

613 Sustainability

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Policy

The North Vancouver School District is committed to a sustainable future for students, the community, and the planet. We take a holistic view of sustainability that includes economic, environmental, and social considerations.

We strive to demonstrate leadership by providing the highest standard of education in environmental stewardship through programs, practices and facilities that inspire students and staff to be responsible citizens.

We embrace the following tenets of sustainability and will work collaboratively to accelerate progress by sharing knowledge and building upon the efforts of others.

Sustainability Education: We will provide opportunities for students to learn about environmental stewardship, climate action, social responsibility, and economic sustainability.

Environmental Impact Reduction: We will strive to reduce our environmental impact by conserving energy and water, minimizing waste, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Sustainable Facilities: We will develop, operate, and maintain facilities in a manner that minimizes our ecological footprint and anticipates changing environmental, social, and economic conditions.

Sustainable Procurement: We will embrace ethically, socially, and environmentally responsible business practices while obtaining the best value for expenditures on goods and services.

Supporting Community Initiatives: We will support local sustainability initiatives by partnering with organizations that are committed to promoting sustainability in the community. We will encourage sustainable practices and lifestyles among our staff, students, and community.

Ecosystem Preservation: We will respect and protect local ecosystems and support biodiversity through responsible stewardship.

Monitoring, Reporting, and Continual Improvement: We will regularly monitor our performance, communicate progress towards our goals, and embrace opportunities to improve.