

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

ILSC EDUCATION GROUP



ILSC recognizes that its activities and wider influences impact upon the environment. We are committed to continuously improving our environmental performance. The school will seek to develop amongst suppliers, staff and students an appreciation of their role in bringing about environmental improvement both as members of the school community and as members of society at large.

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GUIDING PRINCIPLE

The school will comply with the policy statement by implementing principles to the extent that these actions improve the balance of the social, economic and environmental commitments of the school. Efforts will be made that contribute to the overall well-being of the school community and that meet the educational needs of its students.

STAFF INVOLVEMENT

The School shall ensure that all employees are made aware of the school's environmental policy and practice. All staff will be encouraged to participate in the implementation and ongoing development of policy and procedures.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

1. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle waste; conserve resources; reduce the amount of paper used; consider environmental impact when engaging in student activities.
2. Construct and carry out a Campus Environmental Action Plan.
3. Education and Curriculum: Teachers lead the students to greater awareness of environmental issues in the classroom. The School encourages and appreciates the development of courseware that reflects sustainable strategies.
4. Instil in students the desire to participate individually and collectively in sustainable activities both locally and in their home countries.
5. Develop a Waste Management Plan for all aspects of its operation in keeping with the Environmental Policy, and when planning new school courses and operations.

6. Energy Conservation: The School will continue to further develop its resource and energy conservation plan for all school sites.
7. Purchasing Policy: The School will buy recyclable, recycled content, less toxic, and locally produced products whenever feasible.

MANAGEMENT OF THE POLICY

Responsibility for the implementation of the ILSC Environmental Policy rests with all members of the ILSC community.

Responsibility for strategic management and monitoring lies with the Environmental Policy Working Group which is comprised of employee representatives from teaching and administrative departments. This group will:

- Advise upon, keep under review and promote the School's Environmental Policy
- Ensure that all departments are kept informed of the policy and their obligations under it
- Monitor the implementation of the policy
- Prepare an annual review of the policy and its implementation
- Continue to research and develop the policy
- Report to the Operations Manager

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES ACROSS ILSC'S CAMPUSES

Every ILSC campus strives to implement the best Environmental initiatives according to their ability, and depending on the local infrastructure available, and the local environmental needs and concerns.

Please see the list of initiatives that are currently taking place, or are planned for the future at each of our 7 campuses.

CURRENT INITIATIVES

INITIATIVE	HOW WE'RE ACHIEVING IT	CAMPUSES INVOLVED
The Electronic Office	As much as possible, information is shared electronically across our 7 campuses, through SharePoint and/or Email. While it is difficult to imagine an entirely paperless office, electronic resources help us share information faster, and with less environmental impact.	ALL
Paper use Reductions and Recycling	When we do need paper, we print and copy double-sided to maximize our paper usage, and we recycle or compost our waste paper – some campuses even recycle or compost 100% of their paper towels!	ALL
Energy Saving Initiatives	ILSC reduces energy consumption by shutting down computers when not in use, and/or setting them on energy saving modes. We also have reminders to turn lights and computer monitors off.	ALL
Earth Day / Earth Month Events	Earth Day/Earth Month takes place yearly and offers ILSC a great opportunity to establish events that help raise environmental awareness among students. This is done through course content and school activities.	V, M, SF
Community Level Outreach	Connecting with community organizations and municipalities to increase awareness, and share ideas. Our Vancouver campus has become "Climate Smart Certified" – a BC based rating system for reducing environmental impacts	V, M, SF
Composting Organic Waste	Where facilities exist, ILSC is reducing organic waste through composting. Compost goes to community gardens and non-profits and keeps harmful Green House Gasses out of the atmosphere	V, T, SF
Educating Students on Recycling and Compost	Having recycling and composting infrastructure at a school only works if students understand it.	V, T, M, SF, B, S
Eliminate Waste by Reducing Disposables	By increasing recycling and composting opportunities and educating our students about the environmental impacts of waste, we are working to reduce our disposables.	ALL
Experiment with Refillable Pens	Reducing plastic waste by using refillable white-board pens. Our San Francisco campus has been using refillable regular pens as well!	V, M, SF

FUTURE INITIATIVES

INITIATIVE	HOW WE'RE ACHIEVING IT	CAMPUSES INVOLVED
Increase Plastic Recycling	Plastic waste takes a long time to break down in the environment. We are taking steps to promote increased plastic recycling in our schools.	V, T, M, ND, SF
Increase Community Outreach	Connect with homestay families; learn more about other Climate Smart businesses. Connect with local and global environmental organizations to establish recognized benchmarks for ILSC, and to measure our success.	V, T, SF, B, S
Increase Energy Saving Initiatives	There are many other ways we can reduce energy consumption, and new innovations are being developed constantly around the world. ILSC is committed to learning about new ways to save energy, and implementing ideas that make the most sense for our campuses.	ALL

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