



VOLUNTEERING IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS POLICY

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board has the responsibility to provide a safe and secure working and learning environment for all students and employees.

A school volunteer is defined as an individual who who has direct and regular contact with students of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Volunteers are integral to the success of all schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board and as such are important sources of support and expertise that enrich the instructional program, assist teachers, and connect the student body with the community. Volunteers are valued partners who assist staff in fostering positive relationships and cooperation amongst the school, parents/guardians, the parish and the school community for the benefit of our students.

The personal interests, background and commitment of volunteers enhance the programs, services and education opportunities for our students. Each volunteer will model caring and cooperative relationships, promote our Catholic values, encourage a safe and secure learning and working environment and support the Mission, Vision and Values of the Board and its Policies and Administrative Guidelines.

In accordance with the Safe Schools Act, all volunteers must be approved by the school Principal. The Principal is authorized by the Board “to assign to a person who volunteers to serve without remuneration such duties in respect of the school as are approved by the Board and to terminate such assignment as required”. (Safe Schools Act, 2000)

Through this Policy the Board encourages and promotes the use of Principal approved school volunteers in order to expand and enhance parental and community involvement within our Catholic schools.

The Director of Education will issue Administrative Guidelines for the implementation of this policy.

References

- ✦ [Niagara Regional Police Services:](#)
 - ✦ [Criminal Reference Check](#)
 - ✦ [Vulnerable Sector Check](#)
- ✦ [Annual Offense Declaration](#)
- ✦ [Regulation 521/01, as amended by Regulation 323/03](#)
- ✦ [Volunteer Drivers Policy \(302.4\)](#)
- ✦ [Volunteer Recognition Policy \(800.4\)](#)
- ✦ [Educational Field Trip Policy \(400.2\)](#)
- ✦ [Niagara Catholic Parent involvement Committee Policy \(800.7\)](#)
- ✦ [Catholic School Council Policy \(800.1\)](#)
- ✦ [Accessibility Customer Service Policy \(800.8.1\)](#)