

POLICY

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The District School Board of Niagara is committed to the provision of opportunities for all students to experience learning in the out-of-doors, to make personal connections with their world, and foster environmental stewardship and sustainability.

The safety of the individual is the priority of the District School Board of Niagara in any Outdoor/Environmental Education program.

Curricular Program

It is the policy of the District School Board of Niagara to support Outdoor/Environmental Education as a valuable learning opportunity for students due to its interdisciplinary and experiential nature. The District School Board of Niagara recognizes that the curriculum-linked and/or Environmental Education programs at the Woodend Environmental Centre and the St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre provides support and enhances student learning. Implementation of these programs align to the Strategies and Actions as listed in the "Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow" document.

Co-curricular Program

Involvement of students individually or as members of a group in co-curricular Outdoor/Environmental Education activities is encouraged. The purpose of Outdoor/Environmental Education is to develop within the students an appreciation for, and an interest in the natural environment. The cost of a school-based Outdoor/Environmental Education program shall be the responsibility of the school involved. Provision shall be made by the school to obtain, repair and store equipment used for Outdoor/Environmental Education programs and activities.

Community Partnerships

The Board endorses the use of community resources and opportunities to develop community partnerships in Outdoor/Environmental Education to complement and enhance student learning.

References:

Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow: A Policy Framework for Environmental Education in Ontario Schools,
Ministry of Education, 2009