



Niagara Catholic District School Board  
**ADMISSION OF ELEMENTARY AND  
SECONDARY STUDENTS' POLICY**  
STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE POLICY

300 – Schools/Students

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In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board supports a welcoming, equitable, safe and accepting learning environment in which the teachings of Christ and the Catholic faith provide a distinctive Catholic education for elementary and secondary students within its jurisdiction.

The Board, in cooperation with the Bishop, Priests, Chaplaincy Leaders and the parent/guardian community, fosters the spiritual growth of all students enabling them to become responsible citizens, who give witness to Catholic social teachings by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

Niagara Catholic elementary schools are open to non-Catholic students, with the support of the principal, and approval by the Family of Schools' Superintendent, if the school has capacity to accommodate the request. This process is only a requirement for admission of non-Catholic students to elementary schools. It does not apply to non-Catholic students entering Catholic secondary schools.

Parents/guardians who request admission for students to a Niagara Catholic school are expected to respect the environment and traditions of Catholic Education, the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations and the Board Governance Policies and Administrative Operational Procedures. Students electing to attend a Niagara Catholic elementary or secondary school will be expected to fully participate in religious education classes/courses, family life programs and faith formation activities.

The Director of Education will issue [\*Administrative Operational Procedures\*](#) for the implementation of this policy.

### **References**

- [\*Pope Paul VI – “Live your faith in your daily lives, at home and in school; and show true Christian love to your schoolmates. Be patient and understanding, pray for each other, help each other; obey the voice of your conscience, and strive for Christian unity with all.”\*](#)
- [\*Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada\*](#)
- [\*Education Act \(Section 33 \(3\), 1997\)\*](#)
- [\*Immigration and Refugee Protection Act \(Canada\)\*](#)
- [\*International Exchange Student - Ontario \(ISE\)\*](#)
- [\*Ontario Catholic School Graduation Expectations\*](#)

### **Niagara Catholic District School Board Policies/Procedures**

- [\*Attendance Areas Policy \(301.3\)\*](#)
- [\*Code of Conduct Policy \(302.6.2\)\*](#)
- [\*Dress Code Secondary Uniform Policy \(302.6.6\)\*](#)
- [\*Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy \(302.6.10\)\*](#)
- [\*Ontario Student Record \(301.7\) Administrative Operational Procedures\*](#)
- [\*Safe and Accepting Schools Policy \(302.6\)\*](#)
- [\*Student Transportation Policy \(500.2\)\*](#)

- *Voluntary and Confidential Indigenous Students First Nation, Métis and Inuit Self-Identification (301.9) Administrative Operational Procedures*
- *Protocol Between the NCDSB and FACS Niagara*

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