



SINGLE USE COMMERCIALY BOTTLED WATER

Responsibility: *Superintendent, Facility Services*

Legal References:

Related References: [*Board Policy 2000 - Environmental Values*](#)

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1. Preamble

The Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) is committed to reducing the use of bottled water within its schools and facilities.

2. Procedures:

- 1.1 All WRDSB sites will refrain from the purchase and/or sale of commercially bottled, single use plastic containers.
- 1.2 Allowed exceptions to the above will include:
 - 1.2.1 Field trips or excursions or places where local sources of water may be unavailable or unreliable.
 - 1.2.2 There are extenuating circumstances where the safety of a student or staff member is at risk.
 - 1.2.3 In the event there is a disruption to water service for an extended period of time.
- 1.3 The provision of this procedure applies equally to individuals or companies who operate contracts with the schools, (e.g. cafeteria, vending, catering).
- 1.4 Fundraising and other events are to be consistent with this direction.
- 1.5 Every WRDSB site, to the extent possible, should make water from local sources available for consumption.
- 1.6 Every WRDSB site should encourage the use of reusable containers for all personnel.
- 1.7 Beverages substituted for water and made available to students and staff should be of nutritional benefit.
- 1.8 Persons bringing any beverage in a single use container to a WRDSB site should be encouraged to utilize recycling or to remove their container to be disposed of appropriately.