



POLICY STATEMENT

ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School board enjoys as its primary aim the development and maintenance of a learning environment in which Christ's teaching and our Catholic faith have a central place. Our students are both formed in their faith and educated to become citizens of the world. As such, Catholic schools exist primarily to meet the needs of Catholic students and families.

Guiding Principles

- All elementary school-aged children, whose parent(s)/guardian(s) direct taxation to the Separate School Board shall be admitted to the geographically appropriate school under the jurisdiction of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board.
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) of elementary aged children will provide evidence to the school principal that the student has the right to attend a Roman Catholic school. The right to attend derives from the direction of property tax assessment to the Separate School Board, proof of age of the child, and, possibly, a Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate.
- Catholic Parent(s)/guardian(s) of eligible elementary school-aged children lacking Catholic Baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will be directed to the guidelines and administrative procedures for admission of children of other faiths.
- Principals of elementary schools are empowered to admit students of another faith if the principal is of the belief that the parent(s)/guardian(s) are supportive of the Catholic values, beliefs and culture present in the school and will support their children being part of a faith-based school system.
- Subject to Board Policies regarding transportation and school boundaries, any secondary school aged student within the board's jurisdiction may choose to attend a Catholic secondary school. All Secondary school school-aged students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must accept and support the distinctive Catholic character, culture and rituals that are an integral part of the Catholic secondary school community.
- Elementary and Secondary aged students who, but for Ontario residency status, would otherwise meet the admission policy of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, may be admitted pending payment of tuition fees.

References

The Education Act and Regulations
Archdiocese of Kingston Guidelines for Sacraments
Tuition Fee Administrative Procedure
Renewing the Promise
Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2020-2025

Administrative Procedures

Admission to Catholic Schools
Tuition Fees

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