

# *Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

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<b>SECTION:</b>	300 - STUDENTS	<b>CODE:</b>	AP 331
<b>PROCEDURE:</b>	<b>CUSTODY DISPUTES</b>		

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### **BACKGROUND**

The following administrative procedures have been established where the legal custody of a child is questioned by a parent or guardian.

### **PROCEDURES**

The Principal or designate shall:

1. Inform the claimant that custody shall remain in the school until the child has left the school property.
2. Indicate that the parent or the guardian will be notified of the custody request.
3. Ensure that both parties are informed that the child will be released only at the end of classes for the morning or afternoon and that the custody dispute is between the respective parents or guardians and does not involve the school.
4. Contact local police, Ministry of Social Services, and school counsellor if concern for the safety of the child is in question.
5. Contact the Director or designate to record details of the demand for custody.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, 108, 109, 175, 231 Education Act  
Sections 11, 12, 17, 18, 81 Child and Family Services Act  
Emergency Protection of Victims of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Act  
Youth Criminal Justice Act  
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

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