

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



BOARD POLICY	
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POLICY TITLE: OPENING EXERCISES

SECTION A

1. PURPOSE

Catholic Education proclaims a view of life that is God centered, a view of person that is Christ centered and a view of community that is Church centered. In keeping with these belief statements, the York Catholic District School Board endorses prayer, scripture reading and relevant reflection(s) that focus on the richness, understanding, and appreciation of our Catholic Faith in opening exercises for the school day as well as for any event held at the school. The Board also endorses the importance of good citizenship and commitment to our country, Canada, through the singing of our national anthem. The purpose of this policy is to provide direction to schools for all opening exercises.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the York Catholic District School Board:

That each school shall begin the day with opening exercises consisting of a prayer, scripture reading, or relevant reflection and the singing of "O Canada"; and

That school events shall begin with opening exercises consisting of a prayer, scripture reading or relevant reflection.

3. PARAMETERS

- 3.1 The implementation of this policy shall be in accordance with the Education Act, s. 304, and Ontario Regulation 435/00.
- 3.2 The Board does not endorse the recitation of the pledge of citizenship as part of opening exercises in its schools.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Principals: To ensure that opening exercises, as per the expectation of this policy, are included within the daily schedule and at any event held at the school.

5. CROSS REFERENCES

Education Act, Ontario, s. 304
Ontario Regulation 435/00

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