

1. Purpose

The Climate Policy and Action Plan reflects Newpark Academy of Music's commitment to environmental sustainability. This policy outlines the academy's approach to reducing its carbon footprint, promoting sustainable practices, and educating the community about the importance of environmental stewardship.

2. Objectives

- **Reduce Environmental Impact:** Minimize the academy's carbon footprint through energy efficiency, waste reduction, and sustainable resource management.
- **Promote Sustainability Education:** Integrate sustainability into the academy's curriculum and public programming, fostering environmental awareness and responsibility.
- **Engage the Community:** Involve the academy's staff, students, and broader community in sustainability initiatives, creating a culture of environmental stewardship.

3. Key Strategies

- **Energy Efficiency:**
 - Conduct an energy audit of the academy's facilities to identify opportunities for reducing energy consumption. Implement energy-saving measures such as LED lighting, energy-efficient appliances, and improved insulation.
 - Invest in renewable energy sources, such as solar panels, to power the academy's buildings. Explore opportunities for transitioning to a zero-carbon energy supply.
- **Sustainable Resource Management:**
 - Implement a comprehensive waste management plan that includes recycling, composting, and reducing single-use plastics. Promote a culture of reuse and responsible consumption within the academy.
 - Source materials and supplies from sustainable and ethical providers. Prioritize products that are environmentally friendly and reduce the academy's reliance on non-renewable resources.
- **Sustainable Practices in Programming:**
 - Ensure that all events, performances, and public engagements are planned with sustainability in mind. This includes minimizing waste, using digital rather than printed materials where possible, and choosing venues and suppliers that align with environmental best practices.
 - Introduce sustainability topics into the curriculum, encouraging students to consider the environmental impact of their art and practice.
- **Transportation and Travel:**
 - Encourage the use of public transport, cycling, and carpooling among staff, students, and visitors to reduce the academy's transportation-related emissions. Provide incentives such as bike racks, subsidies for public transport, and information on sustainable travel options.
 - Minimize air travel by favoring virtual meetings and collaborations when possible. For necessary travel, offset carbon emissions through recognized carbon offset programs.
- **Community Engagement and Advocacy:**

- Lead by example in the local community by advocating for environmental sustainability and participating in local environmental initiatives. Partner with environmental organizations to amplify the academy's impact.
- Organize public workshops, lectures, and events focused on climate change and sustainability, raising awareness and encouraging collective action within the community.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

The effectiveness of the Climate Policy and Action Plan will be monitored through regular reviews of energy consumption, waste reduction achievements, and the implementation of sustainability initiatives. Progress will be reported annually, with adjustments made as needed to meet the academy's sustainability goals.

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Signed

Hilda Chan

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