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The Knox County Schools (KCS) seeks to continuously improve energy efficiency while growing sustainably and expanding educational and learning opportunities for the students of Knox County.

While utility rates cannot be directly controlled by the KCS, striving to continuously reduce the school system’s energy footprint should result in the lowest possible total utility cost. All departments and schools will make every effort to conserve energy and reduce the consumption of natural resources.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

All members of the KCS community are responsible for the implementation of this policy as it may apply to them individually. Successful energy conservation and utilities management can only be achieved through cooperation and active participation at all levels.

The Director of Schools will establish and maintain an educational and training program to address energy and utilities use and conservation with all employees. Principals or facility administrators are responsible for implementing and enforcing KCS procedures to ensure that energy resources and all utilities are used efficiently on a daily basis.

**UTILITY ANALYSIS**

When feasible, appropriate, and consistent with curricular standards, students will also be provided with opportunities to learn about energy consumption and conservation.

The district will collect and maintain accurate records of energy and water consumption and cost, and will provide up-to-date information on the goals and progress of the energy conservation program as directed by the Superintendent.

Future construction will include energy efficiency targets that will be updated and enhanced as technology and installation cost allows.

**SMALL APPLIANCES**

The Director of Schools will develop an administrative procedure to limit the use of personal electrical appliances (such as refrigerators and microwave ovens) in classrooms and individual offices, ensuring reasonable and appropriate accommodation for medical needs, special education, early educational and other exceptional circumstances.