

#### **Rationale**

The CISVA Board recognizes parents and guardians as the primary educators of their child(ren) and, therefore, important role models in the mission of the Church shared by Catholic Schools. This is demonstrated by parents and guardians in proclaiming and building the Kingdom of God, promoting a faith community within the family and community at large, committing to excellence in Catholicity in all areas of their child's development, and supporting the development of Christian leaders, responsible citizens and life-long learners.

#### **Policy**

All CISVA schools will have a Parent/ Guardian Code of Conduct to inform the school community of expected conduct based on the principles of respect for the rights and dignity of all persons to promote a safe and respectful environment within the school community.

#### **Procedure**

Parents are expected to (but not limited to):

- a. Be examples of Catholic witness (those parents who are Catholic) by attending Sunday Mass with their children (proclaiming and building the Kingdom of God – see Policy 411 - Family Statement of Commitment).
- b. Be supportive of the mission of the Catholic Church and supportive of the religious educational programs of the school.
- c. Respect the decision-making of school administration and the Education Committee.
- d. Respect the rights and dignity of all persons in the parish/school community at all times.
- e. Refrain from participating in or promoting any behaviour that would threaten, intimidate, demean, verbally assault (use of abusive language) or cause harm to any person within the school community.
- f. Refrain from behaviour or communications, including the use of any technology/media devices to defame the character or reputation or cause harm to the character of a parish/school community member.
- g. Show an active interest in their child's school work and progress as well as attend required meetings (Sacramental meetings, Parent Support Evenings (Sexuality and Your Child, Human Growth and Development), student progress interviews/conferences etc.).
- h. Ensure that their child attends school regularly, is on time and is prepared.
- i. Work cooperatively with teachers in all areas of their child's school life including academic or disciplinary issues.
- j. Be familiar with and abide by the school's codes of conduct, policies and rules (i.e. uniforms, internet use, traffic safety on school grounds, etc.)
- k. Take concerns to the appropriate person(s). Follow the complaints procedure as provided in CISVA policy 302 – Major Complaints.
- l. Avoid involvement in rumours and dissemination of rumours.
- m. Build bridges of acceptance and understanding among the different cultures represented in the school community.

The Pastor/Archbishop’s Representative has the right and duty to provide for the spiritual welfare of the students and families within the parish and the school. They work towards this end with parental cooperation.

The Education Committee, in consultation with the Principal, reserves the right to determine consequences for non-compliance.

**Principal’s Authority**

The Principal has the discretionary right to take appropriate action to maintain a safe and orderly school environment, and to ensure that staff, students, parish members or other members of the school community are not subjected to threatening, intimidating, or harassing behaviour. The Principal’s authority includes the right to prohibit or remove any person from the school premises or property who is deemed to be a disruption to the school or threat (in deed or word) to the safety or security of students, employees, or any other member of the parish or school community. The Principal will inform the Education Committee, Pastor and Superintendent’s Office if any person is prohibited or removed from school premises.

If a person is prohibited or removed from the school premises by the Principal, that person must immediately leave, and must not enter the school premises again except with prior written approval from the Principal.

If the Principal suspects a student is suffering from a communicable disease or other physical, mental or emotional condition that would endanger the health or welfare of the other students or staff, the Principal may exclude the student from school until a certificate is obtained for the student from a qualified medical professional confirming that the student may return to school. Parents/ guardians are expected to comply with an exclusion of a student on this basis, and to assist with providing the required documentation to support a return to school.

<p><b>Reference</b> Policy 411 - Family Statement of Commitment Policy 302 – Major Complaints</p> <p><b>Cross-reference</b></p>	<p><b>Approved</b> Board of Directors</p>
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