



Policy Manual – Administration

A.13 – Election Campaigns

The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which Our Lord Jesus Christ is the model.

Policy Statement

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board shall abide by the requirements of the municipal, provincial and federal governments, the Education Act and any other Acts or regulations, which govern municipal, provincial or federal elections.

Employees of the Board, when performing duties which are expected to be performed as employees of the Board, shall not support or in other ways assist, candidates for public office.

During an election campaign (school board, municipal, provincial or federal), employees of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board are at all times to remain non-partisan in their dealing with students to ensure that students are not exposed to direct or indirect solicitations from individual candidates and/or parties during the school day.

Participation in, and teaching about, the election process for students is encouraged, however all information shall be presented in an unbiased and neutral manner.

Purpose

When school-board, municipal, provincial, or federal elections are called, the school system, schools and staff must be seen not only as promoting, but as acting in an ethical, non-partisan and impartial manner toward candidates and political parties seeking office in elections.

Responsibility

Director of Education

Related Board Committee

Committee of the Whole/Board

Regulations

Canada Elections Act (S.C 2000, c.9)

Ontario Election Act (1990)

Municipal Elections Modernization Act (2016)

Education Act, (R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 2)

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