

**PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board Policy**

**Business & Non-Instructional Operations**

**Board Policy 3510**

**GREEN INITIATIVE**

As a school community, the Piedmont Unified School District is committed to providing an excellent academic experience to all students. Embedded in this commitment is the responsibility of the school community to be stewards of the environment, appreciating and understanding the flow of resources that sustain us, and ways in which we can minimize the impact of our activities on resources. Supporting environmentally “green initiatives” and creating a culture of sustainability afford us opportunities to achieve integration among the District’s curriculum, values, and educational mission. The Governing Board will review progress annually. The administrative regulations address criteria and procedures to address the following issues (in development):

1. **Reducing Waste:** The District shall develop a waste management plan for all aspects of its operation in concert with the goals developed by the City of Piedmont that follow the principles of “reduce, reuse, recycle, rot.”
2. **Sustainability in Construction/Modernization:** The District shall ensure that every new school and building, and every modernization project incorporate LEED/CHPS criteria and best practices from the beginning of the design process, to the extent feasible and cost effective given available financial resources. Each project shall at least meet minimal applicable LEED/CHPS qualifying criteria where cost-effective given available financial resources.
3. **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing:** The District shall make efforts to purchase environmentally preferable products and services for use in day-to-day operations when quality, performance, price, functionality, and safety are comparable to their less-environmentally preferable counterparts.
4. **Energy Conservation:** The District shall establish a plan for resource and energy conservation at all school sites and facilities.
5. **Climate Action:** The District shall work with the City of Piedmont in support of its efforts to reduce global warming through promising means that positively impact students.
6. **Environmental Education:** Schools play a crucial role in educating students about the importance of the environment and in preparing them to be stewards of natural resources. The District’s program shall incorporate efforts to fulfill this role, including emphasis on the incorporation of active student participation into instructional program and school culture, when feasible and effective.
7. **Landscaping & Grounds:** The Governing Board encourages the ongoing development of natural landscaping and grounds care at District facilities to achieve reduction in water and pesticide/herbicide usage, and supports integrated pest management systems.

## LEGAL REFERENCES:

### EDUCATION CODE

8700-8707 Environmental education  
8720-8723 Conservation education service  
33541 Science requirements  
51210 Curricular areas of study, grades 1-6  
51220 Curricular areas of study, grades 7-12  
51795-51797 School instructional gardens  
60041 Ecological systems and their protection  
32370-32376 Recycling paper  
17608-17613 Integrated Pest Management

### CITY OF PIEDMONT

General Plan Draft: Policy 17:1, Solid waste reduction  
General Plan Draft: Goal 16, Sustainable development  
General Plan Draft: Policy 17.4, Greening the Government  
General Plan Draft: Policy 17.2, Energy conservation  
General Plan Draft: Policy 15.5, Integrated Pest Management  
General Plan Draft: Action 17.C Education & Outreach

### FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

11401-12408 Pest control operations and agricultural chemicals  
13180-13188 Healthy Schools Act of 2000 - pest management practices

### HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

105400-105430 Indoor environmental quality

### CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

337-339 Hazardous substances list  
340-340.2 Occupational safety and health, rights of employees  
1528-1533 Construction safety orders; exposure to hazards  
5139-5223 Control of hazardous substances

### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136-136y Use of pesticides

### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

2601-2629 Control of toxic substances

### PUSD BOARD POLICY

BP 3514 Environmental Safety/Education, Air Quality, Pest Management,  
Lead Exposure Reduction  
BP 3514.1 Hazardous Substances, Hazard Communication Program

(Sources: California School Boards Association, City of Piedmont, Piedmont Unified School District Board Policies, California Education Code)

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