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Shining Star International School, Abu Dhabi

Our Vision

To be a school of innovation & creativity; preparing students for global challenges.

Our Mission

“Our mission is through the combined efforts of our staff, parents, students, and community to develop future leaders with active and creative minds. Our focus is on the holistic development of the individual, social, moral, intellectual, and physical growth, along with a strong sense of heritage and culture.”

Core Values

Care, Ownership, Togetherness, Honesty, Empathy, Gratitude  
We ensure that the entire SSIS family follows these values.

Sustainability Policy	
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## 1. Purpose & Objective

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The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework for sustainability within Shining Star International School (SSIS) to ensure environmentally responsible practices. The policy aims to:

1. Promote sustainability awareness among students, staff, and the school community.
2. Implement sustainable practices in line with the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) policies.
3. Prepare students with knowledge and skills for environmental stewardship and responsible resource management.
4. Monitor and evaluate sustainability initiatives to ensure continuous improvement.

## 2. Scope

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This policy applies to all students, staff, parents, and stakeholders within SSIS. It governs all school activities, including curriculum integration, facilities management, community engagement, and procurement.

## 3. Definitions

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**Sustainability:** Meeting present needs without compromising future generations.

**Biophilic Design:** Incorporating natural elements into school infrastructure.

**Wellbeing:** The state of mental, physical, and emotional health for students and staff.

**Environmental Wellbeing:** Ensuring sustainable use of resources to minimize environmental impact.

**Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):** The school's commitment to ethical and sustainable operations.

## 4. Policy Statement

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Shining Star International School is committed to fostering a culture of sustainability by aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ADEK policies. The school will implement practices that support environmental wellbeing, curriculum integration, and responsible resource management.

## 5. Guiding principles

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Commitment to the UN SDGs and ADEK's sustainability policies.

Integration of sustainability in academic and extracurricular programs.  
Promotion of environmental awareness and responsible consumption.  
Ensuring inclusivity in sustainability initiatives for all students.  
Compliance with regulatory frameworks like the Abu Dhabi Green Schools Initiative.

## 6. Responsibilities

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**School Leadership:** Oversee sustainability strategy and compliance.

**Sustainability Committee:** Develop and monitor initiatives.

**Teachers:** Integrate sustainability into lesson plans.

**Students:** Participate in sustainability activities and initiatives.

**Parents & Community:** Support school-led sustainability efforts.

## 7. Procedures

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### **Sustainability Strategy Development**

Define sustainability goals aligned with ADEK and the Environmental Agency - Abu Dhabi.

Establish a Sustainability Committee to oversee initiatives.

### **Curriculum Integration**

Embed sustainability topics in all grade levels and subjects.

Conduct hands-on learning experiences such as waste management, energy conservation, and gardening.

### **Facilities & Resource Management**

Implement energy efficiency measures in school buildings.

Promote the reuse of uniforms and learning materials

### **Sustainable Practices & Community Engagement**

Advocate for responsible food consumption and procurement.

Encourage sustainable transportation like carpooling and walking.

### **Monitoring & Evaluation**

Conduct annual sustainability audits and surveys.

Align practices with ISO 14000 environmental standards.

## 8. Compliance & Enforcement

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This policy will be effective from the Academic Year 2024/25.

Full compliance with ADEK's regulations is expected by 2025/26.

Non-compliance may result in review actions as per ADEK policies.

## 9. Review & revision.

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This policy will be reviewed annually based on feedback from stakeholders and updates in sustainability best practices.

## 10. References

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ADEK Sustainability Policy (2024)

Abu Dhabi Green Schools Initiative

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

ISO 14000 Environmental Standards