



PROCEDURE

SO-018

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

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Purpose

To support environmental and climate change learning and stewardship across all Grand Erie District School Board (Grand Erie) schools and departments through facilitating board level initiatives, engaging staff and students, and supporting curriculum connections.

Guiding Principles

- 1.0 Board Level Environmental Stewardship
 - 1.1. Continue to measure and report on Grand Erie's environmental performance as applicable.
 - 1.2. Continue to adopt best practices that minimize Grand Erie's environmental impact.
 - 1.3. Explore new practices that have a positive impact on the environment or are a form of climate change action.
- 2.0 Staff and Student Engagement
 - 2.1. Support staff and student participation in the EcoSchools Canada program through awareness building efforts, resource development, and recognition.
 - 2.2. Gather student voice through mechanisms such as Student Trustees
 - 2.3. Identify and collaborate with community partners to provide support to school or board initiatives and engagement opportunities.
- 3.0 Curriculum Connections
 - 3.1. Identify and support opportunities to connect environmental learning into curriculum through on-going collaboration with Curriculum and Student Achievement department initiatives and processes.
 - 3.2. Support staff and students in connecting environmental learning to the teachings of diverse communities, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, and to principles of responsible citizenship.

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*
- *O. Reg. 25/23: Broader Public Sector: Energy Reporting and Conservation and Demand Management Plans*
- *O. Reg. 102/94: Waste Audits and Waste Reduction Work Plans*
- *O. Reg. 230/11: Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Source Separation Programs*

- *O. Reg. 391/21: Blue Box*
- *O. Reg. 243/07: Schools, Private Schools and Child Care Centres*
- *O. Reg. 170/03: Drinking Water Systems*
- Purchasing Policy (BU-06)
- Purchasing Procedure (BU-006)
- United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals
- United Nations' Paris Agreement