

BOARD POLICY	
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SUSTAINABILITY – EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT

1. OBJECTIVE

The Halton District School Board (“the Board”) is committed to supporting and preparing students to meet the social, environmental, and economic realities and challenges of today and tomorrow. The Board acknowledges that students interact with, and learn through both educational opportunities and operational practices. The Board acknowledges that opportunities exist to implement sustainable and equitable operational practices, including education and training.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

The Board is committed to a just, equitable and sustainable world which amplifies the intersectionality of environment, justice and human rights. The Board shall apply equity and sustainability approaches to 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 Board’s actions, while enabling stakeholders to understand the interconnection of the goals and outcomes of sustainability.

3. SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

The Board acknowledges and supports the importance of the student-led Climate Emergency Declaration of 2020. The Board will continue to develop and implement solution-based knowledge and skills to address the adaptation and mitigation challenges of climate change in Board operations, classrooms, and the greater school community. Administrative Procedures, curriculum supports and opportunities for action specific to Board operations, including but not limited to buildings and grounds, energy and water, procurement and waste, inclusion and participation, travel and traffic, local well-being, and global connections will continue to be developed and implemented.

Legal References:

Ontario Environmental Protection Act

Board References:

HDSB Climate Emergency Declaration

HDSB Active Transportation Administrative Procedure

HDSB Commercially Bottled Water Administrative Procedure

HDSB Green Meetings Administrative Procedure

HDSB Outdoor Play and Learning Administrative Procedure

HDSB Procurement Administrative Procedure

Purchasing Administrative Procedure

References:

[*United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*](#)

Shaping our Schools, Shaping our Future 2007

Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow 2009