

**INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT**

The Governing Board believes that the conservation of water, energy, and other natural resources, the protection of the environment, and the implementation of an effective waste diversion program are connected to the district's educational mission and are essential to the health and well-being of the community. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a cost-effective, integrated waste management program that incorporates the principles of green school operations.

*(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)*  
*(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)*  
*(cf. 3511 - Energy and Water Management)*  
*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*  
*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*

The district's integrated waste management program shall include strategies designed to promote waste management practices of source reduction, recycling, and composting to help the district reduce and recycle solid and organic waste, properly dispose of potentially hazardous materials, improve efficiency in the use of natural resources, and minimize the impact of such use on the environment. The program shall address all areas of the district's operations, including, but not limited to, procurement, resource utilization, and facilities management practices.

*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)*  
*(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)*

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with city, county, and state agencies and other public or private agencies in developing and implementing the district's integrated waste management program.

*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies)*

The Superintendent or designee may provide appropriate educational and training opportunities to students and staff regarding the benefits and methods of conserving natural resources and the manner in which integrated waste management strategies impact such efforts.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly monitor all aspects of the district's integrated waste management program and shall provide an update to the Board on its effectiveness as necessary.

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*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)*  
*(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)*

*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

*8700-8707 Environmental education*  
*17070.96 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1996, consideration of high performance standards*  
*17072.35 New construction grants; use for designs and materials for high performance schools*  
*32370-32376 Recycling paper*  
*33541 Environmental education*

*PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE*

*25410-25421 Energy conservation assistance*  
*40050-40063 Waste management; integrated waste management*  
*41780 Waste diversion*  
*42620-42622 Source reduction and recycling programs*  
*42630-42647 School site source reduction and recycling*  
*42649-42649.7 Recycling of commercial solid waste*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 14*

*17225.12 Commercial solid waste*

*Management Resources:*

*WEB SITES*

*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*  
*California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery:*  
*<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/ReduceWaste/Schools>*  
*California Division of State Architect: <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa>*  
*California Energy Commission: <http://www.energy.ca.gov>*  
*California Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov>*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>*

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**VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Visalia, California

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For all applicable areas of district operations, the Superintendent or designee shall design an integrated waste management program that minimizes the generation of waste, encourages the recovery and diversion of reusable materials from the waste stream, improves efficiency in the utilization of natural and material resources, and protects the environment. The program may implement measures and/or practices to:

1. Reduce the consumption of disposable materials, increase the composting of organic materials, and fully utilize all materials prior to disposal

*(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)*

2. Recycle materials such as paper, glass, plastic, and aluminum
3. Prefer recycled, biodegradable, and other environmentally preferable products when procuring materials for use in district schools and buildings or contracting for the construction or modernization of any district building.
4. Work with city, county, or other government agencies to locate markets for the district's reusable and recyclable materials.
5. Minimize the use of nonbiodegradable materials and work with vendors and contractors to use packaging and delivery materials that generate less waste.

Any school site or district facility which generates more than four cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week shall take at least one of the following actions: (Public Resources Code 42649.1, 42649.2; 14 CCR 17225.12)

1. 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
2. Subscribe to a recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that yields diversion results comparable to source separation

Any School site or district facility which generates two or more cubic yards per week of solid waste, recyclables, and organics shall arrange for recycling services specifically for organic waste, including food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste. Such facilities shall take at least one of the following actions: (Public REsources Code 42649.8, 42649.81, 42649.82, 42649.84)

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3. Source separated organic waste from other waste and subscribe to a basic level of organic waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste
4. Recycle organic waste onsite or self-haul organic waste for recycling
5. Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste
6. Make other arrangements to sell or donate recyclable organic waste Materials.

*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)*

*(cf. 3311 - Bids)*

*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*

*(cf. 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies)*

Any school site or district facility that meets the above thresholds for solid or organic waste shall place a recycling bin or container for solid or organic waste, as applicable, in areas where food or other materials are purchased at the facility for immediate consumption. The recycling bin or container shall be: (public REsources Code 42649.2, 42649.81)

1. Adjacent to each bin or container for nonrecyclable trash, except in restrooms
2. Visible and easily accessible
3. Clearly marked with educational signage indicating appropriate items to be placed in the recycling bin or container in accordance with state law and the local jurisdiction's waste ordinances and practices.

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