

## SUSTAINABILITY

The School Board of Peru Central School District recognizes the critical importance of environmental sustainability in today's changing world and is committed to fostering the principles of environmental, economic, and social stewardship through incorporation of sustainable practices throughout the school district.

1. **Reducing Waste:** The District shall develop a waste management plan for all aspects of its operation. This will include the principles of "reduce, reuse, and recycle". The District will work to utilize the "single-stream" system to its full capacity.
2. **Energy Conservation:** The District shall establish a plan for resource and energy conservation throughout its schools and facilities.
3. **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing:** The District shall make efforts to purchase environmentally preferable products and services for use in day-to-day operations when quality, performance, price, functionality, and safety are comparable to their less environmentally preferable counterparts.
4. **Implement most effective green technologies for the District's needs:** When considering a future Capital Improvement project, the District is committed to considering incorporating appropriate green technologies into that project. The District will explore operational sites currently in place to determine best practices regarding green technology initiatives.
5. **Environmental Education:** The District shall develop programs to actively engage students in environmental awareness and stewardship when feasible and effective. Teachers will be encouraged to increase their awareness of environmental issues and develop teaching strategies that reflect this awareness.
6. **Grounds:** The District shall work to develop a more natural grounds management plan to achieve reduction in water and pesticide/herbicide usage when feasible and effective.
7. **Food Service:** The District shall explore ways to create a more efficient ways to reduce waste within the cafeteria. This shall include food scraps, plates, utensils, etc.
8. **Transportation:** The District will encourage vehicles to be maintained and operated in a manner that has the least impact on the environment. Unnecessary idling of buses or other vehicles is discouraged.
9. **Staff Development:** The District will provide employees with professional development opportunities consistent with the Sustainability policy and practice.

Cross-ref:       6700, Purchasing  
                       8410, Transportation of Students  
                       9700, Staff Development

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