



KENORA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Policy 1: District Mission, Vision and Values

Mission Statement:

The Kenora Catholic District School Board is a Catholic School System dedicated to excellence in education, the Christian formation of youth, and strong partnership with Parents, Families and the Church.

Vision Statement:

The Kenora Catholic District School Board is a Catholic School system that is faith driven and Christ centered. We celebrate the Spirit within each of us through prayer, reflection, and our daily living. We share the gifts that each of us has been given. We support and uphold Catholic Christian values for each person in our community. We share the joy that is found in learning together through academics, the arts and athletics. We applaud effort and ability and encourage innovative thinking. We invite all to share in our mission. We are called to deliver our programs in light of the message of the Gospel

Values Statement:

Values give meaning to our work and a sense of direction to our Catholic education mandate.

At the Kenora Catholic District School Board:

- ✝ We believe that Catholic education is a call to discipleship, mission and transformation. The Catholic Graduate Expectations form the core of our daily teaching and learning experiences.
- ✝ We value the uniqueness, creativity, and abilities of all those involved in our mission.
- ✝ We strive for inclusiveness, equity, and diversity in all that we do and share.
- ✝ We believe it is the right and responsibility of everyone to ensure that our learning environment is safe, nurturing, positive, forgiving, and respectful in a caring community
- ✝ We are each responsible for our actions, words, and each other.
- ✝ We celebrate and encourage new ideas, dreams, cooperation, and innovation that help us to realize our vision.

- † We are dedicated to high standards and success for all. We believe all students can learn.
- † We believe that each person is worthy of honour, dignity, and respect, for all are created in the image and likeness of God.
- † We value and celebrate commitment and dedication, effort and ability.
- † We strive to be a community where all knowledge and relationships are transformed by the quest for meaning.
- † We believe that quality education integrates faith and culture with every aspect of the curriculum and school life.

Vision:

We envision each of the partners sharing the responsibility for the vision in the Catholic education of our students.

We envision each of our **students** as:

- † a discerning believer;
- † the future and the most valuable resource we have;
- † an effective communicator;
- † a reflective, creative and holistic thinker;
- † a self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner;
- † a collaborative contributor;
- † a caring family member;
- † a responsible citizen.

We envision each of our **staff members** as:

- † dedicated to the continuing development of spiritual formation, academic excellence, and the safety and wellbeing of our students;
- † a role model, counselor, facilitator, coach and mentor for our students and staff ;
- † committed advocates and guardians of Catholic education.

We envision each of our schools as:

- † undertaking a Christ-centered approach to learning, encouraging the practice and witness of faith and promoting prayer and liturgical experiences;
- † continually developing the whole person within the context of a Catholic environment;
- † nurturing the intellectual faculties, developing capacity for sound judgment, introducing the pupils to the cultural heritage bequeathed to them by former generations, fostering the sense of values, and preparing students for professional life.

We envision our Parents, Family and community members as:

- † playing a vital role in Catholic education;
- † enriching the programs we offer and providing benefits to all students;
- † the supportive and caring base from which the school councils are elected;
- † fostering and supporting strong partnerships with schools , system and board.

We envision the role of the church as:

- † a human society, capable of imparting education, of proclaiming the way of salvation to all, of revealing the life of Christ to those who believe, and of assisting them with unremitting care so that they may be able to attain the fullness of that life;
- † a mother, under an obligation to provide for its children an education by virtue of which their whole lives may be inspired by the spirit of Christ; to offer assistance to all peoples for the promotion of a well-balanced perfection of the human personality, for the good of society in this world and for the development of a world worthy of humanity.

Legal References:

Education Act S. 170 Duties of Boards; S. 264 Duties of Teachers; S. 265 Duties of Principals; S. 286 Duties of Supervisory Officers
Ontario Regulation 298—Operation of Schools S. 23 Requirements for Pupils
Ontario Schools Code of Conduct Guideline—Roles and Responsibilities of All School and Community Members

Other References:

Declaration On Christian Education (Gravissimum Educationis): 28 October 1965 Vatican Council II
Institute for Catholic Education: Vision of the Learner
Catholic School Graduate Expectations

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