**ADMISSION OF STUDENTS** 

## **Background**

The Division was established for the primary purpose of providing a Catholic education for resident students of the Division.

The Division is committed to developing and maintaining schools and programs which exemplify the values and practices of a Catholic community. Students and parents who are not of the Catholic faith and who wish to attend a Division school will be advised of the expectations of the Division in the course of the approval process, and they will be obliged to recognize, respect and abide by those expectations.

## **Definitions**

A *resident student* is defined as:

- One who may or may not be baptized in the Catholic faith;
- One who has at least one (1) Catholic parent;
- An independent student who is Catholic and resides within the boundaries of the Division; and
- One whose custodial parent resides within the boundaries of the Division.

*Non-Catholic students* shall be defined as those students who have not received the sacrament of Catholic Baptism and whose parents are not of the Catholic faith.

## **Procedures**

- 1. The Division will employ the following priorities provided that there is sufficient space in the Division's schools:
  - 1.1. Resident students;
  - 1.2. Catholic students who are resident students of another jurisdiction;
  - 1.3. Out of province Catholic students who are involved in a reciprocal exchange program subject to available facilities, resources, and appropriate programs;
  - 1.4. Out of province Catholic students who pay a fee determined by the Board annually, and subject to available facilities, resources, and appropriate programs;
  - 1.5. Students who are not of the Catholic faith who reside within the boundaries of the Division will be admitted to a school and a program subject to available facilities, resources, and appropriate programs; and

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1.6. Students who are not of the Catholic faith who reside outside the boundaries of the Division will be admitted to a school and program subject to available facilities, resources and appropriate programs.

## 2. Non-Catholic students shall:

- 2.1. Be admitted to the Division's schools only with the permission of the Superintendent;
- 2.2. Subscribe to the program which a Catholic school offers;
- 2.3. Participate in all activities and programs of the school in which they are placed; and
- 2.4. Participate in the religious education program, including sacramental programs until actual celebration of the Sacrament. Reception of the Sacraments is limited to students of the Catholic faith.

Reference: Education Act, SA 2012, c E-0.3, ss. 3, 4, 7, 32, 33, 53, 197, 222

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