

Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

SECTION:	300 - STUDENTS	CODE:	AP 310
PROCEDURE:	SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS		

BACKGROUND

The Division is committed to providing a learning environment where all students feel safe, valued, respected, and welcome.

Within a safe and caring environment students and staff feel connected to school. The benefits are powerful and wide-ranging. Students are more likely to have positive attitudes towards school and learning, achieve more successfully academically, and have more positive social attitudes, values, and behaviour.

Caring is the foundation of the Safe and Caring Schools approach and the spoken and unspoken part of every interaction that takes place. Each person has been created in the image and likeness of God and has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. Caring is a product of a school community that views all members as important and believes that every student is capable and contributes. As faith-based communities, Catholic schools carry an even more compelling obligation to protect the most marginalized within their care.

PROCEDURES

1. A Safe and Caring School is a school where:
 - 1.1 The school climate is positive and focuses on academic achievement and social-skills development.
 - 1.2 Students and staff model positive and appropriate social behaviours.
 - 1.3 The safety and well-being of each person is considered paramount.
 - 1.4 Clear and consistent behavioural expectations exist.
 - 1.5 Diversity and equity is respected and appreciated.
 - 1.6 Top priority is placed on a caring and supportive school climate and classrooms.
2. A Safe and Caring School
 - 2.1 Develops a code of conduct.
 - 2.2 Identifies school values.
 - 2.3 Integrates safe and caring values into the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.
 - 2.4 Maintains effective communication with all partners of the school community.
 - 2.5 Develops a positive school climate which nurtures caring and peaceful relationships.

- 2.6 Helps students understand their role in building a safe and caring classroom and school.
- 2.7 Encourages modelling of responsible and respectful behaviours by parents, staff, and all adults in the child's life.
- 3. A Safe and Caring School ensures:
 - 3.1 That all students have a right to safe washroom and changeroom facilities. Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division is committed to providing a single stall washroom for use by any student or staff member who desires increased privacy. Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools are also committed to providing a single use changeroom for use by any student or staff member who desires increased privacy.
 - 3.2 Safe accommodations may include, but are not limited to:
 - 3.2.1 Use of a private area within a public area (e.g., room with a door off the corridor);
 - 3.2.2 Having a separate changing schedule in the private area (either utilizing the change room before or after the other students);
 - 3.2.3 Using a nearby private area (e.g., a nearby washroom).

Reference: Sections 85, 87 Education Act
[The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2018](#)

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