

<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>Access to Board Premises</b>		
<b>Date of Issue</b>	October 17, 2000	<b>Related Procedure</b>	AP 2101-D
<b>Revision Dates</b>	February 21, 2012 (rev. Rationale-Strategic Plan) March 19, 2013; November 20, 2018	<b>Related Forms</b>	
<b>Review Date</b>	November 1, 2023	<b>Originator</b>	Board of Trustees
<b>References</b>			
Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2; Bill 13, Accepting Schools Act, 2012; Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990; Ontario Regulation 474/00 - Access to School Premises;			

**1.0 RATIONALE**

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide direction necessary to achieve the board’s Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Bluewater District School Board strives to ensure the safety of all school and board building occupants, while also maintaining a welcoming environment.
- 1.3 Bluewater District School Board will respond to unauthorized visitors in accordance with relevant legislation, board policy, and administrative procedure.

**2.0 POLICY**

Bluewater District School Board will give appropriate notice regarding access to, and the use of, school premises, administrative offices and all board properties, and will authorize the director of education to designate members of the board’s employees and other duly authorized agents to act with the authority of an occupier in compliance with legislation contained in the Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990, recognizing that:

- a) school premises exist for unique and specific purposes;
- b) the board must safeguard school premises for those purposes on behalf of the public;
- c) persons entering school premises without authority or using them to engage in prohibited activities may endanger students, staff and the premises;
- d) the Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990, gives a school board all the rights and duties of an occupier in respect of its school premises;
- e) all visitors to Bluewater District School Board schools/buildings will follow the procedure outlined in AP 2101-D “Access to Board Premises”.