

Sustainability Guidelines for Princeton Day School Buildings & Grounds

In keeping with Princeton Day School's mission of preparing students to act knowledgeably, to lead thoughtfully, to share generously, and to contribute meaningfully Princeton Day School seeks to create a campus that models thoughtful and responsible environmental stewardship. Mindful both of the environmental challenges we all face locally, nationally and globally and of the opportunities we have to address these challenges, this sustainability guideline is intended to be a broad outline of the sustainability principles by which PDS will manage its buildings and grounds. To that end, PDS as an institution (supported by the Buildings & Grounds Committee and the Facilities Leadership & Staff, the two groups specifically charged with the management of the institution's facilities) will endeavor to:

- Sustainable design and renovation standards
Design and construct renovations and additions to the facilities that meet sustainable design standards set by a building advisory organization such as The U.S. Green Building Council (LEED).
- Life-cycle analysis
Use life-cycle analysis when evaluating alternative plans for the operation, maintenance, renovation and new construction of facilities.
- Decision-making criteria
Incorporate into our decision-making process a consideration of whether a decision will 1) promote the conservation of energy and other natural resources, 2) promote the use of renewable resources, and 3) minimize the use of non-renewable resources.
- Carbon Footprint Reduction
Operate, maintain, and renovate our current facilities and campus as well as construct new facilities with the goal of reducing our carbon footprint where practical and where consistent with our educational mission.
- Environmental practice and campus as laboratory
Operate, maintain, and renovate our current facilities and campus as well as construct new facilities with consideration to demonstrating wise environmental practices and thereby serving as an educational case study for the PDS community.
- Resource usage and waste production
Document and review on a regular basis our energy and water usage and our solid waste production.