



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

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The Board accepts a leadership role in promoting environmental education, environmental safety, and a positive environmental ethic. The Board encourages its employees and students to promote and follow sound environmental practices in all endeavours. Environmental issues, concerns, and impacts will be carefully considered in all decision making and will be reflected in the daily activities of departments, staff and students.

1. Healthy School Environment Principles

The Board believes in and supports the following principles as they relate to the environment, our students, our staff and our communities:

- 1.1 Demonstrating responsible stewardship in the protection, preservation, and conservation of "planet earth" is an important component of all relevant policies, practices, programs and operations;
- 1.2 Environmental awareness, education, and care are enhanced through co-operation, encouragement, and support for community, Board, and school-based programs, projects, and events;
- 1.3 Positive environmental actions of staff and students contribute to the improvement and protection of the natural environment and health of the school community;
- 1.4 Consistent leadership by principals and teachers is essential in helping students develop environmentally responsible knowledge, skills, and attitudes; and
- 1.5 Safe use of all Board properties by students, staff, and community is essential.

2. Environmental Expectations of the Board

- 2.1 The Board shall, where appropriate:
 - 2.1.1 purchase environmentally appropriate products at a marginal premium when necessary or where appropriate;
 - 2.1.2 engage in joint purchasing of environmentally sound products;
 - 2.1.3 reduce, reuse, recycle, and recover waste materials in departments and schools;

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- 2.1.4 reduce energy consumption throughout the system;
- 2.1.5 use environmentally safe maintenance and cleaning products and dispose of harmful products in an environmentally safe manner;
- 2.1.6 encourage practices that enhance air quality in learning and work environments;
- 2.1.7 use safe methods and materials in pest control practices;
- 2.1.8 employ natural methods in grounds care practices that reduce the use of chemicals while ensuring the safety of students, staff and community;
- 2.1.9 require safe cafeteria practices in food handling, food purchases, and food disposal;
- 2.1.10 encourage composting of appropriate wastes at all work and learning sites; and
- 2.1.11 through its policy and administrative regulations, comply with relevant Provincial legislation.

3. Environmental Expectations for Schools

- 3.1 Principals and school personnel shall:
 - 3.1.1 incorporate environmental education goals as part of the school improvement plan;
 - 3.1.2 reflect environmental practices in daily programs and in school environmental design, e.g. landscaping, naturescaping;
 - 3.1.3 integrate environmental education in cross-curricular programming, consistent with provincial directions and Board policy;
 - 3.1.4 provide students with opportunities to explore and apply environmental learning in natural environments, e.g. outdoor education experiences;
 - 3.1.5 promote and implement Board-initiated environmental procedures in such areas as purchasing, utilities conservation, and waste management;

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- 3.1.6 collaborate, in the development of community environmental initiatives, with community organizations/associations whose environmental values are consistent with Board policy; and
- 3.1.7 in all actions, follow the direction provided in this policy and the supporting administrative regulations.

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