

Student Trustee Expectations and Responsibilities Agreement

The student trustee is a contributing, non-voting student member on the Board of Trustees who represents the voice of the students served by the Board, and plays a key role in Board issues through active participation in the decision-making process at the Board level.

The Student Trustee will:

1. be Roman Catholic; or, if not a baptized Roman Catholic, be fully supportive of the mission, vision, and responsibilities of Catholic Schools in Ontario;
2. be a full-time pupil of the Board in the senior division as of August 1 after the election and remain so for the duration of his or her term of office;
3. shall meet the eligibility requirements within the Education Act and Municipal Elections Act related to Catholic School Board Trustees, excluding those related to age;
4. receive written approval of his or her parent/guardian, if under 18 years old by the date of the commencement of office;
5. abide by the rules and code of conduct of their secondary school and the board and do nothing to encourage or lead actions or activities that would be contrary to legislation or the board/school code of conduct.
6. attend public sessions of regular meetings of the Board and its standing committees; normally, the student trustees will not attend the in-camera portion of a board meeting; Absence from three consecutive Board meetings without excusal from the Office of the Director will result in disqualification of the student trustee in accordance with the Education Act.
7. uphold and promote the Board's Mission and Vision in the performance of his or her duties and demonstrate support for the Board and its senior leadership team;
8. maintain strict confidentiality of all information or matters related to board business that are deemed confidential and act in accordance with Board Policies, By-laws, and Rules of Order;
9. participate fully with other trustees in discussions, giving voice to the interests of all students and reporting regularly to the Board, and to act on behalf of the well-being of the student population within the Board;
10. act as Co-chair of the Student Council Liaison Committee;
11. take the lead, as Co-Chair of the Student Council Liaison Committee, in planning the annual leadership event for secondary student council members;
12. liaise with the student population through local school student councils by means of the Student Council Liaison Committee, and communicate with them on Board matters;

