

November 8, 2005

TO: All Superintendents and Secretary-Treasurers of School Jurisdictions

UPDATES TO THE 2005-2006 FUNDING MANUAL

Attached are updated sections of the *2005-2006 Funding Manual for School Authorities*. The changes are indicated in the left hand margin as “**Updated.**” Please ensure a copy of this package is provided to any staff who currently have a Funding Manual. If you need additional copies of these changes, they may be printed from the Alberta Education website at <http://education.gov.ab.ca/funding/FundingManual/>.

The following is a summary of the changes:

Introduction: replace pages 3-4, 7-9

- Pages 3 and 4 –the list of contact names and numbers has been updated.
- Page 8 – 8 a) and b) have been updated to indicate limitations.

Section 1.2 Base Instruction Funding For School Jurisdictions:

replace entire section – pages 1 to 11

- Page 3 – Allocation Criteria 8 a) has been updated to correct a reference error.
- Page 5 – Allocation Criteria 9 g) has been updated to indicate that funding will be provided for locally developed courses if instruction is provided and if the school jurisdiction is authorized to deliver the course.
- Pages 6 and 7 – Allocation Criteria 10 is new. It outlines the funding penalties that will apply for Grades 10-12 courses when requirements for instructional hours and/or the Program of Studies are not met.

Section 1.5 ECS Mild or Moderate Disabilities/Delays and Gifted and Talented: replace pages 1 to 2

- Page 2 – Documentation Requirement 2, submission date has been changed to April 30.

Section 1.11 Small Schools by Necessity Funding: replace pages 1-2

- Page 1 – Allocation Formula has been updated to include the calculation for Closed Schools – where applicable.

Section 1.13 Enrolment Growth Funding: replace pages 1-2

- Page 2 – Allocation Criteria 5 has been updated to reflect that school level Enrolment Growth Funding will not be provided when schools transfer from one school authority to another.

Section 1.17 Relative Cost of Purchasing Goods and Services Adjustment (RCPA) Funding: replace pages 1-2

- Page 1 – the Allocation Formula has been updated to reflect that Plant Operations and Maintenance funding is excluded when calculating RCPA.

Section 3.1 Base Instruction Funding: replace entire section – pages 1-10

- Page 2 – Condition 8 a) has been updated to correct a reference error.
- Page 4 – Condition 9 g) has been updated to indicate that funding will be provided for locally developed courses if instruction is provided and if the school jurisdiction is authorized to deliver the course.
- Pages 5 and 6 – Condition 10 is new. It outlines the funding penalties that will apply for Grades 10-12 courses when requirements for instructional hours and/or the Program of Studies are not met.

Section 6.1 Institutional Programs: replace pages 1-2

- Page 1 – Condition 1 c) has been revised to improve clarity.

Section 6.2 Regional Educational Consulting Services (RECS) Funding:
replace pages 3-4

- Page 3 – Consideration 3 – some referral information has been updated.

Section 6.4 Regional Consortium Funding: replace pages 1-2

- Page 2 – Consideration 3 has been updated with a change in “agent board” for the Calgary Regional Consortium.

Forms Summary: replace page 1 and related form

- Page 1 – the due date has been changed from March 31 to April 30 for the Add, Modify, Delete Form on both the Forms Summary and the Form 05AE1.2c.

Glossary of Terms: replace pages 1-24

- Page 4 – the listing of Designated Special Education ECS Programs has been updated.
- Page 10 – the definition and chart for Funded Child has been updated.
- Page 15 – the listing of School Authorities Approved to Provide an Educational Program in an Institution has been updated.
- Page 16 – the definition of a Reciprocal Exchange Program to allow accredited funded private schools to participate in the program has been updated.
- Page 18 – the definition of Students with a Severe Disability has been revised to indicate that identification should be based on “the following coding criteria”.
- Pages 23 and 24 – the definition of a Temporary Resident has been revised to improve clarity.

Any questions regarding the above changes may be directed to myself, Mark Lalumiere, or Ken Poon at the School Finance Branch 780-427-2055.

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