

CRMS Environmental Statement of Purpose 2006

The Colorado Rocky Mountain School recognizes its measurable impact on the environment and its responsibility as an educational institution to be a leader in teaching others how to be better stewards of the Earth and our natural resources. We embrace our role in environmental stewardship by promoting environmental awareness through local action and global thinking throughout the CRMS community. We encourage conservation, recycling, and other sustainable practices in our daily decision making processes, and shall take into account, in the building and operations of the School, all appropriate environmental, social, and economic concerns.

At its most basic level, sustainability means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Therefore, the CRMS community commits itself to the following actions:

Sustainability Education

- Leading by example, CRMS shall integrate environmental awareness and responsibility throughout the school community.
- Resources for learning and action shall be available to the CRMS community, including recycling bins, awareness lectures, and opportunities to become directly involved in environmental protection. This awareness shall encompass the social causes and consequences of environmental practices in relation to the common good.
- Students, parents, faculty and staff shall be offered the opportunity for information on the school's commitment to environmental sustainability. Members of the school community shall be encouraged to act in a manner that reflects the objectives of the environmental statement of purpose.
- CRMS will strive to inform students about environmentally sustainable economic development and the social impacts of choices in order to provide co-curricular programming that ensures our graduates are environmentally literate and responsible citizens. We acknowledge that this process is continuous and participatory.

Sustainability Policy

- To promote a sustainable economy in our region, CRMS shall strive to make institutional purchases that favor local and renewable products that reflect the school's commitment to sustainability.
- Special attention will be given to energy and food consumption in an on-going effort to make these actions as sustainable as possible, at both local and global levels. At CRMS, we are committed to pursuing all reasonable efforts to reduce our carbon emissions.
- To reduce waste in public landfills, CRMS shall strive to purchase reusable and recyclable products when available, discourage the use of disposable products, and conduct vigorous recycling programs.