

Principal's Go Green Pledge

As the principal, I pledge to support OPS' Green Schools Initiative (GSI) and help my school save energy and resources. I will actively support and/or implement efforts at my school aimed at achieving the following goals:

- start/strengthen my school's green team
- decrease energy use
- reduce waste
- increase recycling
- reduce paper consumption



By taking this pledge and endorsing GSI-related activities, I realize that I help reduce operating costs, improve the environmental impact of my school, and make my school an even better place to learn, teach and work.

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Name of Principal Dr. Shari Koch

Signature of Principal *Dr. Shari Koch*

RECYCLING



aluminum



hard plastics
(#1-5 & 7)



paper



cardboard

Place all recyclables together in this bin!

*For a full list of recyclables as well as items that are not recyclable, please visit district.ops.org/gsi



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- ✓ Turn off all non-security lights



- ✓ Shut down all computers



- ✓ Shut classroom doors and windows



- ✓ Close all blinds, shades, and/or curtains



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IMS Equipment Guidelines for Managing Energy Use

Equipment	Should you shutdown or turn off this equipment?	Should you unplug this equipment?	Comments
Computers*	YES	No	Even when the computer is shut down, IMS can update the computer through the OPS network.
Monitors	YES	No	
Printers and Scanners	YES	No, unless...	...your building technology person has indicated you can unplug it.
Projectors	YES	No, unless...	...you can easily and safely access the power cord. Do not unplug ceiling-mounted projectors.
Mobile Technology Carts	No	No	All equipment on these carts needs to remain plugged in to charge
Electronic Whiteboards	YES	No	
Computer Backup Power Supplies**	No	No	Most computers do not have this equipment
Elmo/Document Cameras**	YES	No, unless...	...you can easily and safely access the power cord.
Televisions	YES	YES	
DVD Players	YES	YES	
VHS Players	YES	YES	
Radios	YES	YES	Listening to a radio rather than streaming internet audio keeps bandwidth free for educational purposes.

* Computers may be put into sleep mode or shut down overnight and on the weekends.

** If you have any doubts about unplugging a piece of equipment, please check with your building technology person or IMS representative first.

Grab 'n' Go Recycling!

As the Grab 'n' Go breakfast program continues to expand, it's important for schools to consider how to reduce the amount of waste from this program. The information below outlines some best practices for Grab 'n' Go recycling and offers a reminder of what is (and is not) recyclable.



Grab 'n' Go Recycling Best Practices:

- ✓ Think about how many bins are appropriate. One every six classrooms? Every two? Work with your custodial staff to find the suitable mix.
- ✓ Set up multiple recycling/trash stations in the hallways.
- ✓ Store the bins in a nearby hallway closet for easy set up.
- ✓ Make sure that the trash and recycling bins are not identical to one another. Blue bins work great but repurposing trash bins with paint or other materials will work as well. More resources can be found [here](#).
- ✓ Stock towels in a nearby hallway closet to clean up any potential spills.
- ✓ Install proper signage for the recycling/trash stations. Signage can be found [here](#). Even though it is in the hallway, the cafeteria signage should be used.
- ✓ Encourage staff to assist students with sorting their trash and recycling.

As a reminder...

Recyclable	Not Recyclable
All yogurt cups	Cereal bowl covers
Cereal bowls	Cutlery wrappers
Clean paper napkins	Graham wrappers
Juice cartons	Plastic #6
Milk bottles	Plastic bags
Plastics #1-5 &7	Plastic cutlery- clean or dirty
Paper bags	Soft "film" plastic (the bags and cutlery wrapping)

Please refer to the OPS *What's Recyclable* list [here](#) for a complete list of what is included in the District's single-stream recycling program.