



POLICY STATEMENT

Volunteers in Catholic Schools

Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board believes that parents/guardians are the primary educators of their children and therefore have the right and responsibility to participate in their children's education.

To enhance the educational experience of students in our Catholic schools, the Board welcomes and encourages the participation of volunteers in schools.

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board believes that student, parent/guardian and community member volunteers, can provide additional instruction and assistance to expand the special academic and social needs of students.

Guiding Principles

- Volunteers can assist in gaining community support for Catholic Education and the Mission Statement of the Board.
- Volunteers can serve as a valuable educational resource to schools.
- Volunteers can enhance the learning opportunities available to pupils.
- Volunteers who have direct and regular contact with students must provide an original Police Vulnerable Sector Check.
- Volunteers shall adhere to the principle of confidentiality.

References

[Criminal Background Checks and Offence Declarations Policy](#) 2019-05-10 Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

Education Act and Regulation 521/01, as amended by Regulation 323/03

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56

Administrative Procedures

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