



1. Rationale

The Simcoe County District School Board is committed to strong partnerships with child care operators in order to support curriculum, program coordination and planning to benefit communities, families and students. The Board therefore is prepared within the limitations of its mandate and available resources to co-operate with other agencies in the provision of such services.

2. Policy

It is the policy of the Simcoe County District School Board that it will co-operate in the provision of child care services within its jurisdiction by:

- 2.1 considering the accommodation of child care programs at no cost to the Board dependant on space availability, local community support and compliance with applicable regulations;
- 2.2 entering into an exclusive child care facility use lease with a qualified child care operator to provide full day child care centres exclusively in a purpose built space, attached to an existing school that meet the licensing requirements of the *Day Nurseries Act*;
- 2.3 entering into an exclusive child care facility use lease with a qualified child care operator to provide before/after child care subject to space availability in a classroom or other school space that meets the licensing requirements of the *Day Nurseries Act*;
- 2.4 entering into an exclusive child care facility lease with a qualified child care operator to provide child care for non-instructional days subject to the licensing requirements of the *Day Nurseries Act*.

3. Definitions

- 3.1 A purpose-built space child care centre means a facility approved and financed from capital funds from the Ministry of Education as part of a new school, school addition, or renovation.

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3.2 A child care operator means a corporation that is licensed, non-profit and incorporated to provide child care programs under the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and holds a Purchase of Services Agreement with the County of Simcoe.

4. Guidelines

4.1 Agreements for the lease of space to a child care operator will provide for a full recovery of the Board's costs including custodial wages and supplies, utilities, maintenance, repairs, renovations and include evidence of appropriate liability insurance.

4.2 Operators shall meet all policies, procedures, administrative and operational requirements of the Board and all relevant legislation.

4.3 The Operator must agree to inform the principal of the school regarding any changes in the direction of the program and consult with the principal on decisions which will affect the school community.

4.4 The operator in school settings must give priority to children from the school's attendance area.

4.5 There must be continuity, co-ordination and communication between the school and child care program.

4.6 The Operator must agree to furnish to the Board a complete description of its program and must provide a copy of the current licensing letter and a copy of the licence issued by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services .

5. Administrative Procedures

The Director of Education is authorized to provide the administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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