

<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>Distribution of Religious/Belief Materials</b>		
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<b>References</b>			
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; Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;			

## 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.