

ENERGY CONSERVATION

As the School Committee of the Attleboro Public Schools, we believe it to be our responsibility to ensure that every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management.

The implementation of this policy is the joint responsibility of the Committee members, administrators, teachers, students and support personnel and its success is based on cooperation at all levels.

The district will maintain accurate records of energy consumption and cost of energy and will provide information to the local media on the goals and progress of the energy conservation program when deemed appropriate.

The principal will take accountability for energy management in his/her building through energy audits being conducted and conservation program outlines being updated. Judicious use of the various energy systems of each campus will be the joint responsibility of the principal and head custodian to ensure that an efficient energy posture is maintained on a daily basis.

Curriculum will be developed to ensure that every student will participate in the energy management program in the district as an "energy saver".

Specific areas of emphasis include:

1. Every student and employee will be expected to contribute to energy efficiency in the school district. Every person will be expected to be an "energy saver" as well as an "energy consumer."
2. All unnecessary lighting will be turned off when areas are unoccupied. All lights will be turned off when students and teachers leave school. Custodians will turn on lights only in the areas in which they are working.
3. Energy management within his/her building will be considered an important duty of the principal.
4. The head night custodian or supervisor will be responsible for ensuring that a complete and total shutdown of the facility is accomplished when the building is closed each evening with the exception of necessary utilities and mechanical devices required to maintain the building as operational.
5. Within sixty (60) days, administrative guidelines will be adopted that will act as the template for implementing the Attleboro School Department Energy Program.

Whereas the School Committee bears responsibility for the best use of tax dollars, and

Whereas public education can provide leadership in developing a realistic energy ethic and awareness of energy needs and costs.

Therefore, the School Committee of the Attleboro Public Schools will require the Superintendent and/or his/her agents to develop short and long-range strategies in the areas of facilities management and curriculum development dealing with energy awareness and conservation. Short and long-range strategies and curriculum development will be done with the assistance of the Energy Management Company.