

Appendix A      **POLICY SECTION:**    Schools, Students and Learning

**SUB-SECTION:**       Programs

**POLICY NAME:**       Cursive Writing

**POLICY NO:**           S.P.14

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<b>Responsible Department: Student Achievement, Innovation and Well-Being</b>  <b>Cross References:</b> <del>The Ontario Curriculum Grades 1—8 Elementary Language Curriculum (2023)</del> <del>The Kindergarten Program (2016)</del> <del>The Addendum to the Kindergarten Program (2019)</del> <del>Growing Success – The Kindergarten Addendum: Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting in Ontario Schools, 2016</del> <del>Learning for All (2013)</del>		

**Purpose:**

**Policy:**

The purpose of this policy aligns with the Elementary Language Curriculum (2023) document is to provide the where direct instruction of cursive writing begins for all students in Grade 3 to meet the curriculum’s expectations.

The policy is in alignment with the TCDSB’s Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) and reflects Catholic values rooted in the love of Christ.

**Scope and Responsibility:**

This policy applies to Grade 3 students in all elementary schools of the Board, beginning in Grade 3. The Executive Superintendent of Student Achievement, Innovation and Well-Being Superintendent of Curriculum Leadership & Innovation is, along with each school’s Principal are responsible for this policy.

**Alignment with MYSP:**



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~~Fostering Student Achievement and Well-Being~~

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### **Policy:**

~~This policy requires that cursive writing be taught through direct instruction in all Grade 3 classrooms.~~

### **Regulations:**

1. ~~During regular school hours, Principals will ensure that grade 3 classes include the d~~Direct instruction of cursive **writing in alignment with expectations in the Elementary Language Curriculum (2023), will begin in Grade 3.**
2. Under the topic of calligraphy, cursive writing could be part of art activities.
3. For extra practice and to engage parents/**guardians**, **and** families will be made aware of the TCDSB Literacy portal and the internet links which provide further learning/practice activities.

### **Definitions:**

Cursive is a style of writing in which all the letters in a word are connected. It is also known as script (as opposed to printing).

### **Evaluation and Metrics:**

1. **The policy will be reviewed every five years.**
2. ~~The effectiveness of the policy will be determined by gathering feedback from Principals during K-8 Principal meetings.~~