

Energy Conservation Tips for Teachers

Each Year, Aurora Public Schools spends \$8.2 million on utility costs. That's enough money to purchase 23,000 ipads, 840 school garden projects, or 630,000 tickets to the Denver Zoo. With the support of teachers and students, our schools can become more efficient and help the district maximize our energy savings potential, which ultimately puts money back into our schools for the fun stuff, not the utility bills.

- Energy efficiency and resource conservation practices benefit everyone.
- Turn lights off when leaving the room for *any* period of time.
Just remember: "When not in use, turn off the juice."
- Use natural light whenever possible. A quick turn of the blinds allows our students to enjoy Colorado's 300+ days of sunshine (which we all love!)
- Use "sleep mode" for technology when not in use throughout the day.
- To prolong technology life, turn off computers, monitors, and promethean boards at the end of each day.
- Portable electric heaters, mini-refrigerators, microwaves, toaster ovens, coffee brewers and hot plates are great for college dorms! Not so much for individual classrooms.
- Running is for the track, not the toilet. If you have a running toilet, please report it as soon as possible. Same goes for leaking pipes or broken facets.
- Damaged doors and windows are not only a security issue, but also help to reduce the constant running of heating and cooling in the building. Please report any issues to maintenance as soon as possible.
- Tampering with programmable thermostats causes an increase in energy use *and added cost for the whole building.*
- No one wants to heat or cool the great outdoors. Keep exterior doors and windows closed while heating and cooling systems are operating (which is usually one or the other. All the time.)
- Burning books is for dictators. So, please keep books and other supplies safe and away from heating equipment. Same goes for cooling equipment, especially where it blocks airflow.
- Do you know the 5 Rs of Recycling? Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. And Ryan. Reynolds. That's right, he believes in recycling too. If you need a bin call Julie, contact info below.
- As always, we welcome your suggestions to maintenance staff and administration to improve energy and operational efficiency.

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