



Turtle River School Division

BOARD POLICY #18 Hutterian Schools

The Turtle River School Division and the Hutterian Colonies located within the Division are responsible for providing a quality education to their students. The Board recognizes Hutterian Brethren practices regarding the education of their children and will support Hutterian Colony Schools in a fair and equitable manner consistent with Division policy. The Turtle River School Division enjoys a mutually respectful and beneficial relationship with the Hutterian Colonies that affirms the vision, mission and values of the Board.

The following principles will guide support for Colony Schools.

- The Division will assign staff to each Hutterite Colony School and provide equipment, textbooks and instructional materials consistent with allocations to all schools in the Division.
- The Colony will provide suitable facilities for instruction which comply with provincial and federal legislation including Manitoba's Workplace Safety and Health Act. Although construction, operating and maintenance costs are the responsibility of each colony, the Board may provide additional support that it deems appropriate.
- Programs and curricula are to be consistent with Manitoba education guidelines and be responsive to Hutterian culture.
- Hutterian Colonies wishing to establish new public schools are required to enter into discussion with the Board at least one full year prior to the intended opening of a new school.
- Open, respectful communications will continue to provide the foundation for a strong working relationship between the School Division and the Hutterian Colonies it serves.