

Fall Update - Summary of Significant Changes

Funding Manual for School Authorities 2021/22 School Year

The following are the significant content changes made to the 2021/22 *Funding Manual for School Authorities*. Some of these changes may not apply to all school authority types. Changes are indicated throughout the manual with the words “Revised” or “New” in the left side margin of the page.

Funding Allocation Changes

Section C1.5, D1.5 – Distance Education Grant

- Application-based for Online/Distance Education Learning Providers Allocation – application process, allocation criteria, and funding rate have been added.
- New Distance/Online Education (Home Education Students) grant enabling Home Education students to register and be funded for one distance education/online education high school course.

Section C2.1.3 - Specialized Learning Support (SLS) Grant

- A note has been added to indicate that funding is provided to two designated school jurisdictions to produce braille transcriptions of non-authorized learning resources.

Section F – Federal French Funding: Early Childhood Services (ECS) to Grade 12

- Section has been finalized upon ratification of the Canada-Alberta bilateral agreement.
- Grant rates have been updated.

Section G2 – Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant

- This new grant provides funding to school authorities for each school in order to support school councils fulfilling their legislated responsibilities in the education system and enhancing parent involvement and engagement. A new submission form has been created (see **section L**).

Other Changes

The Funding Manual defines the **September count date** as the last instructional day in September. With the new National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th potentially impacting school authorities differently, the **September count date** for 2021-22 school year is determined to be September 29th, 2021 to ensure a consistent enrolment count across all school authorities. Throughout the document September 30 has been replaced by **September count date** where appropriate.

Section L – Forms and Deadlines

- New Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant form has been added for school jurisdictions to submit required information regarding their school councils in order to receive funding.

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