## **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS**

## Background

Every student meeting the requirements set out in the School Act is entitled to an educational program and the Division is required to make all reasonable efforts to ensure that a student attends school. In addition, students enrolled in our Catholic schools have the right to an education based on the freedom to teach and live our Catholic faith. The Division believes that rights and responsibilities are intertwined.

The Division will make every effort to provide a full range of educational programs from Kindergarten to Grade 12 for students of all abilities. We will strive to provide for an equality of opportunity for each child and a respect for individual differences. Christian values and Catholic tradition will be integrated throughout the curriculum.

## Procedures

- 1. Students have the right to qualified and competent teachers.
- 2. Students are responsible for what they choose to do; therefore, students must be willing to accept responsibility for their actions.
- 3. Students have the right to be treated with respect and compassion in our schools; students have the responsibility to treat others with respect and compassion.
- 4. Students have the right to be treated fairly and the responsibility to treat others fairly.
- 5. Students have the right to a safe environment and the responsibility to keep our schools safe for others.
- 6. Students have the right to a peaceful school, free of weapons, fighting and harassment and the responsibility to keep our schools peaceful.
- 7. Students have the responsibility to be clean and tidy in person and clothes.
- 8. All students have the responsibility to respect the rights of other students to a successful Catholic education.

Reference: Section 12, 14, 45, 60, 61, 113, School Act

