



Policy Manual – Students

S.M.10 – Social Dancing in Elementary Schools

The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which Our Lord Jesus Christ is the model.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board does not permit social dancing as an activity in its elementary schools. This policy applies to school parties, either during the school day, during the lunch hour, or after school. The policy applies also to activities sponsored by a school after hours.

Exception to this Policy:

The one exception to this policy applies to pupils who are graduating from Grade 8 in which case, social dancing may be one of the activities carried on at a graduation **celebration** for these **students**.

Purpose

Since the final Grade 8 Graduation Party occurs at the end of the student's elementary school education, schools are permitted to include a social dance in this culminating activity as a preparation for the secondary school experience.

The Principal of the school is responsible for the implementation of this policy. Such school-sponsored social events shall be under the control and supervision of school personnel and must be chaperoned by members of the teaching staff **and volunteers as identified by the school**.

Responsibility: School Principal

Regulations: N/A

Related Board Committee: Religion, Family Life and Faith Formation

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