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DIVISION FOUNDATION STATEMENTS

Mission

We are a Catholic community committed to developing educational opportunities in the context of Gospel values, where students' gifts and talents are celebrated and nurtured through lifelong spiritual and personal experiences.

Vision

- The Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division, through partnership with the home and parishes, is a mission-driven, socially just, faith-centered Division, that provides Catholic leadership through faith in action.
- The Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division's schools are leading edge, innovative, technological, student-focused centres of excellence in which each child's talents, gifts, and abilities are developed in a holistic manner.
- The Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division is responsible to parents and has the confidence of the public and community at large.
- The Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division is a learning organization that, through its effective, experienced, and qualified staff, delivers current pedagogy and curriculum.
- The Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division is an employer of choice that provides for continued development of its staff.
- The Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division is a welcoming, highly communicative and flexible school division that is responsible, creative and open to the world.
- Through modern facilities, world-wide linkages through technology, and responsible management of resources, the Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division provides an effective learning environment for its members.

Beliefs and Values

We believe:

- That Jesus Christ and his teachings are the foundation and core of our Catholic school division.
- That a quality education is a continuing process that develops the whole person in an environment which encourages success.
- In living out the Catholic faith through our words, our actions and our interactions.
- That Catholic education is a shared responsibility among the home, the school, the parish and the community.
- That education is a lifelong journey during which excellence is actively pursued.
- That everyone has worth and dignity as a unique creation of God.

- That student learning and staff engagement are maximized in a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe environment.
- That bullying is a prohibited activity.

Goals

1. Continue to select and foster dedicated, committed and faith filled Catholic staff.
2. Ensure, through a comprehensive staff development program that its staff are fully prepared to provide leading education, quality learning experiences for students, with particular focus on faith development and technology.
3. Provide assertive leadership in its communities and churches and with government, as advocates for the rights of Catholic education in the province.
4. Facilitate and, where possible, provide access to quality Catholic education, to all those in its communities and in surrounding areas who desire and wish it.
5. Focus on curriculum delivery that meaningfully challenges the intellectual/moral life of the child through structures that encourage collaboration among staff.
6. Be fiscally responsible.
7. Provide Catholic learning environments that are comprehensive, creative, exciting, challenging, loving, providing life-giving, lifelong lessons for students.
8. Ensure effective two-way communication with all its various stakeholders.

Catholic School Board Constitutional and Charter Rights

Nothing contained in our Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division policies or administrative procedures is to be interpreted so as to limit or be a waiver of the Elk Island Catholic Schools Board's rights and powers pursuant to the Constitution Act, 1867 and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to maintain the denominational character of Catholic schools. If any of the provisions in our policies or administrative procedures conflict with the Elk Island Catholic Schools Board's rights and powers pursuant to the Constitution Act, 1867 and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to maintain the denominational character of Catholic schools, the Elk Island Catholic Schools Board's rights and powers pursuant to the Constitution Act, 1867 and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to maintain the denominational character of Catholic schools will govern.

Logo



The logo represents many of the concepts contained in the mission statement and the statement of beliefs.

The two figures represent the adult-child relationship, which is fundamental to Early Childhood Services (ECS) to Grade 12 education. This relationship is portrayed as one of caring, nurturing and instructing. While the graphic encourages us to consider our relationship with one another in this context, it also encourages us to reflect on our relationship with God, our Creator.

The presence and location of the cross in relation to the figures places the members of the Division and their work together in the context of our goal as Catholic Christians – that of eternal life in the Trinity through Jesus Christ. This core Catholic doctrine is particularly meaningful for members of the Division in that it reminds us of the two Catholic traditions, the Ukrainian and the Roman, which we regularly celebrate in our schools.

The choice of the blue colour is intended to represent our reliance on Mary, Mother of God, to intercede for us in our work and in our relationships. We are also reminded of the dedication of parishes in Camrose, Fort Saskatchewan, Sherwood Park and Vegreville, and of schools in all the communities we serve, to Our Lady.

The human figures are presented as a stylized E representative of the Elk Island Catholic Schools.

Legal Reference: Preamble, Section 3, 7, 11, 18, 25, 27, 33, 35.1, 51, 52, 53, 67, 222 Education Act
Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12
Policy and Requirements for School Board Planning and Reporting
School Authority Planning and Reporting Reference Guide