

## ENERGY USE AND CONSERVATION

Fitzgerald Public Schools is responsible for the efficient use of its natural resources and shall provide leadership in developing a realistic energy management program while increasing awareness of energy needs and their associated costs in the operation of its facilities.

The District's success in achieving an effective energy use, conservation, and efficiency program requires and depends upon cooperation at all levels. Therefore, every employee, student, school volunteer, and contractor is expected to contribute to and actively participate in the District's Energy Management and Conservation Program. It is the expectation that all stakeholders should be "energy savers" as well as "energy consumers".

Implementation of the District's Energy Management and Conservation Policy shall be the joint and collective responsibility of the District's Board of Education, administration, teachers, staff, students, and volunteers. While primary accountability and responsibility for management and administration of the District's Energy Management and Conservation program shall lie with the Superintendent or his/her designee, the District's administrative staff shall assist the Superintendent or his/her designee as needed in implementing, managing, directing, monitoring, evaluating, and reporting District conservation and efficiency in the use of energy.

The Energy Management and Conservation Policy requires the District to implement the following activities:

- A. Manage and track energy consumption which includes defining energy-saving protocols identified in the District's Energy Management Plan.
- B. Provide staff training and awareness regarding energy management and energy conservation.
- C. Develop realistic implementation timelines and a data reporting system.
- D. Review and consider energy conservation equipment and design standards for facility upgrades and renovation.
- E. Implement "green" considerations when purchasing supplies and materials, where applicable.
- F. Develop long and short-term energy goals defined in the District's Energy Management Plan.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for the development of administrative guidelines and regulations necessary to implement and administer the District's Energy Management and Conservation Policy.