

A Letter to Editor – Energy Efficiency and Conservation

Dear Editor,

As a member of my school's Environment Protection Committee, I have discovered students at the school lack environmental awareness. Most of them pay little or even no attention to energy saving. Therefore, I would like to express my concern about energy saving and my suggestions to achieve being green at school.

Since the implementation of reform and advancement in technology, the total energy consumption has continued to rise. The total energy consumption in 2017 increased by more than six times compared with that in 1980. From this, we know the severity of the energy problem since energy would be soon used up. As a global resident, we need to take responsibility for this. The easiest way is to start from schools.

Schools consume a lot of energy which is a big wastage and cost a large amount of money. The most common energy usage is for lighting equipment, air conditioning and ventilation equipment. A few simple changes of everyone's habit at school already make a bigger influence. I suggest that all the students should join the campaign. It is effective that if we make full use of daylight lighting and turn all the lights off when no one is using the classroom. It would help if we only turn on the air conditioner when we use the room and turn it off once we leave. Also, we should close all doors and windows when using the air conditioner. To set and maintain the average indoor temperature at 24°C to 26°C would help a lot too. In the cooler season, we should replace the air-conditioning system with more energy-efficient ventilation equipment or fans as much as possible. If I were you, I would turn on the computer and projector only when necessary. The most important is to spread the above ideas to all the students and staff members and remind them to fulfil the ideas.

We can do many simple things to help save energy at school. Remember turning a blind eye is never a way out. Let's give out 100% effort to save our Earth before it's too late!

Yours faithfully,

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