



## **Turtle River School Division Education for Sustainable Development Policy**

Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainable development is a way of thinking about how we organize our lives and work. It encourages us to explore profound interdependencies of ecological, societal, and economic systems.

### **Mission:**

To ensure that students have access to an array of educational opportunities so that every learner experiences success through relevant, engaging and high quality education that prepares them for lifelong learning and citizenship in a democratic, socially just and sustainable society.

### **Goals:**

Sustainability is a “division” approach, one that extends beyond the curriculum and addresses the entire planning and management of the school division.

Turtle River School Division seeks to meet the following goals:

1. To develop a systematic approach to implementing sustainable development.
2. To equip students with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and life practices that contribute to a sustainable future.
3. To ensure that human resources policies, practices, and development plans are aligned with sustainable development principles.
4. To apply sustainability principles to the design, construction, and renewal of school buildings.
5. To apply sustainability principles to all aspects of school management, procurement, resource use, and transportation.

*"Learning today for tomorrow"*



**Turtle River School Division  
Sustainable Development Plan**

Division Priorities	Outcomes	Strategies/Activities	Time Frame
<p>1. To equip students and staff with the knowledge, skills, values, attitudes, and life practices that contribute to a sustainable future.</p>	<p>1. Students will participate in sustainable development projects throughout the school.</p> <p>2. Schools will participate in and encourage student-initiated and student-directed activities for sustainable development.</p>	<p>1. A division ESD committee consisting of one staff member from each school, a trustee, and the transportation /maintenance supervisor will be created to help guide school committees and to help distribute information.</p>	<p>The committee will meet once per term to share ideas and evaluate progress.</p>
		<p>2. Each school will have an ESD committee to explore and to initiate planning.</p>	<p>School ESD committees will meet at least once per month.</p>
		<p>3. All schools will identify and carryout at least one project that targets ESD each year.</p>	
		<p>4. Workshops, or information sessions, or professional development activities will be organized for students and staff.</p>	<p>As applicable</p>
		<p>5. ESD information and grant applications will be posted on Teaming</p>	
<p>2. Sustainability principles will be applied to all aspects of facility/operations management, procurement and resource use</p>	<p>1. Students, staff, and schools will demonstrate the 3 Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) wherever possible.</p> <p>2. Sustainable development principles will be applied to the design, construction, and renewal of school buildings.</p>	<p>1. Electronic media will be used for documents including publication, distribution and storage as appropriate.</p> <p>2. Two-sided printing will be required where appropriate.</p> <p>3. The division will explore software solutions that would limit the number of printed pages per user per time period.</p> <p>4. Electronic devices will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.</p> <p>5. All waste will be minimized and efforts will be made to salvage as much material as possible for recycling.</p>	