

MGH Institute of Health Professions Campus Temperature Management Policy

INTRODUCTION:

The MGH Institute of Health Professions seeks to maintain room temperature comfort levels throughout the campus while conserving valuable energy resources and reducing the carbon footprint. The Institute will adopt a formalized standard for indoor temperature ranges to be expected by building occupants in academic and administrative spaces depending upon the season. Adopting this formalized standard will reduce utility costs associated with the consumption of energy to operate the heating and cooling systems.

The Office of Facilities will implement best practice standard temperature ranges in responding to indoor environmental comfort concerns. Presented below are the seasonally adjusted temperature ranges consistent with best practices established by the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). The use of these standard temperature ranges will assist in providing a comfortable learning and work environment for the Institute community while preventing inefficient and wasteful operation of the heating and cooling systems. Utility companies define the Heating Season to be October to May and the Cooling Season to be June to September

POLICY:

The goal for room temperature is 72 degrees Fahrenheit during scheduled hours of operation and within the seasonally adjusted ranges presented when buildings are closed. The ranges presented provide the Office of Facilities the flexibility to adjust temperatures to achieve comfort levels based on increased use and the influence of seasonable changes such as the path of the sun and Daylight Savings. In building 36 and 79/96 temperature settings are controlled by the Building Automation System and monitored by the Office of Facilities daily. Buildings OCC, 2CC, 34 and 39 are monitored and adjusted manually. Requests for temperature adjustment in accordance with the above schedule should be submitted using the IHP Facilities Work Order Ticket system: <http://helpdesk.mghihp.edu/> for all Institute spaces.

Temperature Ranges	Occupied	Unoccupied
Heating	69 – 74 degrees	63 degrees
Cooling	72 – 75 degrees	80 degrees

MGH Institute of Health Profession is proactive in providing a comfortable learning and work environment for the Community. This policy demonstrates the Institute's commitment to environmental stewardship including achieving financial responsibility with utilities, reducing the carbon foot print and conserving the Earths most precious resources.

Approved:

By: Executive Council

MGH Institute of Health Professions Energy Star Procurement Policy

INTRODUCTION:

The MGH Institute of Health Professions is committed to environmental stewardship including the implementation of an ENERGY STAR® Purchasing Program. The purchase and lease of resources in support of academic, research and administrative initiatives when feasible are included in this policy.

POLICY:

MGH Institute of Health Professions is implementing an ENERGY STAR® Purchasing Program for all products where such ratings exist and whenever financially and operationally feasible. For product categories that have ENERGY STAR® rated products available, the Institute will strive its procurement efforts on products consistent with standard and which meet the needs of the Institute community.

The Office of Facilities has established a partnership with the ENERGY STAR® Program administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and will attempt to achieve optimal energy efficiency and cost savings for the products and services regularly purchased and leased by the Institute.

Approved:

By: Executive Council

MGH Institute of Health Professions Recycled Brand Copy Paper Policy

INTRODUCTION:

The MGH Institute of Health Professions is committed to environmental stewardship including best practices for sustainability while reducing the environmental impact of paper usage. By implementing this policy to purchase recycled brand paper based on current enrollment and usage the following environmental savings will be realized during manufacture:

- 43 few trees saved compared to producing regular copy paper
- 3,103 fewer pounds of CO₂, the equivalent to the output of 1 car per year
- 20,194 gallons less of water
- 1,352 pounds less waste
- 2 million BTU's less
- 4 pounds less of sulfur dioxide, the equivalent to the output of 1 18-wheel tractor trailer per year

POLICY:

The MGH Institute of Health Professions will purchase copy paper with 30% recycled content whenever possible in an effort to reduce the environmental impacts of paper usage.

The IHP Community is encouraged to print and copy documents as 2-sided when possible in an effort to conserve paper usage and waste.

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By: Executive Council