



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

UPDATE TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENT FOR SECONDARY PUPILS POLICY (S.P.12)

*Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.
Proverbs 4:13*

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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*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 updates to the Religious Education Course Requirement for Secondary Pupils Policy (S.P. 12) to align with current practices; namely, that students are required to enrol in one religious education course in each of the four years of secondary school, subject to applicable legislation.

B. PURPOSE

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends a policy revision.

C. BACKGROUND

The Religious Education Course Requirement for Secondary Pupils Policy was approved on August 21, 1986 and has not been amended since.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. Upon review of the policy, it was clear that the policy required an update to reflect practices regarding the Religious Education Course Requirement for Secondary Pupils at the TCDSB. The amendments to the policy attached at APPENDIX A align with the current practices.
2. The area superintendent consulted with and received input from the Superintendent of Student Success.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Recommendations in this report will be monitored by policy development staff.
2. Further reports to Board will be brought as necessary.

F. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Updates to the policy will be communicated to all principals to communicate to their school community.

G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Religious Education Course Requirement for Secondary Pupils Policy (S.P.12) provided in APPENDIX A be adopted.