



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

SECONDARY SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME (Policy Statement: Secondary School Religious Education Programme)

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to guide secondary schools with regard to the academic expectations for students regarding prescribed credit courses in religious education.

References

Ontario Catholic Secondary Curriculum Policy Document, Religious Education, Institute for Catholic Education, (Revised 2006)

General Directory for Catechesis (1997)

Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992)

Procedures

1. All full time students in secondary school shall be enrolled in a prescribed credit course in religious education for each of their four years.
2. Religious Education credit courses shall be those prescribed by the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops in the document by the Institute for Catholic Education: **Ontario Catholic Secondary Curriculum Policy Document: Religious Education (Revised 2006)**:
 - 2.1 Course Code HRE 10: Grade 9 Religious Education – **Be With Me**
 - 2.2 Course Code HRE 20: Grade 10 Religious Education – **Christ and Culture**
 - 2.3 Course Code HRE 3M, HRE 3O, HRT 3M or HRF 30: Grade 11 Religious Education: – **Faith and Culture: World Religions**
 - 2.4 Course Code HRE 4M and HRE 4O: Grade 12 Religious Education: – **Church and Culture**
3. It is recognized that, due to the circumstances of a particular secondary school, Grade 12 students may be presented with undue hardship (e.g. delaying graduation; the need to acquire particular academic pre-requisite courses for post-secondary education) if enrolled in the prescribed Grade 12 religion course HRE 4M or HRE 4O: **Church and Culture**. Where such circumstances exist, a

principal may permit the student to enroll in the course **Individuals and Family (HHS 4M)**, as approved by the local Ordinary, instead of **Church and Culture**.

3.1 Secondary school course calendars will reference the above procedures.

4. It is recognized that in a few exceptional cases, a Grade 12 student may not be able to be accommodated under 3.0. In such cases, a Grade 12 student enrolled in a Catholic secondary school may request to be exempted from a credit course in religious education. Such an exemption may be granted if:

4.1 every attempt has been made to comply with Section 3.0 of this policy such that a substitution cannot be made and

4.2 it can be demonstrated that a genuine hardship would be created and

4.3 the request meets with the approval of the Principal and, where the student is a minor, of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Appendices

Forms

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