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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students are treated with dignity (Genesis 1:27). In the presence of others with immutable characteristics, including race, ethnicity, culture, citizenship, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, disability and/or any ground protected by the *Human Rights Code* or any other immutable characteristic, the goal of a Catholic school is to create a positive learning environment. The HCDSB encourages and supports students to establish and lead student groups to foster a sense of belonging and acceptance.

The purpose of student groups is creating a positive, loving learning environment consistent with Catholic teaching and free from violence, harassment and/or bullying on the basis of race, colour, ethnicity, culture, citizenship, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, disability and/or any ground protected by the *Human Rights Code* or any other immutable characteristic.

Application and Scope

The objectives of such student groups and activities are as follows:

To strengthen and promote student leadership, equity, social justice, critical connections, student achievement.



1. One or more students who desire to establish a student group must submit a written proposal in the form attached (Appendix A) for the review and consideration of the principal and members of the student initiated group shall be clearly communicated.
2. If a student approaches an Administrator or staff advisor shall provide the student(s) with a copy of Appendix A to complete and



Student Groups in Catholic Schools - Proposal

Student Name(s):

Student Grade(s):

Identify the primary need of the community group and provide a brief description of the group's purpose and objectives.

Identify the ultimate goal of the group and provide a brief description of the group's purpose and objectives.