



# ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## POLICY STATEMENT

### CULTURAL EXCHANGES

#### Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board recognizes the value for students and teaching staff who experience other cultures. Opportunities for cultural exchanges exist and may involve provincial, national or international venues.

The concept and practice of cultural exchanges is supported as an integral part of curriculum. The Board encourages the use of these learning situations based upon the consideration of the age of the students (typically students enrolled in grades 9-12) and the professional growth of the teaching staff.

#### Guiding Principles

- Cultural exchanges may include provincial, national, or international opportunities.
- Student exchanges may be solely for cultural experience. Students would not earn credits toward the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- Student exchanges may be for educational purposes. Students would be able to earn credits toward their OSSD.
- The Board will logically consider teacher exchanges in accordance with applicable collective agreements or employment contracts.

#### Administrative Procedures

Cultural Exchanges

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