



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

UPDATE TO ADMISSION AND PLACEMENT OF ELEMENTARY PUPILS POLICY S.A.01

“He judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with equity.”, Psalm 9:8

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends updating the current *Admission and Placement of Elementary Pupils Policy (S.A.01)* to reflect current practice, legal precedent and to reformat in meta policy format.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 20 hours

B. PURPOSE

This recommendation report is on the Order Paper of the Governance Policy Committee as it recommends policy revision.

C. BACKGROUND

1. *The Admission and Placement of Elementary Pupils Policy (S.A.01)* was approved on October 23, 2014 and was last updated January 6, 2015.
2. The policy amendments (*Appendix 'A'*) proposed herein reflect changes to legislation, alignment with other policies and refinement of policy language to current standard.
3. *Public consultation on the policy has occurred.* The opportunity for public to comment on this policy was offered through the Board website via online survey from April 11th to April 24th, 2019.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. *Regulation 1 (iv): The removal messaging that refers to FDK implementation that occurred between 2010 and 2014.* The remaining points under Regulation 1 sufficiently address eligibility for admission to a TCDSB elementary school.
2. *Regulation 2 (v) – The removal of requirements for school boards to collect Immunization Records.* The TCDSB was informed in December 2018 that Toronto Public Health (TPH) would no longer require school boards to collect Immunization Records. Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) has been amended and requires parents of children attending elementary and

secondary school to provide their local health unit (TPH in Toronto) with proof of their child's immunization. Failure to update TPH with immunization documentation can result in the child's suspension from school.

3. ***Regulation 4 (b). The removal of the reference to grandfathering of students with siblings in specialized program enrolled in the 2014-15 school year.*** This clause was added in the October 23, 2014 approval of this policy. As the grandfathering has run its course, the clause is no longer applicable.
4. ***Regulation 8.*** Statement added to *clarify that applications are assigned priority levels* at the beginning of the registration process.
5. ***Regulation 11. Added to address any instances that are not satisfied through the existing policy.*** The Director of Education is granted this right through the Placement of Pupils Policy S.A. 02.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. ***Public consultation (Appendix 'B') on this policy was offered through the Board website via online survey from April 11th to April 24th, 2019.***
2. ***The responses gathered were negative in nature however they are based on a misinterpretation of the actions noted above (Appendix 'A').***
 - Several respondents were concerned with the removal of the Immunization record as a required document. An Immunization record is still required, however TCDSB is no longer responsible for collection of the document, as this responsibility has been transferred to TPH.
 - Several respondents raised concern over the removal of the ***sibling rule for a specialized program***. This clause was removed as part of the October 23, 2014 approval of the policy, and a clause added to address grandfathering siblings of students enrolled in 2014-15 school year. Changes proposed at this time simply remove the clause regarding grandfathering as the time has elapsed.
 - The remaining concerns relate to ***sections of the policy where no changes are recommended***, specifically priority levels and guaranteed acceptance.

F. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. The updated policy and accompanying appendices, as approved will be posted on the TCDSB Policy Register.

G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the amendments to the *Admission and Placement of Elementary Pupils Policy (S.A.01)* as indicated in Appendix 'A'.