

## **Policy 1**

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### **DIVISION FOUNDATION STATEMENTS**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

*Matthew 28: 19-20 (NRSV)*

#### **Mission**

We are a Catholic community committed to developing educational opportunities where students gifts, talents, and virtues are celebrated and nurtured through spiritual and personal experiences.

**Vision:** A school community that has a commitment to outstanding Catholic education, while living out the teachings of Christ in our daily lives, with a focus on prayer, the Sacraments, and spiritual growth.

#### **Beliefs and Values**

We believe:

- That an authentic Catholic School bears the following marks (Appendix B)
  - Grounded in Christian Anthropology
  - Imbued With a Catholic Worldview
  - Animated by a Faith-Infused Curriculum
  - Sustained by Gospel Witness
  - Spirituality of Communion

#### **Goal**

The board will ensure that there is an Assurance plan (insert link) put in place that will establish Strategic Priorities for the division and follow through with goals. Our Catholic Faith must be central to these strategic priorities.

#### **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.*

Appendix A: Logo

Appendix B: [5 Marks of Catholic School Identity](#)

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