



**COURSE SELECTION FORM  
ETHIC AND RELIGIOUS CULTURE OR  
CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020**

According to modifications made on March 17, 2015 to the Board policy A-1020 – Schools Religious Designation, students attending schools outside of Edmonton will have the choice between Catholic instruction or the Ethics and Religious Culture program.

For public schools outside of Edmonton, policy A-1020 stipulates that *“The public school must facilitate as much as possible teaching of Catholic religious education to student who don’t have access to a Francophone Catholic school in his/her area.”*

<b>Catholic Religious Education</b>	<b>Ethics and Religious Culture</b>
<p>The Catholic Religious Education is a school discipline. Similar to other programs of study in its structure and approach, this program differs in content as it focuses on the Christian doctrine. The program fosters approaches to learning that allow students to better understand the Catholic religion and to question the meaning of life. It also promotes moral education and openness to one’s spiritual life. This program also encourages dialogue with the world and openness to social and religious pluralism.</p> <p>With this in mind, the Catholic Religious Education program does not assume that all students believe in Jesus Christ, and it does not want to impose it upon them, but to propose it.</p> <p>Through religious instruction, Catholic schools hope to help youth to discover Jesus, to love Him and to follow Him. In addition to developing knowledge and skills specific to this subject area, religious education aims at helping students to develop attitudes, values and virtues that are characteristic of the Christian faith and a Catholic identity.</p>	<p>The Ethics and Religious Culture program will allow your child to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• acquire or consolidate, if applicable, an understanding of how all individuals are equal in terms of right and dignity</li><li>• learn to reflect on issues</li><li>• explore, depending on his/her age, different ways in which his/her religious heritage is present in his/her immediate or broader environment</li><li>• learn about elements of other religious traditions</li><li>• grow and develop in a society in which different values and beliefs coexist</li></ul>
<b>For further information on either of these two programs, please visit the following websites:</b>	
<a href="http://www.centrenord.ab.ca/programmesetudes/religion">www.centrenord.ab.ca/programmesetudes/religion</a>	<a href="http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/programme-ethique-et-culture-religieuse/">http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/programme-ethique-et-culture-religieuse/</a>



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Student name \_\_\_\_\_

I want to enroll my child in the **Catholic Religious Education** program.

I want to enroll my child in the **Ethics and Religious Culture** program.

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**Parent name**

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**Parent signature**

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**Date**

**Please return this form with your child’s registration renewal.**