



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

RISK MANAGEMENT PHYSICAL AND ATHLETIC SAFETY GUIDELINES

Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board has the responsibility under the Education Act for the care and safety of students involved in all aspects of physical education (curricular, interschool and intramural). The Board recognizes that there is an element of risk in all physical activity.

Guiding Principles

- The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board acknowledges its responsibility to ensure the safety of pupils involved in physical activity (curricular, interschool and intramural).
- A guideline alone does not eliminate risk regardless of how well it is written or how effectively it is implemented. Safety awareness practiced by the teacher, based on up-to-date information, common sense observation, action and foresight, is the key to safe practice.
- The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board will assist educators in fulfilling their obligation to provide the safest possible environment in which all students, regardless of physical, mental, emotional abilities/challenges or cultural background, can be physically active.

References

Education Act and Regulations
Ontario Safety Guidelines for Physical Education

Administrative Procedures

Physical Education Safety Guidelines

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