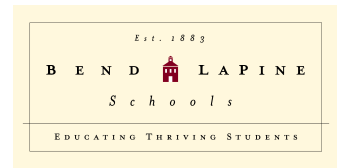


SustainBLS

Conservation and Stewardship Program



Background Information

BLS realizes in order to educate thriving students, it is imperative we also prioritize the impact we have on the planet. BLS schools can help to inspire action, prepare students to think and act in new and creative ways, increase community resilience, mitigate climate change, and prepare students to think and act in new and creative ways.

The School Board passed Climate Resolution 1884 states; we will be part of the solution through emission reduction, promotion of environmental stewardship and commitment to the goals and strategies in the approved sustainability plan. The SustainBLS program is one of the ways ALL schools can support the Climate Resolution and the [Sustainability Plan](#) to make sustainability, stewardship and conservation the norm across our district.

BLS Sustainability Plan	
Mission	Bend-La Pine Schools will create a culture of sustainability by inspiring students and staff to commit to sustainable actions and stewardship in the operation and design of district facilities
Vision	BLS will educate and inspire students and staff to be leaders in a sustainable community, use resources wisely and support the districts educational and operational goals.

No one school or individual can solve 21st century socio-economic, environmental challenges and changing climate alone. BLS must work together now so that future generations can thrive.

Program details are included below. Please get your school involved today!

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Program Details

SustainBLS works by engaging students, staff and the leadership teams on efforts and actions to integrate sustainability into educational programs and operations.

**Integrating Education
and Action
=
Sustainable Change**

Through SustainBLS, a staff member in the role of a Sustainability Advisor, works with a school green team. This team can be a class, a select group of students or a club. Sustainability Advisor (SA) works closely with the *District Sustainability and Energy Specialist* to complete BLS initiatives, student-led projects, and educate their school community.

With the support and guidance from the District Sustainability and Energy Specialist, Facilities and Maintenance Department, and School Administration, the SA will focus on:

1. Promoting and communicating BLS sustainability in the school community
2. Supporting and communicating energy efficiency and conservation
3. Increasing waste diversion rates through various strategies
4. Decreasing emissions through Idle-free campaigns
5. Helping to create a culture of conservation in schools

The SA will attend three trainings a year, work with a team of fellow SA and help to bring sustainable change with the support of students, staff and leadership teams.

The SA completes time sheets for SustainBLS and can receive up to 40 hours at the curriculum rate per school year. Timesheets need to be turned in monthly to the Sustainability and Energy Specialist for approval. Funds will be taken out of the Special Sustainability Reserve Fund and paid each trimester.

An additional \$400 in discretionary funds will be available for green team events, projects and supporting the team.