



# ***Policy #5650***

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## *Non-Instructional / Business Operations*

### **SUBJECT: ENERGY/WATER CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE**

#### **Energy/Water Conservation**

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of energy and water conservation and is committed to the analysis, development, and initiation of conservation measures throughout the District for the purpose of reducing energy consumption, particularly in these times of declining levels of natural energy resources and increasing cost of these resources. The Board will maintain an aggressive and responsible program to reduce consumption of energy by its facilities and to provide education on the conservation of energy.

The District will comply with the Property Maintenance Code of New York State, part of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, which requires that indoor occupiable work spaces be maintained at a minimum temperature of sixty five (65) degrees from September 14 to May 31 during the period the spaces are occupied. There are exceptions for areas of vigorous physical activities such as gymnasiums as well as processing spaces such as coolers or freezers. However, by law, code or regulation there is no maximum temperature specified. Ventilation requirements only require fresh air, not cool air-conditioning.

#### **Recycling**

The Superintendent will develop a program for the source separation and segregation of recyclable or reusable materials in the District. This District-wide recycling plan shall include:

- a) A concerted effort to purchase recycled items and biodegradable rather than nonbiodegradable products;
- b) Separation of waste into appropriate categories for the purpose of recycling, including mercury-added consumer products; and
- c) A cooperative effort with community recycling programs.

Environmental Conservation Law Sections 27-2101-27-2115

General Municipal Law Section 120-aa

19 New York State Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Sections 1220-1226

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