



St. Michael's School

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Family Statement of Commitment

Rationale

"Because 'promotion of the human person is the goal of the Catholic school,' Catholic education goes beyond the technical and practical aspects of schooling to help students integrate every area of knowledge within a Christian vision of the human person. The school recognizes that the physical, emotional, moral and spiritual dimensions of human development must tend to a personal synthesis of faith and life in each student. Growth in these areas prepares students for a life of service, building the Kingdom of God in society."

Pastoral Letter on Catholic Schools; Catholic Bishops of British Columbia; 4 November 2016

Policy

The philosophy of our Catholic school expresses the teaching and practice of the Roman Catholic Church and must be supported by all members of the community. Partners (home, school, parish) in Catholic education must work together to provide an environment where faith and learning go hand in hand leading the young people to be the best they can be.

Procedure

Please read Annex A carefully. It asks you to make a commitment to the values and ideals of our school community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this commitment form, please bring them to the attention of the Principal, Pastor or the Chairperson of the Education Committee who will gladly discuss them with you.

All families will be required to complete the Family Statement of Commitment attached. Both parents/guardians must sign this Statement of Commitment.

By returning the signed statement with your completed school application, you are confirming your agreement to comply with the commitments, and your understanding of the implications for failing to do so (as outlined in Annex A that forms part of this policy).

Annex A

1. Parents and guardians agree that they and their families will exhibit conduct consistent with Catholic denominational standards. The determination of whether any conduct contravenes these standards is the right of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese.
2. All students are required to participate in our religious education curricular and co-curricular programs including liturgical celebrations, retreats, prayer, etc.
3. Parents/Guardians are expected to support the teachings on faith and morals in the Christian Education Program and participate in the program as required by the school.
4. All students are expected to attend school on a regular basis and full participation in all aspects of the educational program of the school are required of every student. Each student is expected to strive toward the development of his/her full potential.
5. Each family is expected to support and participate in the fund-raising activities of the parish/school. In this way, each family shares in the responsibility of educating our students.
6. Each student is expected to know and follow school policies on behaviour, and each parent/ guardian is expected to review these policies with their own child.
7. Parents/guardians are expected to support their student's educational program. Parents/ guardians agree to consult with that teacher, Principal or other school staff member with respect to the student's educational program as required.
8. Parents/Guardians are expected to attend at least one orientation session which will focus on the philosophy and goals of our school.
9. Parents/Guardians agree to accept the responsibility for the cost of tuition, supplies and other school activities.
10. If applicable (see Schedule A below), each parent/ guardian agrees to:
 - a Provide the school with complete and updated versions of any orders or agreements
 - i Affecting, restricting or prohibiting a parent/ guardian's ability to access the school or a student attending the school
 - ii Impacting a parent/ guardian's authority over decision making in relation to a student's education
 - iii Ensure that any updates to these orders are given to the school as they occur
 - b Minimize and void any disruption to the school associated with the implementation of those orders or agreements, and
 - c Comply with the terms of any orders or agreements
11. If any of these conditions are not met the school reserves the right to: refuse admission, or remove the student from the school, or take any other appropriate action in the circumstances.

Parents are asked to sign two copies of this Family Statement of Commitment. One copy is for the family's records and the other is to be submitted with the application.



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PLEASE KEEP THIS SIGNED COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

"I/we have read and understand the above expectations and commitments and I/we hereby accept them as stated."

Parent/Guardian
Name *(please print)*

Signature

Date:

Parent/Guardian
Name *(please print)*

Signature

Date:

Schedule A (Only if applicable)

I _____, parent/guardian of _____, confirm that there is an order or agreement (check as appropriate):

- affecting, restricting, or prohibiting a parent/guardian's ability to access the school or a student
- attending the school
- impacting a parent/guardian's authority over decision making in relation to a student's education
- Other

Please provide details with respect to the order:

I also confirm that:

- I (we) have provided the school with complete versions of all orders.
- I (we) have provided the school with complete versions of all applicable agreements.
- I (we) have provided the school with complete versions of all updates to these orders and agreements.
- I (we) agree to provide the school with any new updates to these orders and agreements as they are determined and to follow up with the documents as they are made available.
- I (we) agree to comply with the terms of any orders or agreements
- I (we) agree to minimize and avoid any disruption to the school associated with the implementation of those orders or agreements