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Non-Instructional/Business Operations

## **POLICY**

## SUBJECT: ENERGY, WATER CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING

The Vestal Central School District Board of Education recognizes the importance of energy 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 maintains an aggressive and responsible program to reduce consumption of energy by its facilities and to provide education to both staff and students on the conservation of energy.

The District is committed to an energy conservation program that addresses not only capital-related energy projects but ongoing, day-to-day energy related issues as well. All staff are urged to participate actively in a program of energy conservation by assisting in the efforts to eliminate the wasteful use of energy in the operation of the District's buildings. Cooperation will be asked of each employee and each student to achieve a meaningful energy conservation program that results in a more efficient use of energy resources. Involvement of staff and students is essential to a successful program of energy conservation. District administration shall maintain an ongoing monitoring system to analyze energy consumption and cost.

## **Long-Range Considerations**

The energy conservation program is an important factor to be considered in planning effective use of school facilities, new construction, remodeling or rehabilitation programs, and modernization projects.

Environmental Conservation Law Sections 27-2101-27-2117
General Municipal Law Section 120-aa
19 New York State Code of Rules and Regulations Sections 1221-1228 and Section 1240
Energy Conservation Code of New York State 2007

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