



Niagara Catholic District School Board

BOTTLED WATER POLICY

STATEMENT OF POLICY

700 – Buildings and Site

Policy No 701.5

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In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board acknowledges that universal access to potable water is essential to a clean, safe and ecologically friendly environment at all sites within the Board.

The Board has a mandate to embrace environmental issues as supported by the Board's EcoSchools initiatives in all elementary and secondary schools and at all Board sites.

The Board recognizes that water is a basic human right and that universal access to potable water models environmental stewardship for all students and their families.

The sale or distribution of single use bottled water, and or commercially bottled single use plastic water containers shall be eliminated at all Board sites, Catholic Education Centre, elementary and secondary schools, Continuing Education sites and other work sites in the Board.

The Director of Education will issue Administrative Procedures for the implementation of this Policy.

References

- [*Ontario EcoSchools*](#)
- [*Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace*](#)
- [*Niagara Catholic District School Board Policies/Procedures*](#)
 - [*Nutrition Policy \(302.7\)*](#)
 - [*Environmental Stewardship Policy \(400.6\)*](#)



ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE BOTTLED WATER

1. The Board will promote that at all meetings, workshops/training sessions/professional development activities, and special events that the consumption of water will be from municipal water sources.
2. The Board will eliminate the provisions of water from commercially bottled, single-use plastic containers insofar as municipal sources are available.
3. The Board will promote refillable containers for students and staff at all Board sites and through school generated funds the installation of hydration water stations throughout the Board.
4. Fundraising activities in school communities will follow these procedures.
5. All beverages provided in elementary and secondary schools will comply with the [*Niagara Catholic District School Board Nutrition Policy \(302.7\)*](#).
6. If access to safe, potable water is not available due to a water advisory, or emergency, any Board site may use water from commercial sources until such time that potable water has been restored, subject to the approval by the Medical Officer of Health and government regulations.