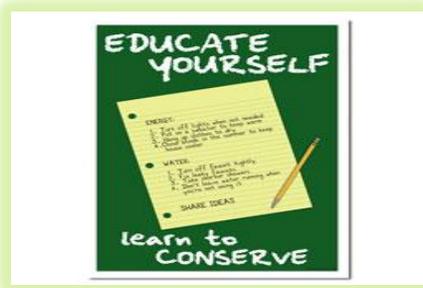


ENERGY CONSERVATION

USD 489

What You Can Do To Help

Energy conservation is vital to our district. Only through awareness and conservation can we ensure that we will have adequate financial resources during this time of unprecedented budget reductions and high energy costs.



There are a number of things you can do to help minimize our energy costs. Below are some recommendations we would like all district staff to follow:

✓ **RECOMMENDED CLASSROOM AND OFFICE TEMPERATURES**

Everyone's comfort level is different - during the cold months wear layered clothing so that you can adjust to temperature changes easily. Classrooms and offices should be set at 68 degrees. During the warm months, classrooms and offices should be set at 78 degrees. Hallways **are not** to be air conditioned.

✓ **KEEP DOORS AND WINDOWS CLOSED**

An open classroom door or window makes the heating and air conditioning systems work much harder, thus wasting energy and increasing our energy costs.

✓ **TURN LIGHTS OFF IN UNOCCUPIED SPACES**

If you leave a room, turn the lights **OFF** to conserve electricity



✓ **TURN COMPUTERS AND MONITORS OFF AT NIGHT**

Energy consumption from computers and peripherals is directly related to the length of time they are on; regardless of whether or not they are being used (screen savers and sleep modes are still using energy).



✓ **UNPLUG PERSONAL COFFEE MAKERS AND TELEVISIONS**

Unplug these appliances when not in use, particularly overnight. Even when turned off but still plugged in, these items will consume energy.



✓ **LET THE SUN SHINE IN**

Not only is daylight a free source of lighting - the sun's rays gives us warming energy. On evenings and weekends pull the blinds shut to buffer the room from the cold or heat.



Remember, every dollar that is spent on energy is a dollar that cannot be used for classroom supplies, salaries and other district needs

