



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

Section: Schools

Policy: Opening/Closing Exercises

SC:16

POLICY

1. The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board shall ensure that opening and closing exercises are held in each school under its jurisdiction, in accordance with the requirements of the regulations, which include the singing of O Canada.
2. In keeping with its Mission and Vision, the Board shall encourage the reciting of prayers or scriptural readings as part of the opening and/or closing exercises.
3. The Board shall accept that the reading of the Pledge of Citizenship is optional and should be a joint decision of the Principal and School Council.

REGULATIONS

The Education Act, Regulation 298, Section 4
Regulations 435 and 436
Safe Schools Act, Section 304 (1), (2), (3)

PROCEDURES

1. The opening exercises shall include prayers or readings that impart social, moral, or spiritual values.
2. The opening or closing exercises shall include the singing of O Canada.
3. Principals shall review their opening and closing exercises each September in consultation with their School Councils.

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Related Policies: SC:07 Safe Schools
SC:15 Code of Conduct

Related Board Committee:

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