

Context

Fraser Academy will strive to maintain and operate its facilities and services in a sustainable manner, and seek opportunities in its short- and long-term planning to reduce its environmental footprint. Fraser Academy is committed to working in ways that do not jeopardize current and future social, environmental, and economic resources and seeks to incorporate these considerations into its decision-making.

Fraser Academy recognizes that considering environmental factors in its services and operations is essential to preparing students for responsible citizenship and success in life. Fraser Academy values the contributions of students, staff, parents, and the community to reduce the environmental impact.

Sustainability initiatives at Fraser Academy have been underway within the school for many years. Individual champions and school-based committees have come together to implement numerous “green” activities. These include a zero waste initiative, implementation of a school garden, supporting bike to work week, improved water fountains, and other activities.

Pillars

This plan is built upon four pillars of sustainability:

- Support environmental education and sustainability initiatives
- Reduce waste and harmful emissions into the environment
- Sustainable transportation
- Respect green space through responsible stewardship.

SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

- Encourage staff towards professional development that expands their understanding and capacity to teach sustainability principles and practices
- Build capacity amongst students and staff as responsible contributors to their own environmentally-sustainable future
- Identify, implement, and celebrate effective sustainability initiatives and solutions within Fraser Academy
- Support development of nature focused learning (Odyssey, Outdoor Education)
- Consider community partnerships that will assist Fraser Academy in achieving its sustainability goals.

REDUCE WASTE AND HARMFUL EMISSIONS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT

- Develop and operate its facilities and services in a sustainable manner
- Encourage sustainable initiatives that realize both cost-savings and reduce environmental impact
- Implement long-term resource conservation initiatives (Zero Waste, Water Usage, Battery Recycling)
- Implement all legislative requirements to promote sustainability.

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

- Promote carpooling for staff and students to and from school
- Promote active transportation events and training (bike to work week)
- Provide and maintain secure infrastructure for cycling.

RESPECT GREEN SPACE THROUGH RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

- Evaluate existing and future green spaces on school property to ensure due diligence and full consideration in land space decision-making
- Support the maintenance of healthy and diverse green spaces.