

POLICY 261 NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRES

The Board of Education recognizes that the goal of creating Neighbourhood Learning Centres (NLCs) is to build strong partnerships with community organizations providing additional services and programming that complement and reflect the School District's priorities, values and beliefs.

The NLC's goal is for schools and organizations to partner together so that community members can better access educational and community services in one location.

The objectives of NLCs include, but are not limited to, the following considerations:

- Using schools as lifelong learning centres.
- Promoting equitable and accessible educational opportunities.
- Using resources collectively to enrich services for children, youth, families and community.
- Improving community relations and community development.
- Strengthening collaborative efforts between community agencies.
- Responding to community needs.

All public users of school district facilities, including NLC partners, must adhere to Board of Education policies and the following principles:

- All activities must be compatible with the core values of the School District.
- Delivery of public education services to students is a priority.
- Safety and security of students is of paramount importance.
- Fees may be collected in accordance with the Community Use of Facilities Policy.