



## Appendix A

### **TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

## **CHARTER OF RIGHTS**

**The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.**

**Our vision of Catholic education invites each one of us—students, parents, TCDSB staff, and other community members—to work together as a community of believers committed to putting the values of our faith into practice in the daily life of the school, the home, the parish and in all of society.**

**As parents in the TCDSB, you can expect your child to receive a quality education based on the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations in an appropriate learning environment, recognizing the diversity of students and their needs.**

**Guided by the principles of respect, equity, integrity, trust, accountability and transparency the TCDSB ensures the rights of both parents and students as enshrined in the Parent/Student Charter of Rights.**

#### **Definitions:**

- a) **Parent/Guardian:** As defined by the Ontario Education Act: A person who has the lawful custody of a child, other than the parent of the child; includes anyone who has received into his or her home a person, other than his or her own child, of compulsory school age and that person resides with him or her or is in his or her care
- b) **TCDSB:** those individuals that are employed or are stakeholders within the Toronto District School Board

## **PARENT CHARTER OF RIGHTS**

- 1. The right to a faith based publically funded school with education grounded in Catholic doctrine, traditions and teachings for your child.**
- 2. The right to opportunities for involvement in your child's education.**
- 3. The right to ensure that your child is learning in a safe, healthy, and caring school, free of discrimination, prejudice, bullying and harassment.**
- 4. The right to ensure that your child's spiritual, physical, emotional, mental, social and academic needs are appropriately met.**
- 5. The right to delivery of the curriculum consistent with our Catholic faith and with the provincial requirements.**
- 6. The right for your child to receive appropriate materials, resources and technologies consistent with the requirements of the curriculum.**
- 7. The right to communicate, to comment, to raise concern(s), or to register complaint(s) in a respectful manner to TCDSB staff, and to the Board of Trustees without fear of unjust repercussions and have your question, concern or complaint acknowledged with a response within a reasonable time in a respectful manner.**
- 8. The right to the confidentiality of your child's records in accordance with TCDSB policies and applicable legislation.**
- 9. The right to access all your child's education records and to meet with TCDSB staff to discuss their progress.**
- 10. The right to have any special needs assessments addressed by Board designated professionals within the required timelines.**
- 11. The right to access and understand available information, consistent with Privacy Laws, about your child's school, school board, teachers, administrators, facilities, policies, procedures, and programs within a reasonable time.**
- 12. The right to have TCDSB rules and regulations and individual school policies applied and adhered to with transparency, consistency, fairness and compassion.**

## **STUDENT CHARTER OF RIGHTS**

- 1. The right to participate in decisions that affect their education and school life, where appropriate.**
- 2. The right to equity and inclusiveness amongst all students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board.**
- 3. The right to spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically safe, and positive school climate where one is respected and treated in a manner consistent with our Catholic values and teachings.**
- 4. The right to have yearly access to available extra-curricular activities.**
- 5. The right to effective and qualified instruction, including having access to the resources and adequate learning environment necessary for success.**
- 6. The right to elect student representation.**
- 7. The right for students, where legally permitted, to advocate for themselves or to choose another representative without a fear of ageism or any other form of discrimination.**
- 8. The right to make a phone call or communicate with their parents or designated guardian in case of personal distress or emergency.**
- 9. The right to have school rules and regulations applied and adhered to with consistency, fairness, and compassion.**
- 10. The right to engage in a respectful dialogue with the school Principal and staff, raising comments and concerns as well as to have them addressed.**