

Provincial Extracurricular Activity Supervision Policy

Policy Release

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) is pleased to share the *Extracurricular Activity Supervision Policy* that has been developed in collaboration with regional centers for education (RCEs) and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) staff, school advisory councils (SACs), and other partners in education.

The *Extracurricular Activity Supervision Policy* sets out who can lead and supervise extracurricular activities for students and provides school administrators with a range of options respecting supervision to support the availability and delivery of activities in their schools. This policy supports the ongoing safe and equitable provision of extracurricular activities for students, ensuring they are led and supervised by an employee of an RCE or CSAP, a registered volunteer, or a combination thereof. Under the policy, principals can assign a registered volunteer to lead and supervise extracurricular school activities.

This policy is **effective as of September 2019** and will replace any related policies currently in place in schools. It works in connection with other related RCE, CSAP, and provincial policies that outline requirements for volunteers.

Under the new policy, a registered volunteer is an adult, 18 years or older, who is not an employee of an RCE or CSAP but who interacts with students, or groups of students, within a school or during activities associated with a school, including extracurricular activities. Registered volunteers are approved by school principals and must complete and provide proof of all necessary background checks.

EECD acknowledges that there are administrative duties associated with this policy and that school administrators will play a significant role in its implementation. We are committed to working with RCEs and the CSAP to ensure the policy is successfully put into practice.

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