

Duluth Public Schools

Sustainable Duluth Public Schools' Mission Statement:

"The eco-mission of Duluth Public Schools is to cultivate in our students and employees the respect, wisdom, values and aptitude needed to be socially, ecologically and economically sustainable."

Sustainable Goals:



energy

Buildings & Energy

All ISD 709 buildings are carbon neutral.



consumption & waste

Purchasing & Materials

ISD 709 uses an environmentally preferable purchasing program to promote sustainable practices.



Curriculum

Curriculum is developed for students' understanding of contemporary and sustainable practices including current resource use, energy consumption and production as well as community planning and development.



water

Waste Water

ISD 709 practices sustainable stewardship of water resources and waste water materials through maintenance and new development of district ecosystems and employment of reduction, reuse and recycling of water resources.



transportation

Transportation & Travel

ISD 709's varied transportation needs are met with either benign or no emissions.



school grounds

Maintenance

ISD 709 employs sustainable maintenance practices using materials that are benign or contained in a closed-loop system, by maintaining or developing ecosystems, and by generating zero waste and benign emissions.



Food Service

ISD 709 practices healthy, sustainable food growing, attainment and preparation practices, and tightly limited use of vending machines.



Activities

A culture of sustainability surrounds activities and athletic events so that the ecological footprint of our games and activities is zero.



WHAT is "Sustainability"?

"Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Brundtland Commission Report, 1987

Enough For All...Forever...

~African Delegation to Johannesburg (Rio + 10)