



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) is a Catholic learning community committed to educating students in faith-focused learning environments so they may become contributing citizens of the world, living out the Gospel message on a daily basis. The NCDSB has a mandate to provide Catholic education to the students registered in its schools, a right recognized by the Ministry of Education. In respect of all applicable regulations of the *Education Act*, the Admission policies and procedures of the NCDSB are created to support inclusivity while maintaining the unique Catholic nature of our schools.

REFERENCES

Education Act (Part II – School Attendance)
NCDSB Policy
 E-2 Prevalent Medical Conditions
NCDSB Administrative Procedure
 APE004 Admission of Students
 APE002 Prevalent Medical Conditions

DEFINITIONS

Right of Attendance

As referenced in the *Education Act*, the right of attendance is granted to all elementary school-aged children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are eligible and who direct their taxes in support of an English Catholic School board.

Open Access

As referenced in the *Education Act*, open access refers to a student who under Provincial legislation has the right to attend a Public or Catholic district school board secondary school, irrespective of their religious affiliation.

Roman Catholic

As referenced in the *Education Act*, this includes members of an Eastern Rite Catholic church that is in communion with the See of Rome.

POLICY REGULATIONS

- 1.0 A student is eligible to attend a school in the Northeastern Catholic District School Board if they qualify in each of the following categories: age, guardianship, school boundary guidelines, residency status, and right of attendance.
- 2.0 All students shall participate fully in the faith-based activities and liturgical celebrations of the school, which are an integral part of the Catholic school system. This includes but is not limited to completion of a course in Religious Education each year of secondary school (4 courses total).
- 3.0 All eligibility requirements must be met before an admission will be approved, and all required documentation received by the Principal.
- 4.0 Students who do not meet the right of attendance criteria for admission into an English Catholic Elementary School may be eligible for admission through specialized procedures.
- 5.0 Final decisions regarding admission to NCDSB schools are made by Principals, unless otherwise specified in the Administrative Procedures.
- 6.0 Parents/guardians, adult students, or students who have withdrawn from parental control, may appeal a Principal's admission decision to the appropriate Superintendent of Education. Written appeals must clearly state the reason(s) for the appeal and highlight the policies/procedures that were violated. In general, if all applicable policy regulations and procedures were applied correctly, the appeal will be denied.
- 7.0 Admission procedures will be reviewed annually and updated as required to respond to changes in the *Education Act* and other Ministry of Education Regulations.