



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

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The board supports the provision of child care services in its schools and recognizes the need to support those services and programs which are consistent with the policies of the Ministry of Education and the Child Care and Early Years Act.

Full day care and/or extended day and/or before and after school child care programs may be provided by child care operators associated with schools in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board. Child care operators will use the board's facilities in accordance with written agreements between the board and the child care operator and board policies where appropriate.

Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board works in collaboration with regional Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSM) in the:

- assessment of program viability and expansion in response to community need;
- planning of integrated services with community and school partners;
- delivery of high quality licensed child care programs; and
- addressing the diverse needs of all children and families in the community.

1. Child care services shall reflect the Board's beliefs in the following principles that:

- 1.1 child care programs reflect the philosophy of early childhood education as outlined by the Ministry of Education and the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, and continuity for children between the home and school;
- 1.2 lease and service agreements with child care operators provide the foundation for contractual and collaborative relationships between the board and child care operators;
- 1.3 quality child care is essential and achievable through co-ordination and compatibility among the board, the school and the child care operator;
- 1.4 collaboration between the school principal, school staff and the child care partners is essential to ensuring a seamless transition for students; and
- 1.5 parent(s)/guardian(s) have the responsibility to provide transportation for their children who attend child care services located in the board's schools.

2. The selection of child care operators shall include the following criteria:

- 2.1 the operation of the child care service will be in accordance with the Child Care and Early Years Act;

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- 2.2 the child care operator is an incorporated, financially responsible, non-profit organization and provides child care services at no cost to the board;
- 2.3 the child care operator has a governing body for the operation of the child care service which may be a Board of Directors, council, or advisory committee in accordance with the Child Care and Early Years Act;
- 2.4 the child care operator has a valid service agreement with the local municipality to ensure eligibility for child care subsidies;
- 2.5 there is evidence of the child care operator's insurability;
- 2.6 the child care operator has an understanding of the community and the importance of the linkages between the school and child care centre; and
- 2.7 the child care operator supports regular and on-going communications with the school board, the school principal, and/or designate.

The administrative regulations for this policy describe procedures relative to the selection of child care operators, and the requirements and operation of child care services.

Administrative Regulations which support this policy include:

[ES-2.3.1, Child Care](#)

[ES-2.3.1A, Child Care – Appendix A, Application for the Provision of Child Care Programs](#)

[ES-2.3.1B, Child Care – Appendix B, Business Plan Requirement for Selection of Child Care Providers at New School Sites](#)

[ES-2.3.1C, Child Care – Appendix C, Child Care Partner Selection and Quality Assurance – Evaluation Process](#)

[ES-2.3.1D, Child Care – Appendix D, Integration and Collaboration Expectations](#)

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