



## **Policy Development and Review**

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### **Policy Statement**

Policy statements reflect the mission and strategic goals of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board and constitute basic principles for decision-making and action by administrative personnel.

### **Policy Goals**

1. Board policies will provide direction and set the framework for the operation of the school system.
2. Through its policy-making function, the Board of Trustees directs and empowers administration to implement effective operational procedures for the school system. Board policies are formulated to articulate values, establish terms of reference and parameters and set direction for the governance of students, staff and volunteers to the school system.
3. Through statements of policy, the Board of Trustees exercises its legislative authority to establish limits for administrative action.
4. Board policy shall be in keeping with Ontario statutes and regulations, as they apply to the operations of both the Board of Trustees and the Corporate Board.
5. All policies and procedures of the Board will uphold and promote the Board's commitment to the principles of equity and inclusive education, consistent with our Catholic teachings, which value and support human rights and social justice in all Board policies, program, guidelines, operations and practices.
6. The Director of Education shall oversee a process of cyclical review of Board policies and procedures.

### **Definitions**

**Policy Statement** – The policy statement is an articulation of the philosophy and the broad goals of the Board and its mission, with respect to the policy.

**Policy Goals** – The policy goals set a standard to guide future action by the Board, administration and staff. Effective policies clearly establish the intent of the Board, relate to a goal of the Board, are future oriented, free from ambiguities and are sufficiently broad in scope to guide administrative decision-making.