

## **Board Policy 4003**

## TRESPASSING

Legal References: Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990

Education Act

Ontario Regulation 474/00 - Access to School Premises

Related References: <u>Board Policy 6000</u> – Safe Schools

Board Policy 6001 - Code of Conduct

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## 1. Preamble

- 1.1 It is the policy of the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) to give appropriate notice regarding access to, and the use of, school premises, and to authorize the Director of Education to designate WRDSB employees and other duly authorized agents to act with the authority of an occupier in compliance with legislation contained in the Trespass to Property Act and Ontario Regulation Access to School Premises recognizing that:
  - 1.1.1 school premises exist for unique and specific purposes;
  - 1.1.2 the WRDSB must safeguard school premises for those purposes on behalf of the public;
  - 1.1.3 persons entering school premises without authority, or using them to engage in prohibited activities, may endanger such premises;
  - 1.1.4 the Trespass to Property Act gives a school board all the rights and duties of an occupier in respect of its school premises;
  - 1.1.5 unless invited or otherwise directed by the school principal (or designate), all persons who enter school premises and who are not students or staff members of that school, must report to the main office of the school promptly upon arrival and obtain the principal's (or designate's) permission to remain on the school premises.