



POLICY P.041.SCO

TITLE: **DECISION MAKING, PARENTING TIME, CUSTODY AND ACCESS TO STUDENTS BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

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COMMITMENT TO INDIGENOUS RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND EQUITY

The Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that this policy and associated procedures promote and protect Indigenous rights, human rights, and equity. The Board will strive to address and eliminate discrimination and structural and systemic barriers for students, staff, and the community.

1.0 OBJECTIVE RATIONALE

To ensure that the ~~decision-making and parenting time custody and access~~ rights of parents/guardians of students enrolled at the school are exercised through the schools in accordance with legal custody and access arrangements.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Please refer to Appendix A for a list of definitions of terms used in this policy.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 The Board shall:

- a) follow the provisions of the *Children's Law Reform Act*, the *Divorce Act* and the ~~*Child and Family Services Act*~~ *Child, Youth and Family Services Act* in matters relating to ~~decision-making and parenting time custody and access~~ of students by parents/ guardians;
- b) support the documented decisions of the courts in matters relating to ~~decision-making and parenting time custody and access~~, which are on file in the school; and
- c) be subject to the provisions of the *Education Act*, 2000, Section 305, and *Ontario Regulation 474/000 Access to School Premises*.

3.2 In the event of a situation that is not covered in 2.1 (a), (b) or (c) above, the principal shall act in the best interest of student safety.

4.0 APPENDICES

Appendix A: Policy Definitions

5.0 REFERENCES

[Education Act](#), 2000, Section 305

[Ontario Regulation 474/000 Access to School Premises](#)

[The Children's Law Reform Act](#), R.S.O. 1990, c. C.12, as amended

~~The [Child and Family Services Act](#) R.S.O. 1990, c. C.11, as amended~~ [Child, Youth and Family Services Act](#), 2017, S.O. 2017

[The Divorce Act](#) R.S.O. 1985 (2nd Supp.), c. 3, as amended

OCDSB [Procedure PR.531.SCO: Custody and Access to Students by Parents/Guardians](#)

APPENDIX A: POLICY DEFINITIONS

In this policy,

Board means the Board of Trustees.