



Niagara Catholic District School Board

STUDENT PARENTING POLICY

STATEMENT OF POLICY

300 – Schools/Students

Policy No 302.5

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In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, and in the spirit of Gospel values and being faithful to Church teaching, Niagara Catholic District School Board staff will remain faithful and committed to the Catholic teaching of respect for life from the moment of conception.

The Board recognizes and provides support of student pregnancy and parenting. Board personnel will respond with respect, compassionate concern and unconditional love in accordance with the principles and procedures necessary for the implementation of this policy.

Through the implementation of a resource guide, staff will assist students by providing information, insight and support; to support the rights of the child in the womb; to make a concerted effort to involve the student's family members in the process; and to encourage the student to continue their education within the system in order to further pursue their educational goals. Within this loving, affirming environment, our students will receive psychological and spiritual guidance and their right to privacy and confidentiality will be safeguarded where possible.

The Director of Education will establish a Niagara Catholic Resource Guide in support of this policy.

References

- [*Evangelium Vitae \(the Gospel of Life\), March 25, 1995, Pope John Paul II*](#)
- [*The Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops: This Moment of Promise. Feb. 1989*](#)
- [*Ontario Human Rights Commission – Policy on Preventing Discrimination because of Pregnancy*](#)
- [*Family Life Education for Secondary Students – Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario*](#)
- [*Education Commission of the Ontario Assembly of Catholic Bishops – March 2003*](#)
- [*Statement from the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario – January 14 2011*](#)
- [*Family Life Education – Ontario Catholic Elementary Curriculum Policy Document, Grades 1-8*](#)
- [*Fundamental Principles of Catholic Social Teaching – Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, January 2013*](#)
- [*Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia \(Chapter 5\) of the Holy Father Francis to Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, Consecrated Persons, Christian Married Couples, and all the lay faithful on love in the family*](#)