

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.

As defined in the Education Act, an independent student is:

- i. 18 years of age or older, or
- ii. 16 years of age or older and
 - a. living independently as determined by a board in accordance with section 6, or
 - b. a party to an agreement under 57.2 of the *Child Youth and Family Enhancement Act*.

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
 - 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.
3. Independent Student
- 3.1. The principal must consider the following criteria when determining is a student qualifies for independent student status:
 - 3.1.1. whether the student or student's parent has made a statement in writing indicating that the student is living independently;
 - 3.1.2. the student's living arrangements;
 - 3.1.3. whether the student is financially independent or contributes financially to his or her maintenance;
 - 3.1.4. whether the student is responsible for the making of significant decisions regarding matters such as health care;
 - 3.1.5. any other factor the board considers relevant.

Reference: *Education Act*, SA 2012, c E-0.3, ss. 3, 4, 6, 7, 32, 33, 53, 197, 222
Child Youth and Family Enhancement Act.