



POLICY

SO-18

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Superintendent Responsible: Superintendent of Business & Treasurer	Initial Effective Date: 2014/05/26
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Objective:

To provide guidance to employees with respect to decisions and planning with consideration for environmental education and climate change.

Policy Statement:

The Grand Erie District School Board (Grand Erie) encourages and supports environmental and climate change education and stewardship in our schools, facilities and administrative departments.

Grand Erie is committed to the protection and conservation of our natural heritage by developing and implementing environmental education resources as well as a climate action plan that will reduce our ecological footprint for a more sustainable future for the generations of students and communities that we serve.

We are inspired by the respect for the land, water, and air shared or demonstrated by the Indigenous communities in our district. We must take urgent action to tackle climate change.

Reference(s):

- Environmental and Climate Change Education Stewardship Procedure (SO-018)
- Environmental Standards for Facility Operations and Maintenance Procedure (FA-014)
- Green Construction Policy (FA-10)
- Green Construction Procedure (FA-010)
- *Ministry of Education Curriculum Grades 1-8: Environmental Education*
- *Ministry of Education Curriculum Grades 9-12: Environmental Education*
- *Ont. Reg. 397/11 Energy and Conservation Demand Management*
- *Ont. Reg. 102/94 Waste Audits and Waste Reduction Plans*
- *Ont. Reg. 103/94 Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Source Separation Programs*
- *Ont. Reg. 386/16 Blue Box Waste*
- *Ont. Reg. 452/09 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting*
- *Ont. Reg. 243/07 Safe Water Drinking Act*
- *Ont. Reg. 143/16 Quantification, Reporting, and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions*
- Purchasing Policy (BU-06)
- Purchasing Procedure (BU-006)
- United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals
- United Nations' Paris Agreement