

October 27, 2009

SUBJECT: OCTOBER UPDATES TO THE 2009-2010 FUNDING MANUAL

Please find references below to the October 2009 updates to the *2009/2010 Funding Manual for School Authorities*. These changes are reflected in the manual, posted on Alberta Education's website: <http://education.gov.ab.ca/funding/FundingManual/>.

All October 2009 updates are identified with the word “**Updated**” in the left-hand margin of the applicable page.

Significant Updates:

1. **2009/2010 Fiscal Correction Changes** (as communicated in the Deputy Minister's email on August 27, 2009)
 - a. **Section 1.13** (pg. 30-32) – Socio-Economic Status Allocation
 - The allocation criteria have been updated and new indices implemented.
 - b. **Section 1.14** (pg. 33-35) – Relative Cost of Purchasing Adjustment Allocation
 - New indices implemented.
 - c. **Section 1.27** (pg. 46) – Fuel Price Contingency Allocation
 - This grant is discontinued effective September 1, 2009.
 - d. **Section 3.11** (pg. 67-69) – Relative Cost of Purchasing Adjustment Allocation for Level 2 Private Schools
 - New indices implemented.
 - e. **Section 8.2** (pg. 92) – Private ECS Operators
 - The base instruction rate has been reduced by 0.9%.
 - f. **Section 8.3** (pg. 93) – Accredited Funded Private Schools
 - The base instruction and home education rates have been reduced by 0.9%.
 - g. **Section 8.4** (pg. 94-95) – Funding reduction for school jurisdictions for the period September 2009 through March 2010.
2. **Definition of “Independent Student”**

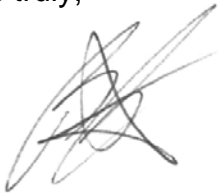
Section: Glossary (pg. 154) – Definition revised to reflect that funded students, ages 16 to 20 and living apart from their parents, will be considered “independent students.”

The table below illustrates the updated pages. Please share this information with your staff as they may wish to replace the previous pages with the revised pages in their *Funding Manual* binders.

Section 1 Pages: 18, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 46, 48, 49, 52, 55, 56, 58, 60, 61
Section 3 Pages: 67, 68, 69
Section 5 Page: 74
Section 8 Pages: 89, 91, 92, 93, 95, 99
Section 9 Page: 103
Glossary of Terms Pages: 150, 154, 155, 157

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