



## ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

Legal References:

Related References:

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### 1. Preamble

- 1.1 It is the policy of the Waterloo Region District School Board to promote the development of environmentally sound values by modeling appropriate practice, by supporting environmentally sound activities and by supporting a comprehensive environmental education program, subject to budget limitations, recognizing that:
  - 1.1.1 the Board has identified environmental issues as a priority;
  - 1.1.2 a sustainable environment must be a global goal;
  - 1.1.3 the educational community has a major leadership role in teaching, promoting and actively demonstrating the principles, values and behaviours necessary to live in harmony with our environment.
- 1.2 The Waterloo Region District School Board will endeavour to design safe school grounds with an ecological focus, recognizing the importance of creating and sustaining healthy, natural school grounds that support child development and learning.
- 1.3 ***The Waterloo Region District School Board recognizes its responsibility to the environment to promote the consumption of water from local sources by reducing the purchase and sale of commercially bottled water in single use plastic containers except in extenuating circumstances.***