

4210 Outdoor/Environment Studies Program

Policy 4210

STATUS: ADOPTED

OUTDOOR/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Board Approved: January 12, 1987

Last Revised: June 19, 2013

Description:

In the interest of building environmental stewardship in all students, it is the will of the Board that an Outdoor/Environmental Studies Program will be made available to all elementary students.

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1. The Board will operate and maintain an instructional facility at Gwillim Lake as an operational centre for the program.
2. Maintenance and Custodial Services for this site will be budgeted for through the same process which is in place for the District's schools.
3. A member of District Staff will be responsible for administration of the site as a part of the responsibility of administering an Outdoor/Environmental Studies Program.
4. The District's Outdoor/Environmental Studies Program will be taught by certified teachers or experienced resource people who extend their classrooms to the outdoor laboratory.
5. The services of a full time caretaker will be contracted to discourage vandalism and to control access to the site.
6. An experienced outdoor education person with prescribed qualifications will be available to assist groups both on the site and in planning their program for arrival at the site.
8. The Board, through the Outdoor Education Coordinator will arrange courses for teachers who wish to upgrade their outdoor skills.
9. The Outdoor Education Coordinator will work in schools and at Gwillim to foster appreciation for the environment and develop the environmental stewardship of students.