

Environmental Leadership and Sustainability

Board Policy

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Responsibility: Superintendent of Education, Environment
Superintendent of Facility Services and Planning

1. Objective

The Halton District School Board (HDSB) is committed to supporting and preparing students to meet the social, environmental, and economic realities and challenges of today and tomorrow. The purpose of this policy is to empower students and staff to act responsibly, innovate, and honour the connections among all living beings to contribute to a sustainable future.

2. Policy Statement

The HDSB shall apply equity and sustainability approaches to education and all operations to promote the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The [UN-SDGs](#) will act as a framework to support the development of the HDSB's actions, while enabling stakeholders to understand the interconnection of the goals and outcomes of sustainability.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, community partners and vendors working with the HDSB.

4. Guiding Principles

The HDSB is committed to a just, equitable and sustainable world which amplifies the intersectionality of environment, justice and human rights. The HDSB acknowledges that students interact with technology and the environment, and learn through both educational opportunities and operational practices.

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The HDSB acknowledges that opportunities exist to implement sustainable and equitable operational practices, including education and training. The HDSB is committed to a just, equitable and sustainable world which amplifies the intersectionality of environment, justice and human rights.

Related Board Policies and Governance Procedures

[HDSB Climate Emergency Declaration](#)

[Indigenous Education Policy](#)

Related Board Administrative Procedures

Active Transportation Administrative Procedure

Commercially Bottled Water Administrative Procedure

Green Meetings Administrative Procedure

Outdoor Play and Learning Administrative Procedure

Procurement Administrative Procedure

Related Legislation and Industry Documents

[Ontario Environmental Protection Act](#)

[Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow 2009](#)

[United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#)

Policy Due for Review: October 2029

Revision History

- June 2025, Motion M25-089 - Comprehensive review
 - Format to new template
 - Update to align with the new Multi-Year Strategic Plan
- October 2021 (M21-0150)
 - Inclusion of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals