

Southfield Public Schools Board Policy: Waste Reduction [THIS IS THE RECYCLING POLICY]

I. Purpose

The district shall implement and maintain a comprehensive recycling program in all district-owned facilities, with the goal of reducing landfill waste and promoting a culture of environmental responsibility among students, staff, and the broader community.

Implementing a district-wide recycling program supports our core educational mission by creating real-world learning opportunities that teach environmental responsibility, critical thinking, and civic engagement. It models the values we strive to instill in students while contributing to a cleaner, more fiscally responsible learning environment.

II. Recycling and Waste Diversion

A. Goal

The Superintendent or their designee shall implement and maintain a comprehensive recycling program in all district-owned facilities, with the goal of reducing landfill waste and promoting a culture of environmental responsibility among students, staff, and the broader community.

B. Implementation

1. All schools and administrative buildings shall provide clearly labeled recycling bins for paper, cardboard, glass, and plastics in classrooms, offices, cafeterias, and common areas.
2. Recycling services shall be coordinated through a contracted provider and aligned with local municipal recycling guidelines.
3. Staff and student education on recycling best practices shall be integrated into annual professional development and student curriculum where appropriate.
4. The district shall track and report annually on waste diversion metrics and identify opportunities for improvement.

C. Food Waste & Composting (Optional/Future) The district will explore the feasibility of piloting food waste composting programs in collaboration with food service providers and waste haulers.