

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Practices And Integrated Waste Management

Business and Non-instructional Operations

The Governing Board recognizes the need to manage resources efficiently, responsibly and cost effectively. Source and pollution reduction, reusing, and recycling are necessary to minimize the impact on the environment and can also result in cost savings.

The purpose of this Administrative Regulation to support the purchase of environmentally preferable products in order to minimize environmental impacts. CCUSD supports purchasing environmentally preferable products whenever they perform satisfactorily and are available at a reasonably competitive price.

The District staff should serve as positive role models to students and the community concerning conservation issues.

The Superintendent or designee will seek to implement strategies that are both resourceful and responsible. Examples of such strategies may include, but are not limited to:

1. Reduce District waste by prevention practices such as double sided copying, email, electronic ordering and electronic filing.
2. Recycle District used materials such as paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass and metal containers and composting of food waste and landscape materials.
3. Reuse and recycle construction and demolition materials to the greatest extent possible.
4. Purchase products that/are:
 - a. Contain the highest amount of post-consumer material practicable;
 - b. Non-hazardous to the extent feasible, and do not emit harmful emissions or volatile organic compounds to the extent feasible; and are readily biodegradable and non-persistent in the environment after use, where practicable;
 - c. Energy Star certified, if US EPA Energy Star certification is available, and Water Sense certified, if a US EPA Water Sense certification is available.
5. Regularly assess each department's effectiveness in applying this policy.
6. Provide training to new and existing employees about this policy as needed.

The Superintendent will seek to adopt appropriate school and departmental procedures that communicate the goals of this Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices (EPPP) Policy.