



## Naming of Schools

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#### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board recognizes the symbolic significance of a school's name and the opportunity to honour a person, event or symbol associated with the Catholic Church and the Catholic Community.

#### **APPLICATION AND SCOPE:**

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board shall determine names for schools that respect the Catholic identity of our school system through a consultative process.

In the naming of a new school, the following criteria shall be observed:

- Schools shall be designated as either "Catholic Elementary or Catholic Secondary School" in their official school name unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- A school shall be given the name of Our Lord, Our Lady, a Saint, an exemplary Catholic figure of historical significance or a Catholic tradition.
- The duplication of names within the board will not be permitted
- The possessive form shall not be used.
- The naming committee shall include a local trustee(s), the appropriate superintendent of schools, the local pastor, a principal, a teacher, and a representative(s) designated by the appropriate school council(s) within the catchment area.

#### **REFERENCES:**

*Bill 33, Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025*

#### **FORMS:**

N/A

#### **APPENDICES:**

N/A

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

N/A



## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES:**

### **1.0 Consultative Process**

The purpose of this Administrative Procedure is to provide direction to staff and community partners for proposing names for schools in the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

The Superintendent of schools is responsible for implementing this Administrative Procedure.

The Superintendent of schools shall issue a memorandum inviting suggestions for names of the new school from the school community, all other communities of the BHNCDSB, and all employees of the Board.

The Superintendent of schools will convene and chair a school-naming committee consisting of a local trustee(s), the local pastor, a principal, a teacher and a representative(s) designated by the appropriate school council(s), to review the suggested names and submit a maximum of three names to the Board of Trustees for consideration. Their submission will also include a summary of all the proposed names, as well as a detailed description of the process and any other relevant consultation input for the Board to deliberate on in an Open session of the board.

If an existing school facility is closed or replaced and the pupils are relocated to a new school facility, the name of the closed school facility shall become the name of the new school facility, unless the Catholic School Council requests in writing to the Chair of the Board that a name change be considered for the school.

The Bishop of the Diocese where the new school is to be located, and the Minister of Education will be consulted as to the suitability of the name submitted.