

Multnomah Education Service District

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Sustainability**

MESD recognizes sustainability as a guiding principle and believes that our education system should lead the way in developing an ethic of sustainability in all of its practices.

MESD defines sustainability as “meeting the educational, environmental, social and economic needs of present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” Sustainability will be managed through efforts in balancing the mutually interdependent areas of education, environment, society and economy to ensure a healthy future for our students, staff, the MESD and the state of Oregon. MESD believes that these actions are a natural extension of the MESD’s core mission and values.

Sustainability will be demonstrated through:

1. Leadership in sustainable management – striving to balance educational, economic, social and environmental issues in our daily decision-making;
2. Leadership in student achievement – incorporating environmental, social and economic sustainability concepts in our education of students;
3. Leadership in fostering student health and well-being – providing a physical environment that promotes the health, productivity and safety of students and staff;
4. Continual improvement – seeking new, expanded and improved ways to create a sustainable and restorative future.

To effectively achieve these commitments MESD will implement a Sustainability Management System (SMS)¹ that extends sustainability to all activities.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 334.125](#)

[OAR 581-024-0206](#)
[OAR 581-024-0208](#)

[OAR 581-024-0226](#)
[OAR 581-024-0260](#)

Cross Reference(s):

EDD - Resource Conservation
ECF - Resource and Energy Conservation

¹For more information contact www.sustainableschools.org.