

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

The Board is responsible for the development of the educational goals and policies in keeping with the requirements of provincial legislation and the values of the Catholic community. In order to meet its responsibility, the Board shall establish and maintain written policies that express its philosophical beliefs in the support of Catholic education and provide effective guidelines for the actions of the Board and the Superintendent.

In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Board, we:

- share the responsibility of education with our students, staff, parents, parish, and the community at large;
- encourage and appreciate the active involvement of all who share in the mission of educating students in our schools;
- are committed to engaging our stakeholders, and will be receptive to and respectful of their input;
- honour the commitment and effort our staff members provide to Catholic education; and
- recognize that involvement in extra-curricular activities is strictly voluntary.

Extra-curricular programs make a valuable contribution to the development of student skills, knowledge and abilities. The greatest value can be derived from extra-curricular student activities when such activities are developed and encouraged through cooperative participation among the student body, staff and interested community members. Successful participation in extra-curricular activities allows students to enjoy positive interactions with others and be active members of their school community, and increases the likelihood of school bonding and successful high school completion.

Schools can best realize this aim by providing rich and stimulating educational experiences involving, in addition to regular instructional programming, opportunities to participate in a variety of suitable extra-curricular activities which support Catholic and division philosophies and teaching.

In this light, the Board:

1. Allocates divisional funds to be disbursed to schools;
2. Reviews and sets the allocation of funds on an annual basis; and
3. Appreciates and recognizes the contributions made by staff and community members who contribute time to the extra-curricular activities of the students.

Legal References: **Sections 33, 53, 222 *Education Act***