

Sustainability Management System

MESD maintains a Sustainability Management System (SMS)¹, which is a set of processes to manage sustainability issues, and to ensure that the sustainability goals and objectives are achieved. The SMS addresses the environmental, social and economic impact of the MESD's activities, both short- and long-term. It provides order and consistency in the allocation of resources and the assignment of responsibilities and involves staff and students in the sustainability process. This system provides ongoing evaluation of practices, procedures and processes. It contributes to academic performance and the preparation of Oregon's next leaders. The SMS reflects the commitment of the MESD to a sustainable educational system.

The SMS defines the methods that are used to plan, implement, assess and continually improve the MESD's sustainability practices.

The Sustainability Management System:

1. Includes the MESD policy;
2. Defines the process for establishing annual goals, objectives and performance benchmarks;
3. Provides the means of accountability to sustainability performance benchmarks in relationship to MESD goals and objectives;
4. Embodies a continual improvement process that is designed to assist the MESD in making social and environmental impacts positive, optimizing value and enhancing overall student and organizational performance.

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