



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

EQUITY AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) recognizes that all people are created equal, in the image and likeness of God, each with inimitable characteristics deserving dignity (Genesis: 1:27). The NCDSB strives to support and inspire every student to succeed in a culture of high expectations and acceptance. The NCDSB is committed to an equitable education system that upholds and reflects the principles of fair and inclusive education. In accordance with the Church's teachings, the NCDSB will provide in all its operations an educational environment which supports and enables diversity within its Catholic community.

REFERENCES

PPM 119: Developing and Implementing Equity and Inclusive Education Policies in Ontario Schools
PPM 144: Bullying Prevention and Intervention
Equity and Inclusive Education: Going Deeper (CODE, 2014)
Ontario's Education Equity Action Plan, 2017
Achieving Excellence – A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario
The Education Act
The Ontario Human Rights Code

DEFINITIONS

Nil.

POLICY REGULATIONS

1.0 Board Policies, Programs, Guidelines, and Practices

1.1 Engage in cyclical reviews of policies, programs, guidelines, and practices so that equity and inclusive education focus is an integral part of the NCDSB's operations and permeates everything that happens in its schools and facilities.

2.0 Shared and Committed Leadership

2.1 Provide leadership that is committed to identifying and removing discriminatory biases and systemic barriers to learning.

2.2 Promote the development of collaborative environments in which participants share a commitment to equity and inclusive education principles and practices.

3.0 School-Community Relationships

3.1 Build capacity with the active engagement of parents/guardians and school community partners to create and sustain positive school climate that supports student achievement and well-being, in innovative and responsive ways.

4.0 Inclusive Curriculum and Assessment Practices

4.1 Use inclusive curriculum and assessment practices and effective instructional strategies that reflect the diverse needs of all students and the learning pathways that they are taking.

4.2 Ensure that schools use inclusive curriculum and assessment practices and effective instructional strategies that reflect the diverse needs of all students and their respective learning pathways.

5.0 Religious Accommodation

5.1 Create and review regularly, religious accommodation guidelines for students and staff.

6.0 School Climate and the Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment

6.1 Adopt procedures across the system that enable students and staff to report incidents of discrimination and harassment safely and ensure that the NCDSB respond in a timely manner.

7.0 Professional Learning

7.1 Provide professional learning opportunities relating to topics such as antiracism, antidiscrimination, and gender-based violence, and will provide information for students and parents to increase their knowledge and understanding of equity and inclusive education.

8.0 Accountability and Transparency

8.1 Engage in ongoing communication strategies to keep all stakeholders informed of the NCDSB's equity goals and progress towards their achievement.

9.0 Implementation and Monitoring

9.1 Develop administrative procedures as required to fulfill all aspects of equity and inclusive education requirements, action plans, and goals.