



Title: **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

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POLICY

It is the policy of the Bloorview School Authority that the school be committed to environmental education, environmental action and care of the environment. Environmental impact will be considered in decision-making. Concern for the environment will be reflected in curriculum and in the daily activities of students and staff, as appropriate.

PRINCIPLES

Students will acquire knowledge, skills and perspectives as age appropriate to foster understanding of their fundamental connections to each other, to the world around them and to all living things.

PROCEDURES

Energy Conservation

In partnership with Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, Bloorview School Authority controls consumption of electrical energy by scheduling the timing of lighting in classrooms and corridors and using LED energy-saving lighting where possible. Where not centrally controlled, lights are turned off when rooms are not in use. Equipment is turned off or powered down as appropriate.

Waste Reduction:

Within Bloorview School and throughout the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital facility, there is an extensive recycling program separating paper, cans, glass, plastic, cardboard and compost. Recycling stations are located throughout the building. Where possible, recyclable items are used e.g. rags versus paper towels, washable spoons, cups and plates. Students are encouraged to bring litterless lunches and snacks. Staff use of copier paper is monitored and overuse is tracked.

Environmental Awareness and Learning

The school program shall reflect provincial curriculum expectations regarding the environment and conservation.

Through environmental education practices such as a school-wide recognition of Earth Day, acquisition of appropriate literacy materials and assistance in planting, an appreciation of and concern for the environment is promoted and informed, engaged and responsible environmental citizenship is fostered.