

## AP 202 – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### Background

Religious education influences all activities in the Division. Catholic values and religious education, being more than an isolated subject, are a lived experience by staff and students that permeates curricular and extra-curricular activities in the Division. Religious education is enhanced and enriched through activities such as celebrations of the Eucharist, liturgies, prayer and service projects.

### Procedures

1. Religious Education forms an essential part of Catholic Education, and therefore, all students are required to participate in the faith-life of the school, including courses in Religious Education.
2. It is understood that enrollment in a Catholic elementary or secondary school necessarily implies acceptance of and participation in Religious Education Programs and Courses. The Principal shall advise all parents of the expectation of the school that their children will participate in religious studies and the religious life of the school.
3. The religious education program will include formal classroom instruction, acts of charity, pursuit of social justice, and religious celebrations.
4. All religious education teaching resources will be approved by the School Division in conjunction with the Archdiocesan office.
5. The Principal shall ensure:
  - 5.1 All students are enrolled in a Religion course in keeping with locally determined course options offered within the framework of the curriculum for the Province of Saskatchewan.
  - 5.2 All secondary level students are enrolled in and complete Christian Ethics at each grade level as part of their requirements for participation in their high school graduation exercises.
  - 5.3 A crucifix is permanently displayed in each classroom.
  - 5.4 Each day begins with opening exercises which include prayer.
  - 5.5 Words and actions of personnel reflect the teachings of the Catholic faith, and in particular, relationships with colleagues and students shall model Catholic teaching.
  - 5.6 Staffs participate in the School Year Opening Liturgy and in Faith Development Day(s).
  - 5.7 A yearly liturgical plan is published for their school that reflects the Church's calendar; and shall consult with the local parish priest for advice and involvement in making the liturgical plan a reality.
6. All staff members of the Division shall strive to permeate all aspects of life in the Division with the religious dimension.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, 108, 109, 175, 182, 184 Education Act