



### **General Statement – Public Health and Safety**

The COVID-19 pandemic has led Catholic schools to plan for continuing operations in cases of public health and safety emergencies and disastrous events. The schools, based on guidance from State and local public health directives related to public health and safety emergencies, including severe weather events, and in consultation with the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools, may adopt reasonable rules to protect students, teachers, staff and administrators. As in the case of the COVID-19 pandemic, schools may be closed as a social distancing practice recommended by archdiocesan and/or civil/governmental authorities to interrupt the spread of a contagious disease. In the event of an outbreak or any circumstances determined to be a threat to the health or safety of students, students may be excluded from attending school and school-related activities (in some cases for an extended length of time). Or, a school building may be closed as a part of school, archdiocesan or community response to a public health/safety or severe weather event. The school will then transition to its remote learning format to provide continuing education services to students who are impacted, whether that be a select number of students or an entire student body.

### **Academic Integrity and Grading during Remote Learning**

Students will continue their respective academic exercises remotely, should that become necessary. The school's expectations of all students' academic integrity and performance will be upheld and enforced during periods of remote learning. Academic integrity includes honesty in citing sources, sharing work on assignments only with permission, and prohibits cheating of any kind on assignments and assessments. Academic integrity also charges us to demonstrate responsible stewardship of our gifts and a strong work ethic. Students and families who find challenges during remote learning periods must initiate communications about those challenges to the classroom teachers and school principals in a timely manner. The school grading policies and practices remain intact and continue during any remote learning period.

### **Tuition**

In case of a remote learning period related to any public health/safety or severe weather event, the school will provide continuous education services remotely for students. Tuition agreements, policies, and practices will remain in effect and binding.

### **Student Attendance**

In the event of a remote learning period arising out of any public health/safety or severe weather event, daily attendance for remote instructional days will be required. The principal will communicate how attendance will be taken. During such remote learning periods, current attendance policies will remain in effect and enforceable. In the event a student's doctor recommends the student not return to the school building should his or her health be compromised related to a contagious disease event, the school may provide reasonable alternative accommodations for this student. The school shall determine the level and character of any such reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations may depend on various factors, including class size, grade level, staffing, financial concerns, etc.