



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEEPOLICY S.A 01 ADMISSIONS AND PLACEMENT OF ELEMENTARY
PUPILS

ADDITION OF CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX LANGUAGE

But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you., Genesis 6:18

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INFORMATION REPORT

Vision: *IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

Mission: *Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.*



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
2022 - 2025

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 30, 2023, the Board of Trustees approved amending *Policy S.A.01 – Admissions and Placement of Elementary Pupil* to permit Christian Orthodox students baptized in a recognized Christian Orthodox Church affiliated with the See of Constantinople or Alexandria to attend TCDSB elementary schools.

This report highlights the updates to Policy S. A. 01 required to implement the Board approved motion.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 6 hours

B. BACKGROUND

1. ***At the March 30, 2023, Student Achievement Committee, the Board approved updates to Policy S.A.01 – Admission and Placement of Elementary Pupils.*** The approved motion is outlined below.

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Admission and Placement of Elementary Pupils Policy (S.A.01) be amended such that Christian Orthodox children be permitted to attend TCDSB elementary schools provided:

- a) That space remains available in a school after registering/ servicing all Catholic students;*
- b) That the child(ren) must be baptized in a recognized Christian Orthodox Church affiliated with the See of Constantinople or Alexandria; and*
- c) That staff operationalize a registration process requiring parents/guardians to attest to the expectation that their child(ren) fully participate in the Catholic curriculum, culture, community, and practices of the school.*
- d) That the Director provide a report one year after the policy is implemented*
- e) That any student accepted under this policy will be grandfathered until such time as the policy is changed.”*

2. ***The motion, as presented above, has been implemented*** and actioned through the admissions process. The policy updates highlighted in *Appendix ‘A’* reflect the current practice and spirit of the motion.

3. ***Regulation 1 of Policy S.A.01 outlines eligibility requirements for admission to TCDSB schools*** and has been revised to include the additional language related to Christian Orthodox students.

vii. who is not Catholic, but who is baptized in a recognized Christian Orthodox Church under the See of Constantinople or Alexandria; or

viii. who is not Catholic, but whose parent/guardian is baptized in a recognized Christian Orthodox Church under the See of Constantinople or Alexandria.

4. ***Regulation 2 of the policy relates to required documentation for elementary school admission*** and has been updated to include a new section.

vii. A Christian Orthodox applicant is required to provide proof of Baptismal as per Reg. 1(vii/viii).

5. ***The admission priority levels outlined in Regulation 8 of the policy have been revised to reflect the approved motion.***

v. Priority 5A – Catholic Students residing in the City of Toronto.

Priority 5B – Christian Orthodox students residing in the City of Toronto.

vi. Priority 6A – Catholic Students residing outside the City of Toronto.

Priority 6B – Christian Orthodox students residing outside of the City of Toronto.

6. ***In addition, a new definition was added for context throughout the policy.***

Christian Orthodox (for the purposes of this policy)

A child and/or parent/guardian who is baptized in a recognized Christian Orthodox Church under the See of Constantinople or Alexandria.

7. ***Families of all Non-Catholic applicants are required to attest*** to the expectation that their child(ren) fully participate in the Catholic curriculum, culture, community, and practices of the school. The category of Christian Orthodox has been added to the existing form to be completed at the time of registration. No policy update is required for this purpose.

C. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Statistics relating to the admission and placement of Christian Orthodox students will be reported as outlined in the approved motion.

D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the information of the Board of Trustees.