

## **University of Louisville, Jefferson County Public Schools and Louisville Metro's Statement of Environmental Principles**

As people that take care of Louisville and all of its' natural resources, the land, water, air and soil, we understand the human need for a healthy earth. We will follow common goals to help Louisville become a green city that will be beautiful for the people who live here as well as for the people who will live here in the future. We appreciate the help of good people who have come before, but we have to work harder to take care of our natural resources.

### **1. Be A Leader!!!**

We will be a role model for the community. We will make goals for each principle such as planting trees, picking up trash, not polluting lakes, streams and rivers. Every year we will report to the public about our progress.

### **2. Natural Resources**

We will protect and take care of our natural resources like air, soil, water, and plants. We will protect and keep healthy renewable and non-renewable natural resources. We will use fewer chemicals in our community that are harmful to people, animals and their environment. We will think ahead about keeping and using open spaces in our community.

### **3. Land and Water**

We will create natural areas for many different kinds of animals and plants. We will protect land by streams, lakes, ponds, and rivers. We will use our water and soil resources wisely. We will plant native species and work to make the forests in our city bigger and better.

### **4. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**

We will work together to reduce the amount of waste that we create everyday. We will do this by reusing, reducing and recycling everything that we can. We will handle and dispose of all waste using safe and careful methods.

### **5. Energy Use**

We will save energy everyday and work to reduce the amount of energy that we use in our buildings, vehicles, and equipment. We will increase our use of renewable resources.

### **6. On the move**

We will create more bicycle paths and walkways so people can walk and ride bikes more and drive less. We want to help the people of Louisville use TARC and school buses more. We need to drive less and to buy cars that use less gas.

### **7. Buying Green Products**

We will think about what we are buying for our personal use and work. We will help companies that we buy from by supporting things that they sell which are made in the local area and are environmentally friendly.

### **8. Our Buildings**

We will plan, build, and bring back buildings and neighborhoods in ways that are good for our health and safety. We will use school areas, buildings in our community and lands as settings for learning.

### **9. Everyone's Health**

We will take a close look at our rules and practices to identify ways that we might be harming people's health. When someone's health is in trouble because of the environment, we will work to find better answers.

### **10. Teaching about the environment**

We want people of all ages to learn that we need a healthy earth to survive. We will involve students, adults and workers to show that caring for the environment is important.

Fourth grade students at the Brown School adapted the above version of the environmental principles.

To read the formal version adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Education,

The Louisville Metro Council and the University of Louisville visit:

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