



## **POLICY STATEMENT**

### **DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP**

#### **Rationale**

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board believes all students and staff should have access to learning experiences that are engaging, authentic, and that leverage local and global connections to foster growth in Catholic character and help develop critical and creative thinking, problem solving, collaboration and communication skills. The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board supports this learning through ethical, competent, and acceptable use of technology, the Internet, social media and associated technology tools.

Digital citizenship defines the norms of responsible behaviour related to the appropriate use of technology and the expectations of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board.

#### **Guiding Principles**

- We desire our students to make decisions in light of gospel values and to be well-prepared to be successful in an ever changing world. Fundamental to such success is the ability to use technology responsibly to gather, evaluate, construct and share knowledge in a 21st century world.
- Learning through collaboration and networking is enhanced by the use of technology within the classroom, the school, and beyond.
- Technology offers new ways to express creativity, and provides opportunities for greater choice regarding how we learn, and how we share and work with others.
- By accessing the Internet while on Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board property or by logging in with a board login, staff and students accept all terms and conditions of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board network and Internet use, as well as the terms outlined in this and other related policies.
- The Board provides staff and students with access to technology to support learning and teaching, and to enable efficient Board administration and communication. Technology, including personally owned devices, must be used for these intended purposes in support of creating positive climates for learning and working.

#### **References**

*Great to Excellent: Launching the Next Stage of Ontario's Education Agenda*  
*Caring and Safe Catholic Schools, S-2013-05-4*  
*Ottawa Catholic School Board Policy Statement*  
*Peel District School Board Policy #78*  
*Digital Citizenship: Samaritans on the Digital Road*  
*Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations*

**Administrative Procedures**

Digital Citizenship Administrative Procedures

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