



The Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 has an obligation to provide a safe, nurturing learning environment that recognizes the unique gifts and inherent value of each student and staff member who is part of the school community. In this environment the goodness, dignity, and worth of all are recognized and all are held accountable for their actions.

Believing that all people are created in the image and likeness of God, the district recognizes all are capable of good and therefore, inappropriate behaviour is challenged but the individual is affirmed.

As members of a Christ-centred learning community, the actions of all focus on service to one another with emphasis on growth and transformation rather than restitution and expediency.


The district recognizes the need for a learning environment that is well ordered, safe, developmentally appropriate, and non-threatening. Students have the opportunity for growth and for choice with the understanding that there are logical consequences that follow their actions in order to ensure the welfare and security of the entire community.

Believing that Catholic education is a shared responsibility in which parents have a primary role, the district recognizes that responsibility for student growth is shared among the students, their parents, the district staff, and agencies and services in the broader community. As partners in this community, parents have an important role in fostering and supporting learning and acceptable conduct and in recognizing that the student must accept the consequences of his/her actions.

Definitions:

Harassment occurs when one person subjects another to unwelcome verbal or physical conduct because of race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, physical or mental disability, age, ancestry, or place of origin. Unwanted physical contact, attention, demands, jokes or insults are harassment when they negatively affect the learning environment.

A **weapon** as defined under the Criminal Code of Canada includes any item that is designed to be used as a weapon or any item a person uses or intends to use as a weapon intended to inflict injury

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