



1. Rationale

The Board is aware that the values and principles associated with the definition and delivery of moral education must be compatible with the reality of pluralism in our society. The Board recognizes that there are universal values and principles across cultures and faiths.

2. Policy

This policy establishes that moral education must recognize and address the significant and increasing numbers of families from a multitude of ethno-cultural heritages and a corresponding variety of faiths and beliefs.

3. Definition

The following principles and values are recognized today as moral education in our public school system: Enhancing the common good; fostering mutual respect; encouraging appreciation of diversity; and seeking to provide equality of opportunity and fairness in the representation of different groups and interests.

4. Guidelines

The Simcoe County District School Board recognizes that parents and communities share the responsibility with the schools in developing our young people as caring, empathetic and involved citizens.

The Board is committed to modeling, teaching, and expecting demonstrations of all character attributes, values, and principles in all schools, classrooms and extra curricular activities.

The Board believes that the instructional practices must support the development of schools' environments in which all people - students, parents, teachers, administrators and support staff - treat each other with care and respect, and where students, parents, and other members of the school community feel safe, welcomed, respected, and accepted.

5. Administrative Procedures

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