

Background Information for Environmental Practice Policy (as referenced in Regulation 1 of the Policy)

Education:

- Ministry of Education – Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow: A Policy Framework for Environmental Education in Ontario Schools
- The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1 to 8, Science and Technology 2007
- The Ontario Curriculum, Social Studies, Grades 1 to 6, History & Geography 7 & 8, 2013
- The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 & 10 , Science, 2008
- The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 11 & 12, Science, 2008
- The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 & 10, Canadian & World Studies, 2013
- Earth Hour - World Wide Program organized by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- Bottled Water – World Water Day
- Waste Free Litter-less Lunch Program (Boomerang Lunch)- Report sent to Education Council June 2010
- School Travel Planning – i.e. walk to school days
- EcoSchools
 - Certification Guide
 - Environmental Stewardship
 - Ecological Literacy

Labour:

- Indoor Air Quality - OHS Act Employers shall take “ all reasonable precautions for the protection of the worker”
- Heat Stress – This is neither a regulation or policy ... Ministry of Labour requires that Employers consider heat stress under the Occupational Health and Safety Act’s general duty clause of “taking all reasonable precautions for the protection of a worker”

Environment:

- Waste Diversion Ontario -Bill 91
- Hazardous Waste Removal – Environmental Protection Act - Ontario Regulation 347

City of Toronto:

- City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 841
- Waste Diversion Task Force 2010
- Waste Diversion into 3 Streams – Waste, Recycling , Organics – falls under Municipal Code Chapter 841
- City of Toronto Shade Guidelines
- Earth Week – Clean Toronto Together – Program organized by City of Toronto with participation by TCDSB

TCDSB

- School Ground Greening TCDSB Guidelines
- School Ground Greening TCDSB Program
- Tree Planting Program – MOU with City of Toronto (Urban Forestry Services). The Board installs protective tree cages when trees are planted. This program includes an educational component.
- Tree Management and Inventory. This Program includes management of all tree assets at all Board sites. Tree management include, tree removal; tree planting and tree pruning. Operating Procedures are issued for tree removal. When a tree is planted it is also replaced based on the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 813, Article III – Tree removal requires a tree planted or cash payment to the City of Toronto in lieu if not possible to replant a tree.
- Custodial Chemical Supplies – Environmentally and biodegradable products are used at all school Board sites.
- Take Back the Light Program – Recycling of used light bulbs. The recycling of used lights is built into the tender for purchase of new light bulbs for the vendor to pick up and recycle used light bulbs upon delivery to each school location.
- Recycling program from Toner Cartridges for Photocopiers. This is built into the Tender for purchase of toner. Vendor picks up used cartridges for reuse.
- Recycling program for Electronics – The Board's IT department currently recycles all electronic components through a third party vendor.
- Environmental TCDSB Website
- Surplus Assets Disposal – disposal of any surplus items of value no longer able to be used in Board Locations – GovDeals website.
- TCDSB Energy Management Plan 2014 – (Draft)
- Elimination of Bottled Water from all TCDSB sites by 2012 – Board Motion
- Bottled Water Filling Stations at Board Sites- Currently being install in new capital buildings and additions. Installation of Bottled Water Filling Stations is being reviewed by Renewal Staff for all other school sites.