



School/District Sustainability Overview Bend-La Pine School District

Status as of October 2008

Location: Central Oregon
Includes Urban, Suburban and Rural

District size: 25 schools and about 16,000 students.

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Policy status: A Resource Conservation Policy exists, which they'd like to revise into a sustainability policy.

Sustainability Advisory Committee: None yet, but hope to form one this school year.

Community Partners:

Central Oregon Environmental Center provides sustainability awareness and assistance.
Commute Options for Central Oregon provides several bike and walk to school programs.

Benefits experienced from the sustainability measures:

The District saves money through the Bend-La Pine Energy Efficiency Program (BLEEP). Schools that conserve energy receive one third of the savings directly back to their school. The new Miller Elementary School is being built to LEED Gold Standards and will save money over the long term. The Farm-to-School program has provided the District with cost competitive local produce. Partnerships in the community provide additional support and education that are very valuable to the school district.
There are many benefits; for more details see 4/29/08 report.

Obstacles encountered:

Budgetary concerns are always present, and the District works hard to implement sustainable measures that are cost effective. Otherwise, we are making progress!

For details on current practices, projects and next steps, see the April 29, 2008 report.