



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 values the leadership, perspectives and participation of students at Board and Board committee meetings through the inclusion of two Student Trustees on the Board.

A Niagara Catholic District School Board Student Trustee serves to uphold the Mission, Vision and Catholic values in representing the interest of all students of the Board.

In accordance with the provisions of the Education Statutes and Regulations of Ontario, the Niagara Catholic District School Board shall have two (2) Student Trustees on the Board for a term from August 1 during the year of their election to July 31 during the final year of their term. The Student Trustees shall be elected by the Niagara Catholic Secondary Student Senate (the Student Senate) and the Student Council Presidents of each Niagara Catholic secondary school.

Effective May 1, 2018, 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 (2) year term. The other Student Trustee must be enrolled in Grade 11 at a Niagara Catholic secondary school at the time of election and must be eligible to serve a one (1) year term.

Effective May 1, 2019, one (1) Student Trustee must be enrolled in Grade 10 at a Niagara Catholic secondary school at the time of election, and must be eligible to serve a two (2) year term. This Student Trustee must have at least one year of experience as a Student Trustee when they take office the following school year.

To be eligible to serve as a Niagara Catholic Student Trustee, the following qualifications are required:

- The pupil must be a Roman Catholic.
- The pupil must be enrolled as a resident, full-time, senior division student at the time of their term in one of the Board's Catholic Secondary Schools.
- The pupil must have a signed parental permission to be a Student Trustee if under 18 years of age.
- The pupil must provide a written letter of endorsement from their Catholic secondary school Principal.
- As a Student Trustee, Co-Chair of the Student Senate and a representative of Niagara Catholic, the pupil is expected to conduct themselves with proper demeanour at all times in accordance with the Mission, Vision, Values and Policies of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Student Trustees may be disqualified from serving as a Student Trustee based on:

- Legislative criteria
- Ceasing to be a pupil within the Board
- Ineligibility to meet the terms of this Policy and/or Administrative Operational Procedures
- Committing a serious breach of Board Policy or school Code of Conduct infraction as determined by the Director of Education and/or the Board
- Breaking the Conflict of Interest regulations or disclosed in-camera information
- Being absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board

- Conduct as determined by the Board which is incompatible with the roles and responsibilities of the Student Trustee position.

The Board shall provide the Ministry of Education with the names of the Student Trustees elected, not later than 30 days after the date of the election or by-election as required by legislation.

Upon completion of the Student Trustee’s term, the Board will suitably recognize the service of the Student Trustee with a token of appreciation, a notation in the student’s Ontario Student Record and a letter of recognition co-signed by the Chair of the Board and the Director of Education.

The Director of Education 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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