

**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
SECTION A: GOVERNANCE**

<b>GOVERNING STYLE</b>	<b>POLICY</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE:</b> 2003 11 25 / 2006 11 2 / 2013 03 05	

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Board will govern with a style that emphasizes:

1. Outward vision rather than an internal preoccupation;
2. Strategic leadership more than administrative detail;
3. Clear distinction of Board and Director of Education roles;
4. Collective rather than individual decisions;
5. Learning from the past with a focus on the future; and
6. The Golden Rule.

**POLICY GOALS:**

More specifically, the Board will:

1. Approve policy;
2. Be responsible for excellence in governing;
3. Cultivate a sense of group responsibility by deliberating in many voices, but governing in one;
4. Operate in all ways mindful of the above policy statement;
5. Enforce upon itself whatever discipline is needed to govern with excellence. Discipline will apply to matters such as attendance, adherence to its policies, respect of roles, speaking with one voice and ensuring the continual improvement of Board processes;
6. Provide orientation to new members about the Board's governance process;
7. Provide opportunities for periodic Board discussion of process improvement;
8. Direct and inspire the organization with thoughtful establishment of the broadest organizational policies, reflecting the Board's values and vision. The Board's major focus will be on the strategic directions, rather than on the administrative means of attaining those aims/ends.
9. Be mindful of the Policy Statement, with respect to the Board's process and performance at each meeting.