



Rationale

“Parents have a particularly important part to play in the educating community, since it is to them that the primary and natural responsibility for their children’s education belongs.” (*The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium, #20*)

The Pastor, as the Bishop’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 Island Catholic School Board recognizes parents as important role models for their children and others. Parents are expected to demonstrate a behaviour that is respectful of our Catholic identity and respectful of others in the school community. Parents are encouraged to support their local parish and/or faith community.

Policy

All Island Catholic Schools will have a Parent Code of Conduct to inform the school community of expected conduct based on the principles of respect for rights and dignity of all persons in order to promote a safe and respectful environment within the school community.

Regulations

Parents are expected to (but not limited to):

- Be supportive of Island Catholic Schools as part of the saving Mission of the Catholic Church.
- Be supportive of the Religious Educational Program of the school.
- Be a positive role model by being respectful of others.
- Respect those in positions of rightful authority.
- Respect the rights and dignity of all persons in the parish/school community at all times.
- Refrain from participating in or promoting any behaviour that would threaten, intimidate, verbally assault (use of abusive language) or cause harm to any person.
- Refrain from bullying or harassment of any person in the school community.



- Refrain from using any technology/media device to defame the character or cause harm to the character of a parish/school community member.
- Avoid involvement in rumors and dissemination of rumors.
- Show an active interest in their child’s school work and progress as well as attend required meetings (i.e. student progress interviews/conferences, Sacramental meetings, Individual Education Program (IEP) meetings, etc.).
- Ensure that their child attends school regularly, is on time and prepared.
- Work cooperatively with teachers and all members of the school community in all areas of their child’s school life including disciplinary issues. Work towards the common good of all children.
- Be familiar with and support the school’s code of conduct and regulations (i.e. uniforms, internet use, traffic safety on school grounds, etc.)
- Take concerns to the appropriate person(s). Follow the complaints procedure as provided in the CISDV Policy Manual.
- Build bridges of acceptance and understanding among the different cultures represented in the school community.

The Principal in law has the discretionary right to prohibit or remove any person (including parents) on school premises and property who is deemed to be an immediate threat (in deed or word) to the safety of students and/or employees and/or any other members of the school community. The Principal will inform the Superintendent, School Pastor and, if need be, Local School Council when such action is taken.

The Superintendent and School Pastor, in consultation with the Principal and/or Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment Office, reserve the right to determine consequences for non-compliance.

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