



<b>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</b>	
<b><u>POLICY</u></b>	
<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>	<b>P-4006</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Student Safe Arrival and Early Dismissal</b>
<b>REFERENCE:</b>	PPM No. 123: Safe Arrivals 1999 <a href="#">GAP4007</a> Student Safe Arrival and Dismissal
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	June 15, 1999
<b>AMENDED DATE:</b>	January 28, 2014; February 28, 2023; October 22, 2024; April 29, 2025

*"And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."*

*Mark 10:16*

1. In compliance with Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 123: Safe Arrivals (February 2, 1999), each elementary school in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) shall have an Attendance Verification Program that contains procedures to address the status of any student's unexplained failure to arrive at school.
2. Each DPCDSB secondary school shall also have such a program to address the status of any student's unexplained failure to arrive at school.
3. The Attendance Verification Program procedures, including detailed roles and responsibilities, are outlined in *General Administrative Procedure (GAP)* [GAP4007](#) *Student Safe Arrival and Dismissal*.
4. The Director of Education (or Director's designate), following consultation as appropriate in the circumstances, shall have authority under the *Education Act* to close a school or class for a temporary period where such closing appears unavoidable because of:
  - a) the failure of transportation arrangements;
  - b) inclement weather; fire; flood; the breakdown of the school heating plant; the failure of an essential utility or a similar emergency;
  - c) concerns for student safety, security of DPCDSB school buildings, and/or substantial interference to daily school operations during a strike or lockout of a teachers' bargaining group.
5. In situations in which a school is closed temporarily during the school day due to unavoidable circumstances, the safe dismissal procedures of [GAP4007](#) *Student Safe Arrival and Dismissal* shall be followed by the Principal.
6. The school Principal shall communicate the school's Attendance Verification Program and procedures for arrivals and dismissals with the school community on an annual basis.