

San Bernardino Community College District

Sustainability Plan

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A photograph of a lush green forest. A small stream flows over mossy rocks in the center. The forest is dense with various green plants, ferns, and trees. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

What is Sustainability?

Meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs

San Bernardino Community College District Board Policy

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Sustainability

As a member of the greater San Bernardino community, the San Bernardino Community College District plays a critical role in the educational and economic health of the region. As part of this responsibility, the District recognizes the importance of addressing sustainability in its daily operations to provide stewardship of the environment, as well as to provide students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in the green economy.

The District will provide a leadership role in sustainability through several means:

- Developing a District/College sustainability plan which concisely identifies the vision for sustainability, guiding principles and actions necessary to implement the plan.
- Actively engaging faculty, students and staff in preparation and implementation of the sustainability program.
- Building greater awareness of sustainability within the colleges and within the greater San Bernardino community.
- Working with other agencies on potential funding opportunities.

San Bernardino Community College District Administrative Procedure

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Sustainability

The District Office and the Colleges will develop a Sustainability Plan with participation by a committee comprised of representation from faculty, classified staff, students, College Presidents, and senior administrators, with input from the campus communities through public forums or other means.

The Sustainability Plan will guide future sustainability efforts at the District and at the Colleges. The plan may be organized around the following categories:

1. Green Buildings (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)
2. Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy
3. Water Conservation
4. Waste and Recycling
5. Transportation
6. Business Practices and Policies
7. Academic Instruction and Workforce Training
8. Climate/Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Presidents' Climate Commitment)
9. Communication and Outreach
10. Funding (Internal and External Sources).

The Chancellor will submit the Sustainability Plan to the Board for its review and provide annual reports on the progress of sustainability efforts.

Why Develop a Sustainability Plan?



We are stewards of future generations



Why Develop a Sustainability Plan?

Contribution to Society

- 
- Provide economic, environmental & social conditions for future generations to thrive
 - To educate community about the importance of environmental responsibility

Why Develop a Sustainability Plan?

Students

- Prepare graduates to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world
- Provide students with knowledge & skills to work effectively in tomorrow's economy

Why Develop a Sustainability Plan?

Environment

- Creates healthy work environments
- Provides superior learning environments

Why Develop a Sustainability Plan?

Fiscal

- Addresses life cycle costs of buildings
- Creates financial savings



What does Sustainability mean to you?



Sustainability Plan Development

**Academic
Instruction &
Training**

**Green
Building,
Energy, Water**

**Waste &
Recycling**

**Business
Practices &
Policies**

**Transportation
& Climate**

Schedule

April – May 2011:

- Vision of Sustainability Plan
- Goals
- Recommended Actions

Summer 2011:

- Development of Sustainability Plan

Fall 2011:

- Draft Sustainability Plan



Vision Statement Examples

- Leading proponent of sustainability
- Steward of our community
- Leader in advancing global sustainability
- Sustainability practice is the norm through education & example
- Catalyst for education in environmental stewardship, sustainable development & green workforce

