental impacts while protecting current and future human health and well being in economically viable ways. The following principles of sustainability will be a framework for decision-making:

1. The district will demonstrate responsible leadership by making decisions and conducting operations with the following priorities in mind:
 - a. Protect students, staff, and our community from environmental harm. The district will strive to eliminate the use of potentially toxic and harmful substances;
 - b. Prepare our students for the future. The district will provide a high quality education that supports concepts and practices of environmental, social, and economic responsibility and sustainability;
 - c. Preserve current and future resources. The district will adopt administrative regulations that provide guidelines and standard practices in operations that promote conservation and balance environmental, social, and fiscal responsibility to protect and enhance the future quality of life.
2. The district shall consider, when purchasing, the potential for recycling of materials and shall avoid, when feasible, the purchase of materials that are not recyclable. The district shall take advantage of local opportunities to recycle waste materials and cooperate with the recycling efforts of the Lake Oswego community.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS Chapters 279A, 279B and 279C](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)