



System Review Notice

Background Information

Board policy BP 2850-D “Distribution of Religious/Belief Materials” was reviewed by the Policy Standing Committee at their September 20, 2022, meeting and approved for system review as part of the cyclical review process. Revisions align the policy with BP 7520-D “Human Rights” and the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Board policy BP 2850-D is attached and can also be found on the board website (www.bwdsb.on.ca → About Us → Policies and Procedures → [Policies Under Review](#)).

Feedback

Feedback must be forwarded to Corporate Services **to the attention of Crystal Myles** (crystal_myles@bwdsb.on.ca) **by December 2, 2022**. Your attention to this timeline is appreciated and will ensure that your feedback is included when the policy is referred back to the Policy Standing Committee for final review.

Questions to Consider

When you are preparing your feedback, please consider the following questions:

- Are there any obstacles that might be encountered due to this policy?
- Would you be able to easily follow the processes outlined in this policy?
- Can you identify any gaps in the information provided?

Thank You.

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Policy Title	Distribution of Religious/Belief Materials		
Date of Issue	April 17, 2012	Related Procedure	
Revision Dates	October 17, 2017	Related Forms	
Review Date	October 1, 2022	Originator	Board of Trustees
References			
BP 5901-D “Community Use of Schools”; BP 6303-D “Equity and Inclusive Education”; AP 2860-D “Advertising and Distribution of Materials in Schools for External Groups/Organizations”; BP 7520-D “Human Rights”; Ontario Human Rights Code			

1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide the direction necessary to achieve the board Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Bluewater District School Board recognizes and values the diversity of beliefs within its community and is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and equitable environment for all.
- 1.3 Bluewater District School Board will continue its goal of equity and inclusive education (refer to BP 6303-D “Equity and Inclusive Education”), **aligned with board policy BP 7520-D “Human Rights”**, by supporting school efforts that increase understanding, mutual support, and respect of world religions.

2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 It is the policy of Bluewater District School Board that the distribution or promotion of materials that endorse a particular religion or set of beliefs is not permitted on school board property or buildings.
- 2.2 This policy does not apply to community groups during times outside of the regular instructional day when they may be using schools or board facilities under BP 5901-D “Community Use of Schools”.
- 2.3 Please refer to AP 2860-D “Advertising and Distribution of Materials in Schools for External Groups/Organizations” for specific direction pertaining to advertising and/or distribution of non-religious materials in schools.