



emPower Energy Challenge Benefits



The emPower Program is an OUSD Facilities Division energy efficiency initiative that couples occupant behavior changes and district operational best practices. The emPower goal of 10% energy savings is achieved through facilitating and rewarding energy conserving behaviors, such as turning off lights and monitors, and district actions, such as optimizing heating control schedules and a Green IT program. These efforts will save money on utilities, engage students and staff, and reduce our carbon footprint.

What does the emPower team provide?

Communications Materials

- Posters, flyers, light-switch stickers, weekly staff tips, and an implementation packet will be provided for display and distribution.

Data

- All energy data is available for participants to review upon request. Site-specific energy use data is tracked to show progress and identify areas for improvement.

Programmatic Support

- Through the Energy and Climate Specialist assigned to support your school, the emPower team will provide materials, capacity, and district support to help your school save energy!

What Are the Benefits of emPower?

Recognition/Awards

- Winning schools will receive Certificates of Achievement and other rewards which will be presented at an event at the end of the program.

Publicity

- All participating schools will be recognized within the District, featured in the emPower newsletter, and potentially other media outlets.

Training and Education

- Teacher trainings and educational materials that align with Common Core and Next Generation National Science Standards will be offered.

Student Development

- Students will be engaged with hands-on energy conservation activities, reinforcing eco-literacy and environmental stewardship.

District Support

- OUSD's Facilities Division and Technology Department will work in conjunction with the emPower team to provide additional support.

Cost Savings

- Spending less on energy bills means more money available for school-related budget items.

Climate Protection

- Our everyday energy conservation behaviors reduce our carbon emissions and lower our contribution to global warming.

For questions, please email the emPower team at emPower@ousd.k12.ca.us