

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

## Montgomery County Public Schools Sustainability Policy



### OVERVIEW

**ADOPTED  
6/28/22**

- Affirms the Board of Education's commitment to the County's Climate Action Plan and establishes a framework for making decisions about sustainable practices in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).
- Commits to increasing the number of Maryland-certified Green Schools, a nationally recognized sustainable schools program.
- Promotes sustainability in teacher professional development and climate curricula for students.
- Commits to sustainability at the operational level by reducing emissions of GHGs and nonrenewable resources, and investing in school infrastructure improvements.

**YOUTH VOICE  
WAS CENTRAL  
TO THE  
DEVELOPMENT  
OF THIS BILL**

### TARGET AUDIENCE

Montgomery County public schools, local school communities, school staff, and Montgomery County's approximately 160,000 students will be impacted by this policy.

### FUNDING

No funding is associated with this policy; however, the policy includes a commitment to collaboration with local, state and federal government as well as the use of public private partners, grants, and tax credits.

### COALITION

Youth and community voice has been at the forefront of the climate movement in Montgomery County. Youth groups have advocated for refillable water stations in schools and led a petition and rally demanding that MCPS take action on climate change.

### IMPACT

This bill commits the school district to the Climate Action Plan, which stipulates that they cut their greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2027 and 100% by 2035 compared to 2005 levels. Additionally, the policy works to center sustainability in every aspect of MCPS, from curriculum and professional development to school infrastructure and operations.



**Coalition for Climate  
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