

Administrative Procedure 201 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Background

The culture of our Catholic schools is intended to provide an environment of beliefs, values and actions that invite people in the community to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. Knowing and understanding the teachings and tradition of the Catholic Church is a necessary and integral part of faith development. The core program includes a specific course in religious studies at each grade level. Knowledge of Catholic beliefs and values are integrated into all subjects in the curriculum. The education of the student in the Catholic school is dependent upon the cooperation of home, parish and school. All Division staff will be mindful of their role as Catholic missionaries to their students; that they work in the name of the Church alongside parents/guardians and parishes.

Knowledge of Catholic values is an integral part of the education the students receive in our Catholic schools, therefore all students in our Division are expected to register in and attend religious studies.

Procedures

- 1. The Religious Education Coordinator will administer the religious education curriculum in consultation with the Bishop, principals and superintendent.
- 2. Students are expected to take a locally approved religious studies course for each year of attendance.
- 3. This religious education program will include both formal classroom instruction and religious celebrations.
- 4. In order for students to participate in graduation ceremonies they must have completed, or be enrolled and receiving a passing grade in, a grade 12 level religious education course prior to the ceremonies.
- 5. Teachers shall integrate Catholic teaching into the curriculum both in content and method of instruction.
- 6. School staff shall cooperate with the parish teams to enhance the religious education of the students and the faith life of the school.
- 7. All division personnel are expected to attend all faith professional development days.



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Note: References shall be updated as required and do not require additional approval