

Red River Valley School Division
BOARD POLICY #21 - HUTTERIAN COLONY SCHOOL SUPPORT



The Red River Valley School Board (Board) continues to support Hutterian Colony schools. Due to the absence of provincial guidelines, it is incumbent on the division to establish policy in this area.

The division and the Hutterian Colonies are responsible for providing a quality education to their students.

The division recognizes Hutterite Brethren practices regarding the education of their children and will support Hutterian Colony schools in a manner consistent with division policy and in a fair and equitable manner.

The following principles guide support for Colony schools:

- The division provides education services. Programs and curricula are consistent with Manitoba Education guidelines and responsive to Hutterite culture;
- The Colony provides suitable facilities for instruction, which comply with provincial and federal legislation and division workplace safety and health rules. All construction, operating and maintenance costs are the responsibility of the Colony;
- The division assigns staff to each Hutterian Colony school and provides equipment, textbooks, and instructional materials consistent with allocations similar to all schools in the division;
- The Hutterian Colony and the division collaborate on a mutually acceptable agreement for alternative program delivery;
- Hutterian Colonies wishing to establish new public schools are required to enter into discussion with the division at least one full school year prior to the intended opening of a new school.

Rent for Facilities

Annually, the division provides rent to the Hutterian Colonies within its borders, for the use of school facilities. Rent is calculated as the higher of \$3,000 or \$100 per student body enrolled.

Cross Reference:			
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