

# **POLICY ECFA**

## **Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools**

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**Related Entries:** ECFA-R  
**Responsible Office:** Associate Superintendent for Operations

### **WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a resource recovery program for Las Cruces Public Schools to promote the reduction of waste, the separation and recovery of recyclable and reusable commodities, the procurement of recyclable commodities and commodities containing recycled materials, the disposition of waste materials and surplus property, and the establishment of a program of education to develop an awareness of environmentally sound waste management.

#### **II. BACKGROUND**

The Board of Education believes that waste reduction and recycling in the school district are of value to the community and the school district. The district shall minimize the use of non-biodegradable products.

It is the policy of the school district to comply with all state laws relating to waste management and to make resource conservation an integral part of the physical operations and curriculum of the school district.

#### **III. POSITION**

- A. The school district shall enact district-wide energy-savings programs and shall enact building-level waste reduction and recycling protocols.
- B. The Superintendent shall devise and maintain a plan to reduce the amount of non-biodegradable products consumed within LCPS. Such products shall include, but is not limited to, polystyrene (Styrofoam).
- C. All district staff is expected to contribute to recycling and shall have access to recycling guidelines.
- D. The district shall incorporate recycling in all LCPS schools, including new and existing facilities.
- E. Students shall be encouraged through appropriate curriculum to study and practice ways to recycle.
- F. The Superintendent of Schools shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

#### **IV. REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



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*Board of Education, President*

**May 17, 2011**

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*Date Approved*

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***Legal Reference:***