

POLICY 16 – ASSOCIATE AND DESIGNATED SCHOOLS

The Board recognizes that individual behaviours are motivated by personal faith and cultural experiences and can be enhanced in settings that are more directly related to that environment. The vision of Saskatoon Public Schools is that every student is known, valued, and believed in. The division is committed to create learning experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential.

The Board has the authority to enter into agreements for Associate Schools or Designated Schools. An Associate school is a religiously based independent school that has an agreement to operate in association with a board of education. A Designated school is a school designated by the Board to deliver educational and related services to compulsory aged students pursuant to an agreement with another party. The policy is in keeping with the following priorities:

1. empowering individual schools to provide programs to accommodate community vision and the needs of children.
2. increasing opportunities for parents and community members to be involved in schools.
3. providing for meaningful participation of parents and the community in the education of students and in Board governance.
4. continuing the development of relationships and joint structures with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities.

Procedures

Upon receiving a request for associate school status or a proposal for the provision of services at Designated school, the director of education will present the application to the Board if the request is consistent with the priorities listed in this policy.

If the Board provides “approval in principle” of an application for Associate school status or the provision of educational and related services at a Designated school, the director of education shall be authorized to negotiate a memorandum of agreement with the other party, which will subsequently be presented to the Board for its approval.

Legal Reference: *The Independent School Regulations, E-O.2, Reg 27*

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