



SAFE SCHOOLS POLICY

STATEMENT OF POLICY

In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board will strive to maintain safe and secure learning environments for all students, staff, and community members involved in Board and school programs, events and activities.

In compliance with current legislation and the Mission of the Board, the Niagara Catholic District School Board will establish policies and administrative procedures linked to this Safe Schools Policy, which foster increased respect, responsibility and civility

When the Niagara Catholic District School Board is entering into an agreement with another person or entity respecting the use of a school operated by the board it will require the person or entity to follow standards that are consistent with the Provincial and Local Code of Conduct.

The Niagara Catholic Safe School Policy and Administrative Procedures will:

- Create schools that are safe, inclusive and accepting of all pupils.
- Encourage a positive school climate and prevent inappropriate behaviour, including but not limited to, bullying, sexual assault, gender-based violence and incidents based on homophobia.
- Address inappropriate pupil behaviour and promote early intervention.
- Provide support to pupils who are impacted by inappropriate behaviour of other pupils.
- Establish disciplinary approaches that promote positive behaviour and use measures that include appropriate consequences and supports for pupils to address inappropriate behaviour.
- Provide pupils with a safe learning environment.

References

- [*Bill 13, Accepting Schools Act, 2012*](#)
- [*Bill 157: An Act to Amend the Education Act*](#)
- [*Education Act Statutes and Regulations*](#)
- [*Ontario Human Rights Code*](#)
- [*Policy/Program Memorandum 144: Bullying Prevention and Intervention*](#)
- [*Regulation 472/07: Behaviour, Discipline and Safety of Pupils*](#)
- [*Niagara Catholic District School Board Policies/Procedures*](#)
 - [*Access to School Premises Policy \(302.6.3\)*](#)
 - [*Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy \(302.6.8\)*](#)
 - [*Code of Conduct Policy \(302.6.2\)*](#)
 - [*Criminal Background Check Policy \(302.6.7\)*](#)
 - [*Dress Code – Secondary Uniform Policy \(302.6.6\)*](#)
 - [*Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy \(302.6.10\)*](#)
 - [*Student Expulsion Policy \(302.6.5\)*](#)
 - [*Opening or Closing Exercises Policy \(302.6.1\)*](#)
 - [*Progressive Student Discipline Policy \(302.6.9\)*](#)
 - [*Student Suspension Policy \(302.6.4\)*](#)
 - [*Volunteers in Catholic Schools Policy \(800.9\)*](#)