About us

The Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) believes that an equitable and inclusive education system is essential to fulfilling its mission and advancing its core priorities. It acknowledges that racism and discrimination, whether overt or subtle, are at odds with Catholic values and violate the Ontario Human Rights Code.



The DCDSB is dedicated to engaging with its diverse communities and addressing inequities within the board to foster a culture that champions human rights, equity, anti racism, and inclusion. Through collaboration with the Anti Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee, which serves to advise the Director of Education, the board aims to effectively confront and eliminate disadvantages and discrimination, both historical and present, faced by Black students, staff, and families.





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Guided by Catholic values and Social Teachings, the board upholds the dignity of every individual, emphasizing shared responsibilities to protect the vulnerable and promote the common good. It remains committed to identifying and removing discriminatory practices, systemic barriers, and biases across its schools. The DCDSB strives to create environments where all racialized individuals feel valued, heard, and empowered to thrive as integral members of the community. This commitment aligns with the protections outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Committee Membership

The Anti Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee is comprised of parents, community partner representatives, and DCDSB staff members.



Equity Invitational Learning Series

DCDSB, in partnership with its Anti Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee, hosts the Equity Invitational Learning Series. The series is open to students, staff, families and community members, and focuses on identifying and removing barriers and improving student outcomes.

For more information on the Equity Invitational Learning Series, please visit dcdsb.ca/EquitySeries.





Black Student Excellence Award

An initiative of the Durham Catholic District School Board and the Anti Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee, the DCDSB Black Student Excellence Awards honour Grade 11 and Grade 12 students who self identify as Black and have demonstrated leadership and/or commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion efforts.