

## OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE

<b>DATE:</b>	March 28, 2001	<b>PR.664 FAC: Temperature Guidelines</b>
<b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:</b>		

**Purpose:** To establish temperature guidelines for workplaces in accordance to regulations

Ontario Provincial regulations, in *the Tenant Protection Act, 1997*, indicate that heat shall be provided and maintained so that the room temperature at one and one-half meters above floor level and one meter from exterior walls in all habitable space and in any area intended for normal use by tenants is at least 20 degrees Celsius (68°F).

The Occupational Health and Safety Act 1990 indicates that in an enclosed workplace the temperature shall not be less than 18° Celsius (64.4°F). These two regulations were considered in developing the following guidelines for TDSB facility temperatures.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Temperature °C (°F)</u>	
Swimming Pools		
• Air	28.0	(82.5)
• Water	26.0	(78.5)
Classrooms: Physically Challenged Students	21.4	(70.5)
Community Areas Used by Seniors	20.5	(69.0)
Kindergartens and Child Care Centres	20.5	(69.0)
Classrooms	20.0	(68.0)
Offices	20.0	(68.0)
Corridors	18.0	(64.4)
Gymnasiums and General Purpose Rooms		
• When used for sedentary purposes, e.g. lunchroom	18.0	(64.4)
• When used for physical education only	16.7	(62.0)
Ancillary Areas	15.8	(60.5)
Storage Areas	12.0	(53.5)