

Policy: EPEAT Purchasing  
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### **Berry College EPEAT/Energy Star Purchasing Policy**

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**Policy:** Berry College has adopted an EPEAT Purchasing program for technology equipment, choosing to purchase Silver-rated or above products whenever practical. The Green Electronics Council (GEC) manages the EPEAT ecolabel which is a set of environmental performance standards for electronic products. It also includes a registry of products that meet the standards and a verification system to ensure that products have achieved specified performance criteria.

For purchasing other electronic equipment including appliances, light fixtures, heating and cooling system, the College chooses Energy Star rated products. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiated The Energy Star® program in 1992 to promote energy-efficient computers. Since that time, the program has grown to include more than 50 categories of products for the home and workplace.

Products in the EPEAT program include such things as computers and displays, printers, imaging equipment, servers, televisions and mobile phones. Energy Star includes most appliances, light fixtures and heating/cooling systems. As part of the Presidents' Climate Commitment, Berry College is dedicated to doing our part in helping to reduce the carbon footprint of the campus.

**Procedure:** Berry College personnel will request to purchase all technology-related equipment through the Office of Information Technology Purchasing which will purchase EPEAT Silver® technology equipment and above whenever practical. The EPEAT website has a detailed list of products commonly used on college campuses and provides a tool to help departments calculate the savings involved in their purchase. The website may be accessed at the following link: <https://www.epeat.net/>

To purchase non-technology related equipment, College personnel should work with the Purchasing Department to ensure they are getting the highest rated Energy Star products available to them.

**Summary:** All EPEAT rated equipment is also Energy Star compliant (but not all Energy Star rated equipment is also EPEAT rated). EPEAT Silver equipment will help increase campus efficiency while cutting down on pollution rates. EPEAT is measured in Bronze, Silver, and Gold to measure the eff of the product; Berry College uses Silver or Gold rated technology products to maintain maximum efficiency. With all EPEAT products complying with Energy Star, this means that they are recognized by the Environmental Protection