

LEAP Academy University Charter School District Sustainability Policy

Whereas, the LEAP Academy University Charter School Board of Trustees seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

Whereas, the LEAP Academy University Charter School Board of Trustees and Lead Person seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students, and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly, and cost-effective solutions.

Whereas, extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health, and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places.

Whereas, many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment.

Whereas, sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money, and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children.

Whereas, the LEAP Academy University Charter School Board of Trustees commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as “Green Team”), based on the guidance of Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

Whereas, Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships.

Whereas, the LEAP Academy University Charter School Board of Trustees will encourage Green Teams at all schools by leveraging collaboration across grade levels.

Therefore, it is resolved that the LEAP Academy University Charter School Board of Trustees agrees to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools, and it is the board’s intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

The Board appoint the Chief Operations Officer, or designee to be the district’s liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools and directs him to carry out the Board’s commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions.

The Board agrees to complete district actions and to support the district’s schools in completing their actions.

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