

## Sustainability

The district recognizes sustainability as an important principle that supports developing an ethic of sustainability in its practices. The district 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 is managed through efforts in balancing the interdependent areas of education, environment, society and economy to contribute to a healthy future for our students, staff and the district.

Sustainability may 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, the district may implement a Sustainability Management System (SMS)<sup>1</sup> that extends sustainability to district activities.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)

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<sup>1</sup>For more information contact [www.sustainableschools.org](http://www.sustainableschools.org).