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1.0 Objective

The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board supports the establishment of quality Child Care and Family Support Programs in school settings where the Board can provide space.

2.0 Guiding Principles

- 2.1 Childcare programs within the Board’s schools shall be supportive of, and compatible with, the Board’s Mission and Vision and its educational program.
- 2.2 School based childcare shall be established to meet the needs of the school community and the community at large where Board resources permit.
- 2.3 Quality school based childcare promotes early learning and development opportunities while limiting transitions.
- 2.4 Quality early learning programs set students up for success.

3.0 Specific Directives

- 3.1 The Board shall appoint a Child Care Advisory Committee whose duties shall include assisting The Board in the development of childcare policy and assisting Administration in the development of childcare procedures.
- 3.2 Administration shall establish procedures for the selection of quality childcare providers.
- 3.3 Administration shall establish procedures to govern the relationship between the childcare providers and the Board.
- 3.4 Administration shall establish admission criteria within its procedures.

4.0 Responsibilities

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of Administration to establish and administer procedures that support the objective of this policy.

- 4.2 It is the responsibility of the Child Care Advisory Committee to fulfill its duties and obligations as set out within this Policy and within any Administrative Procedures.
- 4.3 It is the responsibility of each childcare provider within the Board's schools to be familiar with and abide by the provisions of this Policy and the provisions of all Administrative Procedures.
- 4.4 It is the responsibility of the childcare provider to adhere to the Day Nurseries Act, its regulations, and all other applicable legislation.

5.0 Review and Evaluation

- 5.1 The Child Care Advisory Committee will review the Child Care Policy and Procedures annually and the effectiveness shall be assessed through Trustee, staff and community satisfaction measures.

6.0 References

Day Nurseries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.2, and regulations.
Education Act R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2, s. 171 (1).
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.