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## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**

The Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD) is committed to reducing our environmental footprint through the education and development of environmental stewardship through sustainable practices. These sustainable practices encompass renewability, substitution, adaptability, interdependence, and institutional commitment in the areas of food, energy, transportation, school curriculum, facilities, land use, and community outreach. The ORCSD School Board directs the School District to:

1. Use our shared natural resources efficiently and effectively;
2. Identify opportunities to reuse, reduce, recycle, and repurpose waste;
3. Promote practices that explicitly demonstrate the importance and connections between health and sustainability;
4. Facilitate the understanding that sustainability, equity, and justice issues are inextricably linked and combine environmental, social, economic, and cultural factors in complex and dynamic ways;
5. Increase awareness of environmental **and** social justice issues – for example, access to healthy food and available clean energy, exposure to pollution and waste, housing, transportation, and global systems for resource extraction and industrial production.
6. Work with vendors, organizations, and individuals who model, promote, and improve the District’s sustainability practices; and
7. Educate the District on information and practices of sustainable living, incorporate sustainability education in the District’s curriculum such as: current curricula topics, scientific data, practices, technologies, advocacy, and career opportunities.

Cross Reference: ECFA-R – Environmental Sustainability Policy – Procedure  
 BDF – Advisory Committee to the Board