



Quinte Region Christian Schools

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

PREAMBLE

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

A Christian school community can flourish where there is a love of children and of education. Healthy communities have traditions that maintain a fluid and flexible set of relationships across the generations and among many families.

A strong Christian school community requires a minimum of two things:

- A complete reliance on the Lord and the Bible. (All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16)
- A group of people dedicated to following His leading in raising a new generation of believers. (Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Deut. 6:5-7)

Quinte Region Christian Schools (QRCS) is a membership organization incorporated and under provincial laws controlled by its members. In other words, QRCS is owned and operated by an incorporated-organization of individuals who wish to protect and promote the core values and goals of Christian education.

QRCS members should encourage one another to maintain a high level of active involvement in the programs and daily functioning of the QRCS. Members of the QRCS are eligible to vote on QRCS business when not in conflict of interest. Members of the QRCS are also eligible to serve on the Board of Directors and the committees of the QRCS subject to meeting eligibility requirements.



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CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

1. Members must commit to and agree with the basis, principle guidelines, and purpose of the QRCS, as expressed in the Objects of the QRCS and By-law No. 1. Members' support must be demonstrated in their actions and words.
2. Members must be at least 18 years of age and sign a membership application/renewal form.
3. Individuals who indicate their desire to become a member of the QRCS are eligible to apply by completing a membership application/renewal form. It is encouraged that all parents, employees, and supporters of QRCS will desire to be members and will maintain their membership in good standing. The Membership Committee will review each application and may choose to interview applicants if it is deemed to be necessary. The membership committee will present their recommendations to the Board of Directors. A notification letter will be sent to the individual following the board's decision. Members in good standing will be invited to renew their membership upon expiry.
4. Memberships are not transferable and automatically terminated if the Member resigns or such membership is otherwise terminated in accordance with the ONCA.
5. The membership fees are included in the tuition of members who have children enrolled at QRCS and will be receipted separately from tuition.
6. If tuition is paid by a third party, membership will be offered to the attending family provided the other requirements are met by the family.
7. Non-parent members may choose to pay for a membership term of 1, 2 or 3yrs.
8. Term of membership is effective August 1 to July 31.
9. The fee for membership will be set by the board on an annual basis and fees are non-refundable.
10. Membership fees will be directed to the promotion and advancement of education and Christian faith within the QRCS annual budget. This is in compliance with Revenue Canada regulations regarding QRCS membership dues' eligibility for income tax purposes.
11. Members will be sent appropriate mailing (e.g. newsletters) as well as adequate notice of meetings and upcoming events.



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SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

The Board of Directors, as described in By-law No. 1, reserves the right to suspend or expel members from membership in the QRCS.

Conditions for suspension or expulsion would include the following:

1. violating any provision of the bylaws or written policies of the QRCS;
2. carrying out any conduct which may be detrimental to the QRCS as determined by the board in its sole discretion;
3. for any reason that the board in its sole and absolute discretion considers to be reasonable, having regard to the purpose of the QRCS.

Notice of Suspension or Expulsion:

In the event that the board determines that a member should be suspended or expelled from membership in the QRCS, the Chair, or such other officer as may be designated by the board, shall provide twenty (20) days' notice of suspension or expulsion to the member, and shall provide reasons for the proposed suspension or expulsion.

Appeal of Suspension or Expulsion:

The member may make written submissions to the Chair, or such other officer as may be designated by the board, in response to the notice received within such twenty (20) day period. In the event that no written submissions are received by the Chair, the Chair, or such other officer as may be designated by the board, may proceed to notify the member that the member is suspended or expelled from membership in the QRCS. If written submissions are received in accordance with this section, the board will consider such submissions in arriving at a final decision and shall notify the member concerning such final decision within a further twenty (20) days from the date of receipt of the submissions.



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**QUINTE REGION CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
FOR PARENT(S)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Membership:

I apply for membership of the Quinte Region Christian Schools (QRCS), and I declare that I:

- a. Have read and am in full agreement with with the basis, principle guidelines, and purpose of the QRCS, as expressed in the Objects of the QRCS and By-law No. 1 and commit hereby to uphold and promote the same;
- b. Believe in God and claim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of my life;
- c. Am an active participant of a Christian Church and have provided a completed Pastoral Reference form. If an applicant cannot provide a pastoral reference letter, applicants will provide a description of how the teaching of Christian beliefs at Quinte Region Christian Schools will be supported by consistent Christian beliefs in the home.
- d. Will abide by the by-laws and resolutions of the QRCS and the directives of its Board of Directors.

Please check the box below in reference to the membership statements above:

I agree I disagree

Date: _____

Signature: _____



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QUINTE REGION CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORTER(S)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Membership:

I apply for membership of the Quinte Region Christian Schools (QRCS), and I declare that I:

- a. Have read and am in full agreement with with the basis, principle guidelines, and purpose of the QRCS, as expressed in the Objects of the QRCS and By-law No. 1 and commit hereby to uphold and promote the same;
- b. Believe in God and claim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of my life;
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Please check the box below in reference to the membership statements above:

I agree I disagree

Please check the box below for desired membership term:

1 year 2 year 3 year

Date: _____

Signature: _____



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Please have your Pastor complete this form as part of your Quinte Region Christian Schools Membership Application

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Dear Pastor:

Your name has been given as a reference by the above applicants who are seeking membership in the Quinte Region Christian Schools school society. We would appreciate your cooperation in taking a few minutes to answer these questions:

How long have you known the applicant(s)? _____

Are the applicants members of your church? yes no

How often do they attend worship services? always usually occasionally rarely

Are the applicants active in church ministries? yes no Please specify: _____

As far as you know, is their lifestyle consistent with belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour? yes no

Other Comments:

Pastor: _____
Name Signature

Date: _____ Office Phone no: _____

Church: _____

The completed form may be dropped off at the local school campus, faxed directly to the Quinte Region Christian Schools office, 613-968-7870, or emailed to spwalcott@qracs.ca. Thank you!