

Funding Manual Adjustments Affecting Home Education, Distance Education and Shared Responsibility Programs

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The following adjustments have been made to the grant areas of distance education, home education, shared responsibility, and system administration. I would ask that you review the funding manual for further instruction and details.

- **Distance Education - High School Online Funding.** Funding will be adjusted to a prorated approach based on the weighted moving average of completed credit data for the 2020-21 school year for all school authorities. Funding for students taking less than a full 35 credit course load will be pro-rated by completed credits. Students taking a full course load will continue to be funded at the regular block funding rate. If a school authority is negatively affected by this change they will be held to their current committed allocation.
- **Distance Education – Non-Primary Online Funding.** Funding will be adjusted for all school authorities to recognize low enrolment counts between 1-34 students. For the 2020-21 school year, school authorities experiencing unexpected high growth year over year in distance education enrolments in a school authority in the September 30th count will be recognized if confirmed by Alberta Education.
- **Home Education.** Parents who homeschool or participate in a shared responsibility program with their children may sign a declaration turning over some or all of their Alberta Education funds to school authorities for instructional supplies and programming. Changes have also been made to amounts parents may claim for reimbursement under the *Standards for Home Education Reimbursement*. The timeline for parents to access their portion of home education funds has been returned to two years as was previously in place.
- **Shared Responsibility.** Funding for students will be received based on the percentage of the program delivered by parents and the percentage of the teacher-directed delivery by the school authority. Responsibility for program delivery for the school authority has changed to a minimum of 20% to a maximum of 80% for grades 1 to 12. Below this range, students should be enrolled as home education students and above this range, students should be enrolled as a regular or online student, with the school authority responsible for 100% of the program.
- **System Administration.** Accredited funded private schools will have 50% of their 2019-2020 home education grant included in the calculation of their system administration grant.