



**POLICY STATEMENT**

**SCHOOL EXCURSIONS**

**Rationale**

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board recognizes the meaningful and lasting learning experiences that excursions provide outside of the classroom. Excursions are an extension to the education and formation of our Catholic students as members of the global community.

**Guiding Principles**

Excursions will be:

- a planned extension of an educational program or formational program of the school.
- planned with consideration to the Ontario Catholic Graduates Expectations.
- developed in accordance with safety guidelines related to the type of activity and supervision requirements for the activity.
- planned with consideration of time removed from in class educational programs and time out of class is to be minimized.
- developed in accordance with applicable board policies on risk, student safety and liability.
- planned, implemented and if necessary cancelled, placing the safety and security of students, staff and the Board as a priority.
- planned with consideration to the age of students, distance of the activity from the school, and associated costs to the students/families.
- Planned to incorporate Sunday Eucharist as part of the itinerary if students are away from home on Sundays.
- planned considering associated costs to ensure that all students are able to participate.
- planned to provide equity of access for students.

**References**

*Mission Statement of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board*  
*Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations*  
*The Education Act*  
*Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE)*  
*Caring and Safe Catholic Schools Policy*

**Administrative Procedures**

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