



## **American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment Guiding Principles for Albion College**

As a signatory to the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, Albion College is committed to pursuing carbon neutrality in ways that are consistent with our mission and our institutional sustainability. The focal points of our commitment are learning - inside and outside the classroom, on and off campus, by all stakeholders in "one college" - and the translation of critical thought to action. Our commitment is shared by the students, faculty and staff of Albion College and by our Board of Trustees. We recognize our obligation to contribute to the support of a stable climate.

As we pursue carbon neutrality we will be guided by these values:

- Student involvement in and the educational value of our efforts
- Development of living and working habits among students, faculty, staff, and others transcending the boundaries of our campus and driving long-term behavior change where necessary.
- Experimentation and learning by doing.
- Proactive leadership.
- Collection of data and its use in decision making.

In our operations we will:

- Utilize the best available, appropriate technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as we build, renovate, and replace.
- Adopt LEED (and future generation) principles for all projects to which they apply.
- Purchase products that have been certified by ENERGY STAR, EPEAT, and other like bodies when available.
- Take pride in our accomplishments and make our results visible both on campus and off.
- Apply the Pareto principle to address the greatest sources of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Always look for ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- Work to develop partnerships for sustainable, local sources of supplies and services.
- Complete a biannual inventory of our greenhouse gas emissions.
- Emphasize local efforts as we consider opportunities to offset emissions.

In doing these things, we hope to achieve carbon neutrality and meet the Presidents' Climate Commitment no later than our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2035.

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