

Students 9400 <hr/> Detention	Administrative Application	
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	References:	The Education Act, 1995, Sec. 152, (1)(2) Policy 12 – Role of the Director
	Status:	Operational

Preamble

Regina Catholic School Division (RCSD) is committed to the principle of justice and to assisting students interpret social and **human relationships in the light of the social teachings of the Catholic Church.**

RCSD believes that staff, parents, and students must work together to ensure that learning takes place in a safe, orderly and nurturing environment and that all interventions on behalf of students respect the dignity of the individual, reflect justice, and focus on reconciliation and forgiveness.

Definition

1. **Detention**

For the purpose of this application, detention is defined as the detainment of a student at times immediately outside hours of program instruction¹ and at times in keeping with regulations pursuant to this application.

Application

The use of detention is permitted as a disciplinary measure. Detention shall be administered in accordance with regulations pursuant to this application.

1. The imposition of detention requires discretion to ensure that this method of discipline is educative in its results. Alternative approaches are required when the number of detentions for a student becomes excessive or ineffective.
2. The imposition of mass detention on a general group of students in order to impose detention on a smaller group of students or an individual student is prohibited.
3. Allowable time for student detentions shall be:
 - a. Elementary Students
A maximum of thirty (30) minutes, immediately following the afternoon dismissal or before morning or afternoon assembly.
 - b. High School Students
A maximum of one (1) regular class period prior to or immediately following regular school hours or at an appropriate time during the noon lunch period.
 - c. Transported Students
Transported students may serve detention in relation to times specified in 3(a) or (b), where

alternate transportation arrangements satisfactory to parents and the principal have been established.

4. The principal and staff should give due consideration to a student's prior commitments when assigning a time for detention.
5. Parent requests for a student to serve detention at an alternate time shall be respected.
6. The principal shall ensure that procedures are established for informing parents before students serve detention.
7. The imposition of a detention shall consider the safety of the student, above all other considerations.
8. The principal or a teacher shall supervise all detentions.

¹ The Education Act, 1995, Sec. 164 defines program of instruction in schools to be conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, and between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on each school day or as altered in accordance with the Act.