



# HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC

District School Board

## Safe Arrival (Elementary)

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### **BELIEF STATEMENT:**

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board believes that all people are created in the image and likeness of God. The Board believes that, to the extent possible, care and safety is the foundation for policies that involve students.

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board that we must promote and ensure, where possible, the safe arrival of our students to school. It is the policy of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board that each elementary school site shall develop their own Safe School Arrival plan so that the local situation and needs are taken into account.

### **PROCEDURE:**

Each Catholic elementary school is responsible to develop, in consultation with the Catholic School Advisory Council, their own Safe School Arrival plan.

The procedures should reflect the following:

- procedures should be part of the daily attendance practices which aim to account, in a timely fashion, for any student's unexplained absence
- schools shall make reasonable efforts to contact parents, guardians or caregivers to ascertain the reason for absence. Parents and guardians are responsible for their children's safety. The safe arrival procedures are a mechanism that schools and parents can use to account and communicate unexplained absences.
- plans shall be developed locally and be implemented in consultation with the Catholic School Advisory Council.
- procedures shall be flexible in order to address normal as well as extra-ordinary situations such as inclement weather.
- individuals involved in implementing the safe arrival program shall be trained by the school regarding procedures and responsibilities.
- a reliable system of documenting key information shall be maintained at each school.
- communication of procedures, as they affect parents, will be communicated on an annual basis to all families.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

- N/A

### **REFERENCES:**

- PPM 123 - Safe Arrivals

**RESOURCES, APPENDICES AND FORMS:**

- N/A