



PROCEDURE

SO-018

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

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Purpose

To promote environmental education and practices by encouraging school, department(s) and Grand Erie District School Board (Grand Erie) wide practices to demonstrate environmental sensitivity and stewardship and identify opportunities for environmental learning and involvement.

Guiding Principles

- 1.0 Engage students and employees in including environmental, ecological, and natural pedagogy, while thinking critically about culturally responsive and relevant practices. (e.g., energy conservation, waste minimization). The participation in the Ontario Eco Schools program is strongly encouraged for all Grand Erie schools. The Student Senate, through the Student Trustees, will be asked to identify opportunities for student leadership in the area of environmental stewardship which are aligned with the board's Multi-Year Plan, in the areas of learning, well-being and belonging.
- 2.0 Seek opportunities to embed environmental education in the curriculum for all subjects and disciplines as indicated in Ministry of Education curriculum documents for specific subjects. Informed by the teachings of diverse communities, including First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, provide opportunities for environmental learning.
- 3.0 Acknowledge the importance of learning about, in, for and from the environment as a way to forge a sense of belonging (for students) to their school and community.

Reference(s)

- Environmental and Climate Change Education and Stewardship Policy (SO-18)
- 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