

The Sustainability Framework

in Bellingham Public Schools

ACTIONS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Foundational statement: Sustainability should inform everything we do. It is imperative we invest in actions that protect our students, staff, and families. We pledge to take bold steps to build a bright and healthy future for our community through a systemic commitment to sustainability.



Vision: Bellingham Public Schools will meet the needs of the present community without compromising the ability of current and future generations to meet their own needs in the future.

Core beliefs:

We believe

- sustainability should inform everything we do,
- the Earth is worth protecting,
- in teaching stewardship for current and future generations, and
- in investing in actions that produce the greatest return.

Strategic priorities:

Bellingham Public Schools has a responsibility to stakeholders – students, families and staff – to provide safe, healthy facilities and environments in which to learn, teach, work and play. To act on this, we must:

- strive to be a carbon positive school district by 2040,
- strive to be a zero-waste school district by 2035,
- strive to be a responsible water district by 2040,
- align district policy and procedure with the climate action plans of other agencies, such as the City of Bellingham and United Nations, and
- act systemically and consider sustainability in every decision made by Bellingham Public Schools.

Tactical areas of focus:



Categories for change:

FACILITIES & OPERATIONS



TEACHING & LEARNING



HABITS & CULTURE

