



Policy Manual – Students

S.A.02 Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) and Other Excusals from Attendance at School

Policy Statement

In keeping with its mission and vision, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board shall ensure that when applications for exclusions or exemptions from regular school attendance are received that every effort will be made to accommodate those pupils in finding a suitable learning environment and process that will best meet their needs.

As required by the Education Act S.21(1) and (2) and Regulation 374/10 regarding exclusions and exemptions from school attendance, the Board shall establish a Committee to be known as the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL).

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee shall be to consider alternative learning programs that would be in the best interest of a pupil and it may designate a school for the purposes of a program that is not the school where the pupil is enrolled.

Responsibility

Requests for an alternative program shall be initiated by either a parent/guardian of a pupil, or by the school where the pupil is enrolled in which case the school would recommend an alternative program that would be in the best interest of a pupil. Such requests could also be submitted jointly by both the parent/guardian and the school.

Regulations

Education Act S.21 (1) - compulsory attendance and (2) (h) - the child is absent or excused as authorized under the Act and regulations.

Ontario Regulation R.R.O.1990, Reg. 374/10.

Related Board Committee

Student Achievement and Well-Being

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