



SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
DISTRICT 522

BOARD POLICY

TITLE: Sustainability

CODE: 8008

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In fulfilling its mission as a center of higher education and its corresponding obligation to protect and preserve natural resources for an environmentally sustainable future, Southwestern Illinois College commits to the following principles of environmental leadership:

Performance: The College will institutionalize best practices and continually monitor, report on, and improve its environmental performance.

Responsible Management and Growth: The College will endeavor to design, construct and maintain its buildings, infrastructure and grounds in a manner that ensures environmental sustainability and protects public health and safety.

Outreach: The College will promote environmental stewardship in Illinois and embrace environmental initiatives in partnership with its surrounding communities.

Academics: The College will advance understanding of the environment through its curriculum and other academic programs, and will employ an ethic of environmental stewardship in all intellectual pursuits.

Conservation: The College will conserve natural resources; increase its use of environmentally sustainable products, materials and services, including renewable resources; and prevent pollution and minimize wastes through reduction, reuse and recycling.

Teamwork: The College will encourage teamwork and provide groups and individuals with support, guidance and recognition for achieving shared environmental goals.