Niagara Catholic District School Board

STUDENT TRUSTEES POLICY

STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE POLICY

100 – Board **Policy No 100.4**

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In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board of Trustees values the leadership, perspectives and participation of Student Trustees at Board meetings, Board committee meetings, and Board activities and events. Student Trustees represent the interest of all students of the Board, promoting a student-focused voice to support Catholic education, equity, and student achievement and well-being.

In accordance with legislation, the Niagara Catholic District School Board shall have two Student Trustees on the Board.

To be eligible to serve as a Niagara Catholic Student Trustee, student nominees will hold the following qualifications:

- be actively supportive of the distinctive character, philosophy and goals of Catholic education, respect the faith and traditions of the Catholic Church, and support the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.
- be enrolled as a full-time student, in a Niagara Catholic secondary school for the duration of their term.
- be a member of the Secondary Student Senate;
- provide a signed parental permission to be a Student Trustee if under 18 years of age.
- be endorsed by the principal of their Catholic secondary school.
- conduct themselves with proper demeanour at all times upholding the Mission, Vision, Values and Policies and Administrative Operational Procedures of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Terms of Office

Student Trustees will serve for a term from August 1 during the year of their election to July 31 during the final year of their term. Student Trustees shall be elected by the Niagara Catholic Student Senate. In the event that an incoming Senate representative is not available to vote on the date of election, the Student Council President representing that school may vote in their place.

One of the two Student Trustees must be enrolled in Grade 10 at a Niagara Catholic secondary school at the time of the election and must be eligible to serve a two-year term.

This same Student Trustee will have one year of experience as a Student Trustee when they continue in office the following school year.

The Board shall provide the Ministry of Education with the names of the Student Trustees elected, no later than 30 days after the date of the election or by-election as required by legislation.

The Chief Executive Officer will issue *Administrative Operational Procedures* for the implementation of this policy.

References

- ***Education Statutes and Regulations of Ontario (Reg. 07/07)***
- ***Ontario Municipal Conflict of Interest Act***
- ***Niagara Catholic District School Board Policies/Procedures***
  - ***Board By-Laws Policy (100.1)***
  - ***Trustee Code of Conduct Policy (100.12)***
  - ***Student Senate Policy (100.6.1 and 100.6.2)***

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