



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

POLICY – 507

Extra-Curricular Activities – Elementary and Secondary

Area: Academic Services
Source: Superintendent of Education – Academic Services

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1. Introduction

The Durham Catholic District School Board (the “Board”) values the positive influence of extra-curricular activities on academic achievement and the social, emotional, and spiritual well-being of students, as well as the importance of both staff and volunteers who facilitate their organization and operation.

2. Definitions

Criminal Record Check (CRC) (*Durham Regional Police Services*) – This is a basic police record check that provides criminal convictions. The CRC will include criminal convictions in Canada and summary convictions for the past five years; criminal convictions and findings of guilt under the Youth Criminal Justice Act if reason for application is for a position with a government agency.

Volunteer Worker (Volunteer) (*Ontario Regulation 385/96*) - a worker who performs work or supplies a service but who receives no monetary compensation for doing so other than an allowance for expenses or an honorarium.

Vulnerable Sector Check (*Durham Regional Police Services*) – established to provide screening of individuals who intend on working or volunteering with the vulnerable. A vulnerable person is defined as a person who, because of their age, a disability, or other circumstances, whether temporary or permanent are (a) in a position of dependence on others or (b) are otherwise at a greater risk than the general population of being harmed by a person in a position of authority or trust relative to them. This type of screening is required for the following types of positions: teacher, social worker, taxi driver, daycare worker, sport coaches, etc.

3. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the delivery and supervision of extra-curricular activities. Such activities may include inter-school/intramural athletics, or student clubs and activities that typically take place outside the instructional school day or over a lunch period.

4. Application / Scope

This policy applies to all extra-curricular activities and their delivery in elementary and secondary schools by school staff (teaching and non-teaching) and volunteers.

5. Principles

5.1 The Board recognizes:

- 5.1.1 that extra-curricular activities complement the academic program and support the social, emotional, and spiritual well-being of students, including the on-going development of the values, attitudes, and actions expressed in the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.
- 5.1.2 the positive role of staff/volunteer involvement in the delivery of extra-curricular activities;
- 5.1.3 that extra-curricular activities should be organized/conducted in an equitable and inclusive manner that is cognizant of and accommodates the diversity of all students; and
- 5.1.4 that extra-curricular activities must be respectful of and consistent with Catholic teachings and the Board Code of Conduct.

6. Requirements

- 6.1 The Director of Education, or designate, shall issue administrative procedures to support this policy and amend them thereafter as the need may arise.
- 6.2 Principals shall:
 - 6.2.1 approve the type, purpose and goals of all school based extra-curricular activities.
 - 6.2.2 approve all individuals who are assigned the responsibility of facilitating and supervising extra-curricular activities (e.g., staff advisor, coach). At various times, staff may require the support of volunteers or others external to their school to facilitate the delivery of extra-curricular activities.

- 6.2.3 approve the use of volunteers with respect to extra-curricular activities consistent with the Volunteer Policy (PO413) upon receipt of a Criminal Record Check, which includes the Vulnerable Sector Check.
- 6.2.4 ensure that all staff and volunteers who support extra- curricular inter-school/intramural sports understand and follow the relevant Board policies and procedures, including, but not limited to:
- Concussion Management Policy (PO614) and its attendant administrative procedure
 - Anti-Racism Policy (PO200) and its attendant administrative procedure
 - Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (PO216) and its attendant administrative procedures
 - Volunteers in Schools Policy (PO413)
 - Accessibility Policy (PO434) and its relevant administrative procedures
 - Student Excursions and/or Exchanges for Educational Purposes Policy (PO512) and its attendant administrative procedure
 - Code of Conduct Policy (PO610) and its attendant administrative procedures
 - Student Discipline Policy (PO611) and its attendant administrative procedure
- 6.2.5 ensure that relevant Board policies, procedures, regulations and guidelines are followed.
- 6.2.6 ensure that the delivery of extra-curricular including those conducted by a third party, meet Ontario Physical Health Education Association (Ophea) safety guidelines.

7. Sources

Nil

8. Related Policies and Administrative Procedures

- 8.1 [Anti-Racism Policy \(PO200\)](#)
- 8.2 [Responding to Incidents of Racism and Discrimination Administrative Procedure \(AP200-1\)](#)
- 8.3 [Equity and Inclusive Education Policy \(PO216\)](#)
- 8.4 [Equity and Inclusive Education Administrative Procedure \(AP216-1\)](#)
- 8.5 [Religious Accommodation Administrative Procedure \(AP216-2\)](#)
- 8.6 [Student Groups Administrative Procedure \(AP216-3\)](#)
- 8.7 [Criminal Records Checks and Offence Declarations Policy \(PO314\)](#)
- 8.8 [Volunteers in Schools Policy \(PO413\)](#)
- 8.9 [Accessibility Policy \(PO434\)](#)
- 8.10 [Accessible Student Transportation \(AP434-10\)](#)
- 8.11 [Student Excursions and/or Exchanges for Educational Purposes Policy \(PO512\)](#)
- 8.12 [Student Excursions and/or Exchanges for Educational Purposes Administrative Procedure \(AP512-1\)](#)

- 8.13 [Code of Conduct Policy \(PO610\)](#)
- 8.14 [Code of Conduct Administrative Procedure \(AP610-1\)](#)
- 8.15 [Appropriate Dress for Pupils Administrative Procedure \(AP610-2\)](#)
- 8.16 [Student Discipline Policy \(PO611\)](#)
- 8.17 [Student Discipline Administrative Procedure \(AP611-1\)](#)
- 8.18 [Concussion Management Policy \(PO614\)](#)
- 8.19 [Concussion Management Administrative Procedure \(AP614-1\)](#)