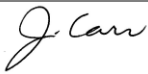




*Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 recognizes that when it is in the best overall interests of the district, a school or part of a school program may need to be closed. The authority to close an entire school or to close three or more consecutive grades in a school rests with the board of trustees.*

**Definitions:**

1. **Closure** means any action referred to in Alberta Regulation 238/97 and noted in the following definition
2. **Closure of schools/programs**  
The board may:
  - a. close a school permanently or for a specified period of time,
  - b. close entirely 3 or more consecutive grades in a school; or
  - c. transfer all students from one school building to one or more other school buildings on a permanent basis.
3. District Policy 605 and Administrative Regulation 605 do not apply to a closure that occurs:
  - a. in connection with the transfer by one board to another board or to the operator of a charter school of the ownership of real property on which a school building is located and the school building will continue to be used for the instruction or accommodation of students, or
  - b. as a result of the Minister's having directed the board to dispose of the school building pursuant to section 200(3) of the School Act or
  - c. pursuant to section 2(b) if
    - i. the school has more than one education program,
    - ii. the students in the grades being closed are all in the same education program, and
    - iii. the education program referred to in subclause (ii) is to be transferred to another school.
  - d. Where a board plans to transfer an education program pursuant to subsection 3(c)(iii), the board shall organize and convene an information meeting for the purpose of informing the parents of the students affected by the transfer and the alternative arrangements for continuing the education program at another school.
  - e. The Minister may, on the written request of the board or on the Minister's initiative, exempt a board from the requirements of the Closure of Schools Regulation, A.R. 238/97 in respect of a closure that occurs:
    - i. as a result of the board's inability to comply with section 57(2) of the School Act, or
    - ii. for health or safety reasons.
4. **Attendance area** means the region within the established boundaries of a school. The boundaries are depicted on the *Edmonton Catholic Schools School Attendance Areas Maps*.
5. **Catchment area** includes the attendance area of the school and the other attendance areas for which the district has designated the school as the receiving school for students residing in specific neighbourhoods with no local elementary schools or areas with no junior or senior high schools.

Reference:	School Act Section 58, 60(1)(a), 60 (3)(c) Closure of Schools Regulation 238/97 consolidation up to AR 170/2004	Approved:	
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