

Integrated Waste Management

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) believes that the conservation of water, energy, and other natural resources as well as the protection of the environment are essential to the health and well-being of the community. The County Superintendent or designee will implement cost effective, integrated waste management to reduce waste, conserve natural resources, and protect the environment.

The program shall include specific strategies designed to help SCOE reduce waste generation and improve efficiency in using natural resources in all areas of its operations.

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities for SCOE's integrated waste management, including applying for available grants or other cost-reducing incentives.

The Superintendent or designee may provide appropriate training opportunities to students and staff regarding the benefits and methods of conserving natural resources and protecting the environment.

To ensure efficient utilization of natural and material resources, the Superintendent or designee shall work towards instituting the following measures and/or practices:

1. Reduce waste generation by reducing the consumption of disposable materials, and fully utilizing all materials prior to disposal.
2. Recycle materials such as paper, glass, plastic, and aluminum, and minimize the use of non-biodegradable products.
 - a. Source separate recyclable materials from solid waste and subscribe to a basic level of recycling service that may include collection, self-hauling, or other arrangement for the pickup of the recyclable materials.
 - b. Subscribe to a recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that yields diversion results comparable to source separation.
3. Prefer recycled and other environmentally preferable products when procuring materials for use in SCOE schools and buildings or contracting for the construction or modernization of any SCOE building.
4. Work with vendors and contractors to use packaging and delivery materials that generate less waste.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32370-32376 Recycling paper

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

40050-40063 Integrated waste management act

41780 Waste diversion

42620-42622 Source reduction and recycling programs

42630-42647 School site source reduction and recycling

Add 42649.2 Recycling of Commercial Solid Waste

OFFICE OF THE SOLANO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Policy 3350 (Continued)

Policy Cross-Reference:

- 1400 Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools
- 3270 Sale and Disposal of Equipment, and Instruction Materials
- 3300 Expenditures and Purchases
- 3312 Contracts
- 3511 Energy and Water Management
- 3514 Environmental Safety
- 3514.2 Integrated Pest Management
- 6142.5 Environmental Education
- 7110 Facilities Master Plan
- 7131 Relations with Local Agencies