

**DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**BOARD POLICY**

<b>Board Policy Number:</b>	<b>2.25</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Cooperative Education</b>
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The Mission of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the family and church, is to provide, in a responsible manner, a Catholic education which develops spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social and physical capabilities of each individual to live fully today and to meet the challenges of the future, thus enriching the community.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board includes the teaching of religion, family life, the practice of prayer and worship, and the presence of Gospel values in the curriculum and daily life in the schools. Schools have strong links to parishes and assist parishes with sacramental preparation. Parish staff conducts liturgies and provide other services within the schools. The Catholic school system maintains strong links between the home, school and church, and parental participation in the education of students is highly encouraged. These links provide for a natural reinforcement and development of Christian values in the Catholic tradition.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, in accordance with its Mission Statement, supports and cooperates with placements that reflect Judeo Christian work ethics, values and respect for life.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board supports a full range of secondary school Cooperative Education Programs, for credit, so that students may take advantage of the educational resources in the community, and develop skills and understanding related to their future vocational pursuits.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board supports Special Education work experience and Co-op programs under Special Education guidelines to encourage exceptional pupils to take full advantage of the educational resources in the community and develop job-related skills.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, in implementing education activities through Cooperative Education Programs, supports and complies with the Ontario Human Rights Code, Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and Pay Equity Legislation.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board seeks to enable all students to develop their individual aptitudes and to acquire skills essential to living in a contemporary and changing society, and to ensure physical and mental health. (OS IS 1.3)

SEE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES 406.00, COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PLACEMENT GUIDELINES