

Lake Oswego  
School District 7J

**Sustainability**

Code: **EDD**

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As a school district we believe that a sustainable future is essential. We will work to lead, assist and educate our school community about the links and dependencies between people, nature and climate.

“Sustainability,” means “using, developing and protecting resources in a manner that enables people to meet current needs and provides that future generations can also meet future needs, from the joint perspective of environmental, economic and community objectives.” (2001 Oregon Legislature and ORS 184.421.)

Principles of sustainability impact the district at every level. The district will strive to evaluate choices made in leadership, curriculum, operations/facilities through a Sustainability Lens (adopted 2023 LOSD SB, *Put SL in an AR to this policy.*) The district shall strive to provide appropriate education and training to strengthen employee knowledge and skills in support of sustainability efforts. The district will show responsible sustainability leadership by maintaining a comprehensive Sustainability Plan.

**Leadership:** We recognize that sustainability cannot be achieved in isolation, so the district will adopt a holistic approach to sustainability. This approach will include a leadership structure that works to foster a sustainability mindset throughout all aspects of the district's activities and at all levels (district and all sites.)

**Curriculum:** The district’s goal is to graduate students who are careful guardians of the earth. To accomplish this goal, the district will provide a high-quality education that supports concepts and practices of environmental and climate change, social and economic responsibility and sustainability. The Sustainability Lens will be used to evaluate and develop curriculum in all relevant subject areas at all grade levels.

**Operations:** Lake Oswego School District facilities and operations teams will ensure that all children and staff have access to a healthy work and learning environment. The district will do its best to provide food, air, water and facilities that are free of toxic and harmful substances. Administrative regulations will provide a guide for continuously improving operational efficiencies with the goal of reducing climate impacts.

**Implementation and Evaluation:** The superintendent shall develop procedures and practices to implement this policy and will report annually to the Board. The superintendent shall be responsible to ensure that the Sustainability Policy aligns with the district Strategic Plan. The superintendent will establish and make public a method to track progress of sustainability goals.

END OF POLICY

**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS Chapters 279A, 279B and 279C](#)  
[ORS 332.107](#)