

**Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board  
Policy Development Project**

**Ten Questions to Ask About Any School Board Policy**

These ten important criteria apply to any school board policy. Boards should be able to say “yes” to each question. A “no” answer is a danger signal. It could be a sign that the given policy may not meet the needs of the community and stand the test of public scrutiny.

1. Does it enable the achievement of our mission and serve the whole educational community better?
2. Is it a legacy we want to leave?
3. Does it tell our community who we are?
4. Is the policy within the scope of the board’s discretionary authority as granted by statute?
5. Is it consistent with provincial and federal law and the provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms?
6. Is it reasonable and free from arbitrariness and capriciousness?
7. Is it judicious?
8. Does it have as its purposes the realization of an educational valid and desirable end or objective?
9. Does it have substantial relationship to a legitimate purpose?
10. Does it reflect sound judgment, wisdom and forbearance?

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School Administrator’s Guide to Policy Development