

AP 202 – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Background

Religious education influences all activities in the Division. Catholic values and religious education, being more than an isolated subject, are a lived experience by staff and students that permeates curricular and extra-curricular activities in the Division. Religious education is enhanced and enriched through activities such as celebrations of the Eucharist, liturgies, prayer and service projects.

Procedures

1. The Division shall establish the Faith Leadership Team, which will consist of one (1) administrator and at least one (1) other representative from each school, Religious Education Coordinators and Division Office personnel.
 - 1.1 The role of the Faith Leadership Team is to support teachers with the implementation of religious programming and enhancing faith formation of students and staff.
 - 1.1.1 The principles that guide the Faith Leadership Team are:
 - ♦ To build a strong, united Division faith community,
 - ♦ To sustain the faith life of our staff, students, and families.
 - ♦ To continue to define and live out those opportunities we provide for our staff, students and families that make us uniquely Catholic, and
 - ♦ Provide a spiritual atmosphere in the schools by providing ideas that create an environment, and have occasions that facilitate faith development.
 - 1.1.2 The Faith Leadership Team is comprised of staff members from each of the schools who are committed to:
 - ♦ Demonstrating active leadership in faith formation of staff and students,
 - ♦ Demonstrating active leadership in the teaching of faith,
 - ♦ Advancing the Division's mandate to deliver Catholic Education,
 - ♦ Exhibiting personal faith development as a passion, and
 - ♦ Facilitating faith formation support activities for staff and students.
 - 1.2 Proposed actions agreed upon by the Faith Leadership Team shall be approved by the Director before implementation.
 - 1.3 Parish clergy shall be consulted within the process to ensure that the Church's teachings are upheld.

2. The Principal shall ensure:
 - 2.1 All students are enrolled in a Religion course in keeping with locally determined course options offered within the framework of the curriculum for the Province of Saskatchewan.
 - 2.2 All secondary level students are enrolled in and complete Christian Ethics at each grade level as part of their requirements for participation in their high school graduation exercises.
 - 2.3 A crucifix is permanently displayed in each classroom.
 - 2.4 Each day begins with opening exercises which include prayer.
 - 2.5 Words and actions of personnel reflect the teachings of the Catholic faith, and in particular, relationships with colleagues and students shall model Catholic teaching.
 - 2.6 Staff participate in the School Year Opening Liturgy and in Faith Development Day(s).
 - 2.7 A yearly liturgical plan is published for their school that reflects the Church's calendar; and shall consult with the local parish priest for advice and involvement in making the liturgical plan a reality.
3. All staff members of the Division shall strive to permeate all aspects of life in the Division with the religious dimension.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, 108, 109, 175, 182, 184 Education Act