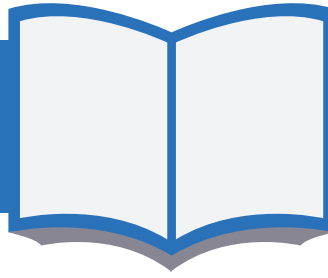


# Participant Handouts

## Scenarios



### Scenario 1 Worksheet: Demonstration

Alex will be starting school in the Fall and his parents would like him to attend a French school. Alex's mom is anglophone and believes that receiving a French-language education would be beneficial for Alex's future. Alex's father, Marc, attended French-language elementary and secondary school. Can Alex attend a French-language school?

**Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "French schools" with the question, "Do I have the right to have my education in French?"**

- Who has the right to access French-language education in Ontario?
- Can students whose parents are not rights holders attend school in French?
- Does the province of Ontario have to put a French school in every community?
- Which Section of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* establishes French-language rights-holders?
- Do you think anyone should be allowed to receive a French-language education at the elementary and secondary level?



## Scenario 2 Worksheet

Jimmy has just finished Grade 8 in an English-language public school board. He will be starting secondary school in the Fall but does not know very many people that will be going to his high school. Jimmy has been playing competitive soccer for many years and has become very close friends with his teammates. His friends will all be attending an English-language Catholic school board. Jimmy has never been baptized, and does not practice Catholicism. Can Jimmy attend the English-language Catholic school with his friends?

**Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Attendance” with the question, “Why might a child not be allowed to attend a particular school?”**

- What are some reasons that can explain why a child is not allowed to attend a particular school?
- What are the four publicly-funded school boards in Ontario?
- Do Catholic elementary schools and Catholic secondary schools have the same rules about who can attend their schools?
- Who sets the rules that determine whether or not a non-Catholic student can attend a Catholic elementary school?
- Do you think anyone should be allowed to attend a Catholic elementary or secondary school in Ontario?



## Scenario 3 Worksheet

Over the course of the last few weeks, Emma has been receiving hateful messages from some of her classmates through various social media platforms. These students have been making fun of the way she dresses at school. More recently, her classmates have been teasing her at school in front of other students. Many of Emma's teachers have started to notice that Emma is being picked on. Is Emma being bullied? Do the teachers have an obligation to report the bullying?

**Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Discipline and safety" with the question, "My child is being bullied at school. Does the school have to help?"**

- What are some of the obligations school boards have regarding bullying?
- What are some ways in which a student can be bullied?
- Who can report bullying?
- What are some obligations that the school principal has when they receive a report of bullying?
- What are three resources that can be made available to students who have been bullied?



## Scenario 4 Worksheet

Milo is 12 years old. His parents have been having many disagreements with one of his teachers regarding the way in which they teach certain subjects. This disagreement has caused conflict between Milo's parents, the teacher, and the school. The teacher has recently noticed that Jake has been missing a lot of school. Milo's parents have decided to homeschool their child as a way to avoid the conflict with his teacher and the school. Are Milo's parents allowed to homeschool their child under these circumstances?

**Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Homeschooling" with the question, "What are the laws about homeschooling my child?"**

- Between what ages does a child have to attend school in Ontario?
- What are two things parents should do if they decide to homeschool their child?
- Name three things parents should consider when preparing a homeschooling plan.
- Who can investigate whether or not a child is receiving a "satisfactory" education at home?
- Under which three circumstances can an investigation take place?



## Scenario 5 Worksheet

Amrit is a sixth-grade student who suffers from attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). His doctor diagnosed him with ADHD a few years ago. Amrit has a difficult time sitting in class for extended periods of time and this has been negatively affecting his ability to learn. His parents contact the school to find out if there are any programs that could help their son. Do you think the school has a duty to provide further assistance to Amrit?

**Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Special Education” with the question, “My child has learning difficulties. Does the school have to help?”**

- What are the four types of exceptionalities that can affect a student’s ability to learn?
- How can parents go about asking for an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC)?
- What information could the parents provide to an IPRC to further explain John’s circumstances?
- What can be found in the decision of the IPRC?
- Can the IPRC decision be appealed?



## Scenario 6 Worksheet

During recess, a group of friends are playing soccer outside. The soccer game becomes fairly competitive, and one student gets frustrated and hits another, breaking the school's code of conduct. Further, when a teacher intervenes and asks the student to apologize, they begin swearing at the teacher. This student has no prior disciplinary history. Can the school suspend them? Is there anything the parents can do?

**Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Discipline and safety" with the question, "Can I appeal a suspension?"**

- Under what circumstances can a principal suspend a student?
- What factors does a principal have to consider when suspending someone?
- What does "progressive discipline" mean?
- Within how many days does an appeal have to be made regarding a suspension?
- What are three things that parents or students should prepare if they're attending an appeal hearing?