

# NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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## SAFE SCHOOL POLICY

### POLICY STATEMENT

The mission of the Northeastern Catholic District School Board is to promote the Christian faith and values throughout its curriculum and activities and it is in this spirit that the Board is committed to working with our Catholic School communities in maintaining safe and orderly learning environments and does not support violence within our system. We believe that Safe Schools are a prerequisite for student achievement, and that students and staff should feel safe in schools and on school grounds.

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board recognizes that the responsibility of eliminating violence within our Catholic education system is the duty of all its members and accepts the authority of the Northeastern Catholic District School Board in matters of faiths and morality.

### POLICY PROCEDURES

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board shall:

1. create and maintain school environments that are safe, welcoming and free from all forms of violence and that are conducive to a sense of belonging;
2. offer the students and staff the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills and values which advocate non-violence through strategies which allow the development of healthy interpersonal relationships and the management of violent or potentially violent situations in their daily lives;
3. develop practices for the early and ongoing identification for prevention and to ensure a model of prevention;
4. ensure that all elementary and secondary schools develop codes of behaviour approved by our Board which clearly communicate to all members of the school community those types of behaviour which are expected of them;
5. develop procedures to follow in response to the various types of violent incidents;
6. develop strategies to ensure follow-up to violent incidents;
7. provide opportunities to all staff members to acquire knowledge, skills and values which allow them to maintain a violence-free school environment;
8. involve the parents/guardians, students, school staff and community service agencies in the development, implementation and review of the policy on the prevention of violence.