

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN THE SCHOOLS**

### **Background**

Teachers are encouraged to invite guest speakers to act as resource persons and provide information that complements the instructional objectives of the school program. Teachers are also encouraged to use other resources in the community that will enhance the instructional program.

### **Procedures**

1. Any staff member who wishes to use community resources or invite any guest speaker to class shall notify the Principal and receive advance approval from the Principal. For topics controversial in nature or involving human sexuality, the Principal is to contact the Director of Student and Staff Formation to receive advance approval.
2. The teacher and/or Principal shall be aware of the content of the presentation and resources and ensure that they are in harmony with, and complement, the school's Catholic values and educational objectives.
3. A teacher shall be present during the presentation by the guest speaker.
4. In the case of general assemblies, the Principal shall, prior to the presentation, notify teachers of the content of the presentation and its relevance to grade level.
5. Where external parties are presenting on topics that deal primarily and explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality, the Director of Student and Staff Formation shall ensure that the external party is approved by the Minister.
  - 5.1 Clergy are not considered external parties.

Reference: *Education Act*, SA 2025, c E-0.3