

Services for Children and Youth

York Catholic District School Board

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320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario
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The Catholic Education Centre is located NW of Yonge Street and Bloomington.

Almost 100 school sites are located throughout the Region. School maps and boundaries are available for viewing on the Board website at www.ycdsb.ca.

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We are a Catholic Learning Community of collaborative partners called to serve one another by being accountable for quality learning by all, with Jesus as our inspiration.

YCDSB Shared Vision Statement

- Prepare students for their lives after they leave our Catholic elementary and secondary schools – whether they go to university, college or directly into the world of work.
- Prepare students so that they may be guided, successfully, on their lifelong journey.
- Offer different program delivery models and strategies to ensure success for ALL students.
- Enhance the experiences of the growing number of new immigrant students and their families joining our Board.
- All Ontario School Boards are administrated by a Board of Trustees (elected officials who represent the School Board boundary). School Boards are governed by the policies of the Ministry of Education in Ontario.
- Our York Catholic District School Board is consistently a top performing school board in Ontario standardized Grade 3 and 6 reading, writing and math tests.
- We are proud to have one of the lowest high school drop out rates in the province.
- We attract and retain top quality teachers and staff.

- We have almost 100 schools and we're growing...our schools have an enviable reputation as great places to work and learn.

School day hours vary.

The Catholic Education Centre (320 Bloomington Road West in Aurora) is open year round.

- Elementary education
- Secondary education
- "At risk" programming

Students and their families

Subject to the provisions of the Education Act, all persons having the right of attendance shall be admitted to York Region Catholic elementary schools.

Standard Admission Criteria:

The parent/guardian must provide the following documents for each child to be considered for admission:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
- Proof of Status in Canada
- Proof of Residency
- Proof of English Separate School Support, i.e. property tax bill or completed and signed school support forms(s) included in the registration package
- Proof of Age

At the secondary level, all schools (as per the Education Act) are subject to 'open access.'

Separate School Support form(s), completed and duly signed; or proof of current Property Tax Bill indicating Separate School Support designation at your place of residence.

- The Board's Policy #204 "**CHILD PROTECTION AND ASSAULT**" requires all of its personnel to fulfill their moral and legal obligations to assist the Children's Aid Society of York Region. The following statements are **excerpts** from this Policy. The complete Policy is available on the School Board Website under "Policies" at www.ycdsb.ca.
- Proof is not required in order to report a concern to the CAS. The responsibility of investigation lies solely with the CAS.

- When parents/guardian of the child involved are unaware of a referral to the CAS the principal or designate, in consultation with the CAS or police representative, will determine whether, when, how and by whom parent notification will proceed.
- The duty to report is an ongoing obligation. If an employee has made a previous report about a child and has further protection concerns regarding the same child, the employee must make a further report to the CAS each time they have new information.
- The school principal is responsible for determining access to any child. Legislation and school board policy generally prohibit access to the child in school unless parental consent is given. However, when a child protection concern is reported under Section 72 of the CFSA, the principal of the school has the right to grant permission to interview a child on school premises.
- The police/child protection worker(s) will determine that it may be in the best interest of the child to conduct an interview without the prior knowledge of and in the absence of the parent(s) or guardian(s).
- Referral to the CAS may be based on many different types of situations:
 - The child has suffered physical harm or there is a risk that the child is likely to suffer physical harm.
 - The child has been sexually molested or sexually exploited, or there is a risk that the child is likely to be sexually molested or sexually exploited.
 - The child requires medical treatment to cure, prevent or alleviate physical harm or suffering and the child's parent or the person having charge of the child does not provide, or refuses or is unavailable or unable to consent to, the treatment.
 - The child has suffered emotional harm.
 - The child has been abandoned; the child's parent has died or is unavailable to exercise his or her custodial rights over the child and has not made adequate provision for the child's care and custody.
 - The child is less than 12 years old and has killed or seriously injured another person or caused serious damage to another person's property.

Wheelchair accessible

English. Interpreters available in multiple languages.

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York Region Children's Aid Society

Address: Box 358, Eagle Street West
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Location: West of Yonge, on Eagle Street

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E-mail info@yorkcas.org

Commitment: York Region Children's Aid Society (CAS) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to work in partnership with our increasingly diverse community to protect children from abuse and neglect and provide a safe, secure and caring environment.

Accountability: The York Region Children's Aid Society is governed by a board of directors made up of people from the community who have diverse backgrounds and experience but who share a passion and vision for caring for children.

It is the role of the board to oversee the management of the Agency and ensure that services are delivered in accordance with The Child and Family Services Act and according to best practices.

Hours Of Operation: Office hours:
8:45 AM - 5 PM Monday to Friday
9 AM - 4:30 PM July – August

For emergency service after regular office hours, contact (905) 895-2318 or 1-800-718-3850

What We Do: Children's Aid Societies are mandated by the Child and Family Services Act to:

- Investigate allegations or evidence that children under the age of 16 may be in need of protection;
- Protect children where necessary;
- Provide guidance, counseling and other services to families for protecting children or preventing circumstances requiring the protection of children;
- Provide care for children assigned or committed to its care;
- Supervise children assigned to its supervision;
- Place children for adoption when necessary.

Procedures: Calls to CAS regarding a child may need protection will be put through to a trained child welfare worker.

The worker will ask for some basic information about the child's name, age and whereabouts, and why you are worried about the child's safety.

The worker will determine whether there is a child welfare issue and if there is, will investigate to decide if the child is at risk and needs to be protected by the CAS or is in need of additional community services.

Physical Access: Wheelchair accessible

Languages: English, Chinese, interpreters available in multiple languages

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