

SustainBLS

Conservation and Stewardship Program



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.

BLS is strives to have a Sustainability Advisor (SA) at each school in order to educate and engage the school community with the knowledge and influence to be leaders in a sustainable society, use resources wisely and support the district's sustainability plan. Schools with active Green Teams and Sustainability Advisors have reduced the schools' environmental impact, saved money and helped make sustainability the norm.

With support and guidance from the District Sustainability and Energy Specialist, Facilities and Maintenance Department, and School Administrators, the SA's work 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 following are expectations of the Sustainability Advisor (SA):

- Understand strategic initiatives of the District's Sustainability Management Plan and the Climate Resolution
- Educate your school community about sustainability initiatives and energy guidelines
- Work to complete applications to certified in the Oregon Green School program or renew if expired
- Coordinate student-led energy, water and trash/recycling audits to determine areas of potential improvement and savings
- Actively share sustainability information with students, staff and families.
- Facilitate school-wide recycling and where feasible, silverware, boat stacking and composting program.
- Attend three meetings with other building SA's and periodic on-site, check-in meetings with the Sustainability and Energy Specialist to share progress and ideas
- Form a student green team/class or after school club and meet approximately twice a month
- Remind staff about the Holiday SOP before breaks and assist with energy conservation efforts
- Support an end of the year reuse/recycle drive
- Share stories and pictures to be used on the website, newsletters and/or assemblies
- Complete sustainability progress surveys each trimester to demonstrate completed tasks

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- Additional site-specific projects will vary by school
- Time commitment will be 20-40 hours
- Complete monthly timesheets and turn into Sustainability Coordinator for approval
- Approximately 25% of the total time commitment will be available for the individualized, self-directed, school-specific sustainability projects

As a Sustainability Advisor:

- Staff will receive a maximum of 40 hours of pay at the curriculum rate
- Schools with established green teams will receive \$400 in discretionary funds for green team events, projects and support
- Sustainability advisors are expected to attend three meetings throughout the year, one every trimester
- Communicate green team efforts
- Receive an invitation to serve on the Sustainability Advisory Committee
- Build a team of support in your school community
- Educate the school community and PTA/PTO