

# Chancellor's Regulation A-850 (sustainability initiatives)

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In January 2013, the DOE issued an update to **Chancellor's Regulation A-850** regarding the department's sustainability initiatives. Part of this regulation requires that schools remove "non-essential" personal equipment from the classrooms, such as refrigerators, microwaves and personal fans. The custodians have been told to provide at least one central location in the school where this equipment is available for use by the staff, with the leeway to decide what works best for their school building. In large schools or buildings with more than one school in them, multiple locations can be provided to ensure that all staff has access to the items. Additionally, personal fans may be used to keep staff and students cool in classrooms where there is no air-conditioning. Here is a link to the regulation: <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/33AA3090-2BB9-47D1-A142-CA66FAC86745/0/A850.pdf>

If your principal has any questions, they should contact the DOE Office of Sustainability for clarification ([sustainability@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:sustainability@schools.nyc.gov)).