



## Policy Manual – Students

### S.M.08 – Safe Schools

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#### POLICY STATEMENT

It is the commitment of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB), 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 students and staff.

#### Purpose:

The HWCDSB Safe Schools policy reflects the Mission and Vision of the HWCDSB, as well as all relevant legislation. The HWCDSB 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 HWCDSB strives to build positive school communities where we “Believe that all students 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:** Senior Administration

#### Regulations:

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| Bill 212: | The Education Amendment Act (Progressive Discipline and School Safety), 2007                  |
| Bill 13:  | <b>Accepting Schools Act, 2012</b>  |
| PPM 145:  | <b>Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour<br/>(December 5, 2012)</b> |
|           | <b>Ontario Human Rights Code</b>  |
| S.M.09:   | <b>Code of Student Conduct and Discipline</b>   |
| S.M.15:   | Policy Against Bullying Behaviour   |
| S.15:     | <b>Internet- Acceptable Use Policy for Schools</b>  |
| A.04:     | <b>Equity and Inclusive Education</b>   |

**Related Board Committee:** Religion, Family Life and Instructional Services

#### Policy Review Date:

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