

CLASSIFICATION	CODE
Section A: Foundations and Basic Commitments	File: *ADA

TITLE	<b>ACTIVITIES PROMOTING PEACE</b>
-------	-----------------------------------

#### POLICY

The Board of School Trustees (the "Board") is committed to supporting efforts by its staff and community that promote peace and understanding among the people of the world.

Some of the activities supported by the Board are:

- the annual walk for peace;
- the discouragement of student use of computer games when these games depict violent acts;
- the endorsement of toys and games that contribute to positive and constructive behaviour, rather than behaviour pre-occupied with force and violence.

In addition, the Board approved the following statement of concern, 1985 November 12:

"Considering that toys, by capturing the child's imagination, strongly affect the development of personality and help to form skills and attitudes to life;

considering that it is the responsibility of all groups in society, including parents, schools, and government, to ensure that children are brought up with a view to the needs of the nuclear age: moral strength, problem-solving skills, and co-operation and negotiation of differences;

we urge that society as a whole - including parents, children, schools, toy manufacturers, and distributors - all agree to redirect their focus from toys and games that are preoccupied with force and violence to ones which promote positive and constructive behaviour."

REFERENCES		
Current practice codified 1985		
Board issued and approved:	1986 February 17	SMT Responsibility:
AS-M		
Revised:	1996 December	
	1996 February	
	1999 February	

Vancouver School Board, School District #39 (Vancouver), Vancouver, B.C.