



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

CHILD IN NEED OF PROTECTION

Rationale

Each student in the schools of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board will be treated with the utmost respect and care within a supportive climate where high priority is placed upon the safety, and well-being of each student. Every staff member of the Board will cooperate with all external community agencies which assist students and their families or guardians.

It is understood that as they must fulfill their legislated requirement to report suspected cases of child abuse, staff members will do so in a sensitive manner.

Guiding Principles

- The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board believes that all students are entitled to develop, mature and learn in respectful, safe and secure school, family, Church and community settings.
- The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board recognizes the dignity of all students, volunteers and employees as children of a loving God.
- The protection of children in Catholic schools is the primary responsibility of the Board and is shared among adult employees, volunteer parents, clergy, the Children's Aid Society/Family and Children's Services as well as related child and family services professionals and the community at large.
- The Board recognizes the Children's Aid Society/Family and Children's Services' legislated mandate regarding the protection of children in the areas under the Board's jurisdiction.
- Board employees act in support of the Mission Statement of the Board when taking appropriate action under the Child and Family Services Act and Criminal Code of Canada in the best interest of students and their protection.
- The prevention of child abuse and the protection of students is motivated by a sense of Catholic social justice.

- All employees and the Administration of the Board at all levels commit to building and maintaining an open, collaborative professional relationship with the Children’s Aid Society/Family and Children’s Services.

References

The Child, Youth and Family Services Act (CYSFA), 2017, S.O. 2017, c.14, Sched. 1
The Education Act and Regulations
Ministry of Education Policy and Program Memorandum No. 9 (August 10, 2001)

Administrative Procedures

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