

POLICY: PROVINCIAL/NATIONAL COMPETITIONS - SPECIAL FUNDING REQUESTS # 505

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A: **POLICY**

1. 1.1 The Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board recognizes the value of and approves participation in a variety of curriculum extended competitions which contribute toward achieving the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.
- 1.2 The Board, agrees to financially support provincial/national competitions in accordance with the Board subsidy and guidelines provided in this policy.

B: **GUIDELINES**

2. **General**

- 2.1 In addition to possessing curricular relevance, the event requiring special funding must be an extension of an existing academic competition or athletic competition under the auspices of the Superior Secondary Schools Athletic Association (SSSAA).
- 2.2 The school team and/or individual(s) applying for the special funding must have earned the right to attend the provincial/national competition by meeting established criteria and by properly qualifying for the competition by being declared the winner(s) at the local level and/or regional/provincial level.
- 2.3 While the Board agrees to financially support approved competitions, **it is expected that the schools will actively seek and pursue other sources of funding in addition to seeking financial assistance from the Board**
- 2.4 Procedures for submitting requests:  
The School Principal must submit:
  - 2.4.1 a list of all students and teachers requesting to attend the provincial/national competition;
  - 2.4.2 estimated costs of travel, accommodation and meals (prior to departure);
  - 2.4.3 a description of what other sources of funding are being pursued. Whenever possible, estimated or known amounts should be included;
  - 2.4.4 amount of assistance being requested from the Board; and
  - 2.4.5 actual costs related to same (immediately upon return).
- 2.5 All requests for special funding are to be sent by the Principal to the appropriate school Superintendent using procedures outlined in Policy #705 – School Excursions.
- 2.6 If the school request for provincial/national championship competition funding is approved, the Board will subsidize the student costs related to the most cost effective transportation, accommodation and meals, to the maximum amount of \$200 per student.
- 2.7 Annually at budget time, the appropriate Superintendent will submit an appropriation request for provincial/national championship competitions.

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## 2.8 Extended Excursion Component

2.8.1 All guidelines and procedures relevant to the extended excursion component **Policy #705: School Excursions** must also be followed so that proper safety and supervision arrangements are insured.

## 3. Terms of Reference

3.1 The term "provincial/national competitions" addresses those competitions identified in Sections 3.2 and 3.3 of this policy. These contests are associated with established organizations. In some instances, winners have the opportunity of advancing to provincial and national events.

### 3.2 Athletic Competitions

Local level competitions originate through the auspices of SSSAA. Competitors must win at the local level in order to compete regionally in a N.W.O.S.S.A. (Northwestern Ontario Secondary School Association) competition or at the provincial level in order to compete in an (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association) competition.

### 3.3 Academic Competitions

3.3.1 Board students may participate in a variety of academic competitions.

3.3.2 Academic competitions in which students may participate include, but are not exclusive to:

Mathematics  
Computer  
Accounting  
Science Fair  
Reach for the Top  
Music Festival (vocal, string, band, etc.)  
Drama  
Oral Communications  
Debating Competition  
Skills Canada (Technology)

3.3.3 Most academic competitions apply to secondary level students.

3.3.4 Only local winners shall advance to a regional and/or provincial level in accordance with guidelines 2.2 and 2.6.