



I-SAVE 2.0 OCTOBER UPDATE

I-Save is a voluntary energy conservation program developed by Wayne-Westland Community Schools. The goal of the program is to help the district be more green while redirecting utility dollars back into the classroom.

I-Save 2.0 Launched!

This school year marks the second year of the I-Save Program. If you haven't had a chance to watch the short I-save kickoff video, touch base with your building's point person and borrow the CD that came with the start-up kit. Last year, through the hard work of staff and students, every building achieved improvement by lowering the building's energy consumption. District-wide consumption fell enough to prevent over 1,000,000 lbs of Carbon Dioxide from being released into our atmosphere: Way to go staff! This year the challenge continues...

What is the most common?

Several people have asked what the most common area for improvement is when a building has an Energy Use Review (EUR). The number one habit that buildings can improve upon to become more energy efficient is: turning off computer monitors at the end of the day or for the weekend. The second most common item is student computers that get left on at the end of the school day.

Contest Deadline Extended!

The Poster & Essay contest deadlines have been extended! Entries for the poster and essay contest will be accepted thru Friday, November 13th. (Video contest entries remain due on Friday, November 30th) Don't miss out on this opportunity to earn recognition for the talented students in your building and to earn extra money for your building. For additional details, check the I-Save startup kit.

Define This...

Check out the definition of energy conservation as the internet community defines it:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy_conservation

Ford kids spread the word

Students at William D. Ford Career Technical Center created dozens of posters aimed at recycling and energy conservation. The posters will be in the Commons on display for the next month.

Have you been caught?

In response to feedback from last year, the I-Save store has been launched. Staff that are 'caught' saving energy will be issued a certificate redeemable for supplemental classroom supplies. Touch base with the I-Save Point Person for your building to find out more information. During the month of November, the I-Save store is offering 12 oz bottles of hand sanitizer as one of several items that are available for five I-Save bucks.

Consider the following...

According to EnergyStar.gov, America's schools spend over \$7.5 billion annually on energy-more than they spend of textbooks and computers combined!

Be very, very quiet!

In the morning, when it's quiet before the students arrive, stand next to the thermostat in your classroom. If you hear a constant hissing from the thermostat on the wall in your classroom, please report it to your custodian so a work order can be generated.

Tips for School & Home

Did you know that many larger refrigerators have two light bulbs in the refrigerator compartment? Try removing one or simply unscrewing one so it doesn't light. Not only will you save the energy required to run the extra light bulb, but the refrigerator won't have to work so hard each time you open the door. You can also try adjusting the temperature setting inside the refrigerator to be as close to 37 degrees as possible. Excessively cold temperature settings cause the refrigerator to work harder. You can easily check the temperature with a simple outdoor thermometer.

Are you ready for winter?

Keeping the unit ventilator vents (in your classroom) clear of books and posters will help ensure proper airflow and heat for the room. Take time today to ensure that airflow isn't obstructed.

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