

POLICY TITLE: Energy and Resource Conservation		
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POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: District Management		

I. Purpose

The purposes of this policy are to establish Board goals and objectives relating to energy conservation and environmental stewardship; to facilitate responsible conservation practices; to emphasize environmental education curriculum; to allow Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) to comply with current and future regulations relating to energy management and conservation; to establish practices that will be applied to all aspects of HCPS operation to include but not limited to Operations and Facilities Management, Transportation, Planning and Construction, Purchasing, and school-based decisions.

II. Policy Statement

- A. It is the policy of the Board that HCPS shall conduct its business and operations to the extent reasonable and practical, so as to:
- 1) Utilize the minimum amount of energy.
 - 2) Explore and implement energy conservation programs.
 - 3) Utilize technology to monitor energy usage.
 - 4) Explore the use of renewable energy sources in both new and existing facilities.
 - 5) Utilize alternative funding approaches to leverage implementation of renewable energy, conservation, recycling projects through partnerships with private organizations and other creative funding strategies.
 - 6) Partner with other government institutions in energy and environmental stewardship programs.
- B. The Superintendent will consult with the Energy Management Committee to develop, review, and implement procedures which more fully implement this policy.