

OFFERING A NEW GRADE LEVEL

Section 11 of the Alberta Education Act (Act) states that a board shall ensure that each of its resident students is provided with an education program consistent with the requirements of the Act and its regulations. Therefore, in a community served by Christ The Redeemer Catholic Schools where Catholic education has stopped at a grade level other than grade 12 for more than one year, and there is a desire by some parents of children in the school to investigate the offering of the next higher grade, the following procedures shall apply.

1. If by October 1st of a year, a petition is received by the Superintendent, or designate, (receipt by the local principal is deemed to be sufficient), signed by the parents of five (5) students in the highest grade currently offered at the school, and requests a presentation by the Christ The Redeemer Catholic Separate School Division Board of Trustees (Board) on the type of Catholic program that could be offered at that new level, the Board shall:
 - Within eight (8) weeks, hold a meeting of interested parents of children enrolled in that school to present information on the type of program that could be offered, and provide parents with written information on the same.
 - Indicate to the parents the number of students required to be registered at that grade level for the program to be viable in the manner described.
 - Open registrations for the new grade for a period of thirty (30) days.
 - After the 30-day registration period, render a decision on whether offering a new grade is viable for the next school year.
2. In subsequent years of the first new grade being added, additional grades will be added up to Grade 12 if sufficient numbers of students register. The Superintendent, or designate, shall let the parents of this school know by February 15th of a year if a further grade shall be offered.

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