

November 3, 2010

**TO: Superintendents and Secretary-Treasurers of School Jurisdictions and
Treasurers of Accredited Funded Private Schools and Private ECS
Operators**

SUBJECT: UPDATES TO THE 2010/2011 FUNDING MANUAL

The table below is a summary of updates to the *2010/2011 Funding Manual for School Authorities*. All changes are identified in the manual as “**UPDATED**” in the left margin of the applicable page. These changes are also reflected in the online version posted on Alberta Education’s website at <http://education.gov.ab.ca/funding/FundingManual/>.

Section	Page	Update	Reason	Results in Funding Change?
Introduction - General Conditions #12	10	Previously listed as #13 and the term “school jurisdiction” has been replaced with “school authority” in first two sentences.	The department’s focus on financial health extends to all school authorities.	No
Introduction - General Conditions #13	11	Previously listed as #14. The term “jurisdiction” is now “authority”, except for sentence referencing Section 42 of the <i>School Act</i> .	Applies to all school authorities, not just school jurisdictions.	No
Section 1.2 - Base Instruction Funding - Allocation Criteria #8(c)	18	Added 2 nd and 3 rd sentences.	Clarifies that CEUs in excess of the 60 max. will be recovered at the Tier 1 rate and that students are not restricted in the number of credits they can take in a school year.	No
Section 1.2 - Base Instruction Funding - Allocation Criteria #8(f)	18	Clarification of the CEU rate that applies to K&E courses.	With the introduction of tiered CEU funding, this clarification was necessary. K&E credits are funded at the Tier 1 CEU rate, but continue to receive an 8/5ths funding enhancement per CEU.	No
Section 1.3 - Home Education Funding - Allocation Formula	21	The formula has been revised to indicate that class size funding is provided for the school-based portion of a blended program.	Clarification.	No

Section 1.26 and 1.27 - Rural and Urban Transportation	46, 50	Clarified inter-school component of rural transportation formula.	Clarification that “deadhead” kilometers are not included in the daily kms amount claimed.	No
Section 1.26, 1.27, 1.30, 1.31 and 9.1 - Rural, Urban and ECS Transportation	48, 51, 59, 61, 111	Change in deadlines to parent-provided transportation contracts from November 30 to October 31.	To align transportation deadlines.	No
Section 1.30 & 1.31 - ECS Transportation	59, 60, 61	All deadlines related to ECS transportations applications for private operators <i>ONLY</i> are moved from November 30 to October 31.	To align transportation deadlines.	No
Section 1.27 - Urban Transportation	50	Clarification that weighting factor and distance support applies only to students transported by yellow bus.	Clarification.	No
Section 8.5 - Payment Schedules for Private ECS Operators	97	Revised to state that the Minister may authorize an alternate payment schedule for private ECS operators when necessary.	To facilitate alternate payment schedules when required.	No
Section 8.6 - Payment Schedules for Private Schools	99	Same as previous item, except applies to private schools.	Facilitates alternate payment schedules when required.	No
Section 9.1 - Information and Reporting Requirements - CEU Funding Tiers	105	Clarified introductory paragraph to provide more information on courses funded at the Tier 1 rate.	Clarifies that Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), Knowledge and Employability (K&E) and Locally Developed Courses (LDC) courses are funded at the Tier 1 CEU rate.	No

Please contact Mark Lalumiere, Mary-Ellen Deising or myself at 780-427-2055 (for toll-free access within Alberta, first dial 310-0000) with any questions regarding the above changes.

Yours truly,

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