



Policy Manual – Students

S.A.02 Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)

Policy Statement

In keeping with its mission and vision, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCD SB) shall ensure that when applications are received for pupils to be exempted from regular school attendance, every effort will be made to accommodate those pupils from ages fourteen to seventeen in finding a suitable learning environment and process that will best meet their needs.

Purpose

In all cases, the primary goal of Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) is to offer a program that is in the pupil's best interest; reflects input from HWCD SB staff, the pupil's parents/guardians, and from the pupil him/herself; and supports the pupil in meeting personalized and identified goals. The purpose of SAL is to assist pupils either to return to school or, at 18 years of age, to proceed to one of the five postsecondary options: apprenticeship training, college, independent living, university, or the workplace (*Supervised Alternative Learning: Policy and Implementation*, 2010).

The purpose of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Supervised Alternative Learning Committee shall be to consider for approval, applications for alternative learning programs that would be in the best interest of a pupil. The goal is to maintain a connection to learning for these pupils and to support their continued progress towards graduation or achievement of other educational and personal goals.

Responsibility

Superintendent of Education – Mental Health, Well-Being & Engagement
School Principals
Supervised Alternative Learning Statutory Committee

Regulations

Education Act S.21 (1) - compulsory attendance and (2) (h) - the child is absent or excused as authorized under the Act and regulations.

Ontario Regulation R.R.O.1990, Reg. 374/10.

The Ministry of Education of Ontario. Supervised Alternative Learning Policy and Implementation 2010.

Related Policies

A04 Equity & Inclusive Education

SA05 Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

SM07 Ontario Student Records

SM08 Safe Schools

Related Board Committee

Committee of the Whole

Policy Review Date

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