

SUSTAINABILITY OFFICERS RESOURCES

Helpful Information and Resources



Sustainability Officers attending orientation at Phoenix City Hall

WHAT IS A SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER?

Sustainability Officers are elected student leaders, who oversee, educate, and incorporate sustainable practices on their high school campuses.

The position is part of student council, though Sustainability Officers may be appointed from elsewhere, including highly active environmental clubs, if necessary.

Sustainability Officers "green" their schools by finding sustainable alternatives and bettering their school environment. They work with the community to create events promoting sustainable practices.



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Sustainability Officers Campus Framework



WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

The pursuit of a healthy environment, economic prosperity and social justice to ensure the well-being and quality of life of present and future generations.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Sustainability Officer is an amended position in the student government constitution with the purpose of enhancing their campus through developing sustainability leaders, improving civic engagement, and embedding sustainability on school campuses.

Required Activities

- Create Annual Plan
- Meet monthly with Program Advisor
- Meet monthly with SO district peers
- Lead 1-2 major projects
- Assist with SO election for the next school year

Suggested Activities

- Support a campus Environmental Club
- Support the "greening" of school events
- Implement activities to increase recycling
- Run campus-wide environmental audits

School Activities Idea List

Waste & Recycling

- Special waste collection events
- Extension of recycling program (bins, signage, education efforts)
- Paperless classroom campaign
- Battery & cell phone recycling program

Air quality

- Indoor Air Quality Action Plan
- Integrated Pest Management

Transportation

- Bike share program
- Bike maintenance & safety training
- Carpool program

Economy

- Sustainable/green purchasing products list
- Bulk buying of sustainable products

Food/Land

- Community garden & composting Planting on campus (trees, edible landscape, etc)
- Host an "Eat Real" Day

Water/Energy

- Water walk-through's
- Add water bottle refilling stations
- Do an energy walk-through's (Guide available)

BENEFITS TO THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- Increasing opportunities for grants, special funding and awards
- Developing sustainability leaders and opportunities in schools through student government and clubs.
- Being highlighted as a trailblazer and national leader on sustainability in schools
- Increasing civic engagement among student bodies towards local government and community.
- Helping Phoenix reach its 2050 Sustainability Goals.
- Embedding sustainability on school campuses through sustainable plans and projects.
- Participating Students prioritized for ASU Sustainability Champions Scholarship.

Education and Activity Resource Links

Waste Management:

COP Public Works - [Recycling Practices](#) | [Zero Waste Lifestyle](#) | [Recycling Myths](#) | [Backyard Composting](#) | [Master Recycler](#)

Environmental Protection Agency - [Composting](#)
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality - [Compost Guide](#)

Water Conservation:

COP Water Services - [Water Conservation Incentives](#) | [Drought Stage 1 FAQs](#) | [Water Wrangler Institute](#) | [Water Efficiency Interactive](#) | [Stormwater Interactive](#) | [Youth Resources](#) | [Water Usage Calculator](#) | [Outdoor Conservation Resources](#)

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality - [Drinking Water in My Community](#) | [PFAS My Community App](#)

Transportation:

COP Street Transportation - [Transportation Safety Topics](#) | [Active Transportation Program](#) | [Transportation 2050](#) | [Reinvent PHX](#)

City of Phoenix Planning and Transportation - [Transit Oriented Development \(TOD\)](#)

Air Quality:

COP Environmental Programs - [Reducing Carbon Footprint](#) | [Ozone Conservation](#) | [Dust Reduction](#)
Maricopa County - [Air Quality Outreach](#)

Food Systems:

COP Environmental Programs - [2025 Food Action Plan](#) | [Food Resources](#) | [Food Systems Overview](#)

Buildings, Land Use, and Open Space:

COP Parks and Recreation - [Phoenix's Urban Forest](#)

ASU Sustainable Cities Network - [Heat Vulnerability Map Webtool](#)

City of Phoenix Keep PHX Beautiful - [Community Gardens](#)

City of Phoenix Environmental Programs - [Wildlife Resource Hub](#)

Environmental Audits:

United States Department of Agriculture - [Conducting Student Food Waste Audit](#)

Rumba Lara Environmental Education Centre - [School Energy Audit](#)

Carleton College - [7 Step School Water Audit](#)

Project Implementation:

ASU Sustainable Cities Network - [Sustainability and Environmental Grants](#)

COP Office of Sustainability - [How to Address Sustainability Issues on Campus](#)

Sustainability Action Plan:

Program Sustainability Assessment Tool - [Sample Sustainability Plan](#)

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality - [Environmental Issues in my Community](#)

COP Environmental Programs - [ESG Dashboard](#) | [Sustainability](#)

Campus "Greening":

ASU Sustainable Cities Network ASU - [Greening Events Guide For Schools](#)

RCE Greater Phoenix - [Sustainability Educational Toolkits](#)



ANTI-BULLYING RESOURCES

If you are being bullied, please let us know!
Document everything that is happening and reach out to us. We will help you get in touch with school officials.

Helpful Links about Bullying:

[Stopbullying.gov](#)

[What Kids Have to Say About Bullying TED](#)

[Talk](#)