



Niagara Catholic District School Board

STUDENT EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL OR CLASS 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 Niagara Catholic District School Board is dedicated to creating and maintaining a safe, caring, inclusive, and accepting learning and teaching environment where all students and staff can achieve their full potential and serve as witnesses of Christ.

Under Section 265(1)(m) of the *Education Act*, a Principal has the authority to exclude an individual from the school or a class when necessary to protect the physical or mental well-being of students. This authority is intended solely as a safety measure and not as a form of discipline.

Policy/Program Memorandum 145 (PPM 145) reinforces this intent by stating that exclusion is not a disciplinary action and should only be used when a student's presence is detrimental to the well-being of students. Before a student returns to school following an exclusion, the board must ensure that appropriate supports and resources are in place to enable a successful reintegration.

Parents/guardians or students (if 18 years or 16-17 and independent) can appeal an exclusion from school by providing a written notice to the Director of Education within 10 school days of the date on the letter from the principal which includes the right to appeal under the Education Act.

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

References

- [*Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005*](#)
- [*Education Act and Regulations*](#)
- [*Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*](#)
- [*Ontario Human Rights Code*](#)
- [*Policy/Program Memorandum 120: Reporting Violent Incidents to the Ministry of Education*](#)
- [*Policy/Program Memorandum 124: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct-Issued October 17, 2018*](#)
- [*Policy/Program Memorandum 144: Bullying Prevention and Intervention-Issued October 17, 2018*](#)
- [*Policy/Program Memorandum 145: Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour –Issued October 17, 2018*](#)
- [*Regulation 472/07: Behaviour, Discipline and Safety of Pupils*](#)
- [*Child, Youth and Family Services Act 2017*](#)

- ***Niagara Catholic District School Board Policies/Procedures***
 - ***Access to Board Premises (302.6.3) AOP***
 - ***Accessibility Standards Policy (800.8)***
 - ***Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (302.6.8)***
 - ***Catholic School Councils (800.1) AOP***
 - ***Code of Conduct Policy (302.6.2)***
 - ***Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3)***
 - ***Dress Code – Secondary Uniform Policy (302.6.6)***
 - ***Electronic Communications System (Students) (301.5) AOP***
 - ***Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy-Safe Schools (302.6.10)***
 - ***Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10)***
 - ***Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy (800.7)***
 - ***Ontario Student Record (301.7) AOP***
 - ***Privacy Policy (600.6)***
 - ***Records and Information Management Policy (600.2)***
 - ***Safe Physical Intervention with Students (301.8) AOP***
 - ***Safe and Accepting Schools Policy (302.6)***
 - ***Student Expulsion Policy (302.6.5)***
 - ***Student Suspension (302.6.4) AOP***
 - ***Student Transportation Policy (500.2)***
 - ***Protocol between Niagara Catholic District School Board and Family and Children’s Services Niagara***
 - ***Protocol Between the Niagara Regional Police Service and the Niagara Catholic District School Board***

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