



Policy Manual – Parents

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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

1. The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board believes that parents are the primary educators of their children and that Catholic schools extend and complement the educational process begun and continued by parents. **It further believes that it's Catholic schools support parents and parishes in the faith formation of children.** Formally organized Catholic School Councils are considered essential as a valuable means of communication and shall be a source of support to the school community.
2. In keeping with the Education Act and its Regulations the Board shall establish a Catholic School Council in every elementary and secondary school within its jurisdiction.

Purpose

The purpose of the Catholic School Council shall be:

- a) to improve pupil achievement and enhance accountability through the active participation of parents in all aspects of student life; and
- b) to promote the mission of **publicly funded** Catholic education within the school community.
2. Catholic School Councils shall function in accordance with the mission and vision of the board.
3. Catholic School Councils shall function under the set of guidelines for the effective operation of Catholic School Councils approved by the Board.

Responsibility: Superintendent of Religion and Family Life and School Principals

Regulations

- Education Act Sec.170(1) 17.1, Sec. 170(3), Reg. 298 Sec.11 (12) thru (20) and Sec. 24 (2), Reg. 612/00, 613/00 and Reg. 330/10. [Safe Schools Act Sub. Sec. 302(1) and 302(5)]

Related Board Committee: Student Achievement & Well-Being

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