



## Policy Manual – Students

### S.M.08 – Safe Schools

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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**

It is the commitment of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSD), through its programs, policies and procedures, to provide as safe a learning and teaching environment as possible for its inclusive school community and, in particular, for its pupils and staff.

#### **Purpose**

The HWCDSD Safe Schools policy reflects the Mission and Vision of the HWCDSD, as well as all relevant legislation. The HWCDSD Safe Schools policy is predicated on “a whole school approach, which involves all members of the school community, in supporting efforts to ensure that schools are safe, inclusive, and accepting.” The HWCDSD strives to build positive school communities where we “Believe that all pupils should feel safe at school and deserve a positive school climate that is inclusive and accepting regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status or disability (Bill 13 Accepting Schools Act, 2012)”.

**Responsibility:** School Principals, Senior Administration

#### **Regulations**

Bill 212: The Education Amendment Act (Progressive Discipline and School Safety), 2007

Bill 13: Accepting Schools Act, 2012

**O. Reg 440/20: Suspension of Elementary School Pupils**

**PPM 119: Developing and Implementing Equity and Inclusive Education Policies in Ontario Schools**

**PPM 120: Reporting Violent Incidents to the Ministry of Education**

**PPM 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct**

**PPM 141: School Board Program for Students on Long-Term Suspension**

**PPM 142: School Board Programs for Expelled Students**

**PPM 144: Bullying Prevention and Intervention**

PPM 145: Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour

Ontario Human Rights Code

**Related Policies**

SM09 Code of Student Conduct and Discipline

SM15 Policy Against Bullying Behaviour

S15 Internet- Acceptable Use Policy for Schools

A04 Equity and Inclusive Education

**SM20 Administration of Prescribed Medications**

**Related Board Committee: Committee of the Whole**

**Policy Review Date**

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