

# Governance Policies and Accessibility

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School operates under a written set of governing body policies in accordance with the **Archdiocese of Omaha**. These policies are established and maintained by the governing body and guide the governance, administration, and operation of the school system. The policies are accessible within the school building to administrators and staff.

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## Expanded Governance Explanation

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School operates under a layered governance structure consistent with Catholic school governance in the Archdiocese of Omaha. Governing policies are provided through Archdiocesan education policies, parish and school advisory governance guidelines, and local administrative and operational policies aligned with Archdiocesan directives. Together, these policies ensure consistent governance, accountability, and alignment with the mission and expectations of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

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## Governing Body Policy Structure

### 1. Archdiocesan Education Policies

The Archdiocese of Omaha provides a comprehensive written set of education policies that govern all Catholic schools within the archdiocese. These policies are outlined in the **Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic Schools Policy Manual** and establish expectations for governance, administration, curriculum, personnel, student welfare, and school operations.

Link (official Archdiocese source):

 [Archdiocese School Policy Manual \(Updated August 2023\) \(01627899\).pdf](#)

These Archdiocesan policies serve as the foundational governing documents for St. Wenceslaus Catholic School and guide all local governance and administrative practices.

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### 2. Parish and School Advisory Governance Policies

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School operates as a parish school under the authority of the pastor, in alignment with Archdiocesan governance guidelines. The school may utilize a school advisory board or education commission that serves in an advisory capacity to support the pastor and principal.

Local governance documents may include:

- Advisory board bylaws or operating procedures
- Defined roles and responsibilities of board members
- Advisory processes for finance, facilities, planning, and school improvement

Final decision-making authority resides with the pastor, consistent with Archdiocesan policy.

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### 3. Administrative and Operational Policies

Administrative and operational policies are developed and implemented at the school level and are aligned with Archdiocesan directives. These policies are documented in school-level handbooks and administrative materials, including:

- [Parent–Student Handbook](#)
- [Faculty and Staff Handbook](#)

These documents address academic policies, attendance, discipline, safety procedures, communication expectations, and daily operational practices.

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## Policy Accessibility

Written governing body policies for St. Wenceslaus Catholic School are maintained and accessible within the school building. Policies are available through physical and/or digital formats, including administrative binders and secure digital storage, ensuring access for administrators and staff.

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## St. Wenceslaus Catholic School — Policy Inventory

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### 1. Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic Schools Policy Manual

- **Source:** Archdiocese of Omaha
- **Scope:** Governance structure, administration, curriculum, personnel, student policies, school operations
- **Link:** [PDF Archdiocese School Policy Manual \(Updated August 2023\) \(01627899\).pdf](#)
- **Location in School:** School office policy binder and/or digital administrative files

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## 2. Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policies

- **Source:** Archdiocese of Omaha
- **Scope:** Protection of children and vulnerable adults, reporting procedures, compliance requirements
- **Live link:**  
<https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/>
- **Location in School:** Principal's office and safe environment compliance files

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## 3. Parish and School Advisory Governance Documents

- **Source:** Parish / School Administration
- **Scope:** Advisory board structure, roles, and procedures (where applicable)
- **Purpose:** Supports governance and advisory decision-making
- **Location in School:** School administrative files

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## 4. School-Level Administrative and Operational Policies

- **Documents:**
  - St. Wenceslaus Parent–Student Handbook
  - St. Wenceslaus Faculty and Staff Handbook
- **Scope:** Academic policies, attendance, discipline, safety, communication, daily operations
- **Purpose:** Implements Archdiocesan policy at the local level
- **Location in School:** School office and digital administrative folders

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St. Wenceslaus Catholic School demonstrates effective governance through adherence to Archdiocesan education policies and the consistent implementation of aligned local administrative and operational policies. Written governing body policies define authority, responsibilities, and expectations, and these policies are accessible within the school building. This structure supports compliance with accreditation governance standards related to leadership, accountability, safety, and operational effectiveness.

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## Evidence Examples

- [Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic Schools Policy Manual](#)
- [Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy documentation](#)
- [St. Wenceslaus Parent–Student Handbook](#)
- [St. Wenceslaus Faculty and Staff Handbook](#)