



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Rationale

The *General Directory for Catechesis* (Rome, 1997) declares that the Catholic school community shares in the task of the Church to facilitate growth in that new life given at baptism and to orientate the whole of human culture to the message of salvation. In this process, all members of the school community are both participants as well as active subjects.

The gift of Catholic education must be carefully attended to through the full integration of our faith in all aspects of learning and living in our schools. Opportunities to grow in faith and community are needed to support both students and adults in this fundamental aspect of our existence.

Guiding Principles

- The Board commits itself to demonstrate an ongoing and deepening appreciation of our Catholic identity by attending to the faith development of all members of our communities, in partnership with the Church.
- The Board acknowledges that growth in faith is a life-long enterprise and, though grounded in a common baptism in Christ, is lived distinctively by persons.
- All adults who share responsibilities for the education of students will demonstrate a commitment to be knowledgeable role models of the Catholic faith.
- All adults who share responsibilities for the education of students shall incorporate into their professional development opportunities to increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith and their capacity to model it.
- All adults who share responsibilities for the education of students shall conduct themselves in a professional manner that is consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

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Administrative Procedures

Adult Faith Formation

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