

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education or School Board Designation

It is the policy of the Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools Office, under the aegis of the Bishop, that each parish that operates a school must establish a local board of education or a school board. All regional or consolidated schools must establish a board of education or a school board. (IAC 281-12.1)

A Board of Education will encompass all faith formation/education ministries of the parish. Membership on the Board of Education shall reflect the different ministries. A School Board will focus only on the activities and programming of the school.

Both a board of education and a school board serve in an advisory capacity to the pastor and the administrators of the various faith formation ministries of the parish and the school.

If a school desires to establish a school board rather than a board of education it must:

- Give assurance that all education/formation ministries of the parish will receive mutual support and encouragement
- Provide for and maintain effective and efficient communication between the various education/formation ministries
- Seek approval of the pastor and parish pastoral council
- Request approval of the bishop of the diocese through written correspondence detailing how all ministries will be served by this transition.

If approval is granted, the school board constitution must reflect the purview of the board and be approved by the Catholic Schools Board.

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