

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

POLICY SERIES 600 – EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

601 GENERAL ORGANIZATION

601.4 Environmental Sustainability

The Board of Education, School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) acknowledges that the actions and behaviors of all staff and students have a significant impact upon the environment now and in the future and encourages and supports the integration of Sustainability Education into the curriculum. The Board recognizes that environmental studies can effectively be woven through the fabric of the curriculum as a way of approaching learning objectives set out in provincial curriculum documents. Environmental education should be holistic and multidisciplinary, enabling learners to use critical thinking to solve problems, make informed decisions, understand the potential consequences of decisions and take actions to ensure the sustainability of living organisms and their life support systems.

The Board also acknowledges its corporate responsibility to conduct its affairs in an environmentally responsible manner as a model to the students it educates. To this end, the Board will encourage, enable and compel where appropriate, staff at schools, the Board office, works yards and service facilities:

- to act as environmental stewards;
- to actively seek and recommend for approval environmentally sound procedures, materials and equipment and
- to review and update practices periodically as funds, knowledge and improved technology permit.