



## OUTDOOR EDUCATION/ OFF CAMPUS EDUCATION

Legal References:	<i>Education Act</i>
Related References:	<i>Education Funding (B5) Memo, March 29, 2012</i> <i>Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow: A Policy Framework for Environmental Education in Ontario Schools, 2009</i> <i>Administrative Procedure 1580 – Off-Campus – Categories 1, 11 &amp; 111</i> <i>Administrative Procedure 1590 – Transportation – Off-Campus</i>
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1. It is the policy of the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) to endorse student participation in well-planned off campus and outdoor educational projects consistent with financial resources available, recognizing that:
  - 1.1 current educational thought emphasizes the importance of outdoor education as a holistic method of education used to enrich the school curriculum through effective utilization of the natural environment;
  - 1.2 it is desirable to encourage teachers and students to learn through practical experience and observation outside the classroom, as well as in the classroom;
  - 1.3 outdoor learning activities for students provided by the Waterloo Region District School Board should be offered in collaboration with community agencies and partners, where possible.
  - 1.4 consideration be given to accessibility, equity and inclusion when planning off-campus and outdoor education trips.