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*SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT  
CHANGES  
FUNDING MANUAL FOR SCHOOL AUTHORITIES  
2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR*

The following are the significant content changes that have been made to the *2013/2014 Funding Manual for School Authorities*. Some of these changes may not apply to all school authority types. These changes are indicated throughout the manual with the words "Revised" or "New" in the left side margin of the page.

- **Funding Allocation Changes**
  - **School jurisdictions:** Class Size and Inclusive Education funding receive a 2% rate increase. All other funding rates remain the same as in 2012/2013.
  - **Accredited funded private schools:** all funding rates remain the same as in 2012/2013 except for Alberta Initiative for School Improvement funding which is suspended and Plant Operations and Maintenance funding which is discontinued.
  - **Private ECS operators:** all funding rates remain the same as in 2012/2013 except for Equity of Opportunity and ECS Administration funding, which have decreased and AISI funding which is suspended.
  - Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AIS) funding is suspended effective April 1, 2013 (all school authorities).
  - The following funding allocations have been discontinued:
    - Fuel Price Contingency: effective April 1, 2013 (school jurisdictions)
    - Learning Resources Credit Allocation: effective September 1, 2013 (school jurisdictions and accredited funded private schools)
    - Plant Operations and Maintenance: effective September 1, 2013 (accredited funded private schools).
  - With the exception of the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement and Fuel Price Contingency grants, all other grant rates will be maintained for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.
- **Other Changes**
  - **Introduction: Limitations**
    - The maximum expenditure for system administration and school board governance is reduced by 10% from a range of 4-6% to a range of 3.6 to 5.4%. The difference between the previous maximum and the reduced maximum (0.4 % to 0.6%) will be deducted by Alberta Education on a monthly basis.  
Funding for ECS administration is reduced from 6% to 5.4% of total ECS funding.
  - **Section 1.2: Base Instruction**

The Access Copyright fee no longer applies to Alberta school authorities as per the recent federal decision. Therefore this fee has been removed from this section and will no longer be deducted from Base Instruction funding.

The 10% reduction for System Administration and Board governance expenditures and the corresponding deduction by Alberta Education is explained.

- **Section 1.6 and 1.7: English as a Second Language and Francisation**

The maximum years funded for eligible students, decreases from 7 years to 5 years.

- **Section 1.10 Inclusive Education:**

This section has been reformatted to improve clarity. The Supports and Services component is now expressed as \$457.34 per student.

Charter Schools will continue to receive the Additional Per student allocation of \$56.10.

Transition funding, implemented in Budget 2012 with the new Inclusive Education grant, will be renamed Program Equity and will be in place over the period of the 2013-2016 Business Plan.

- **Section 1.12 Small Schools by Necessity (SSBN):**

Metro school jurisdictions are no longer eligible for this funding.

- **Section 1.14: Equity of Opportunity**

This section has been restructured to adjust the funding provided through the three components.

- **Section 1.17 Plant Operations and Maintenance (POM)**

FTE Funded enrolment replaces FTE weighted enrolment in the POM formula. Metro school jurisdictions are no longer eligible for the SSBN component of this funding.

- **Section 5.1 Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD)**

Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) is intended to provide a regional model for support to schools and community partners to meet the needs of children and youth (ECS to Grade 12), as well as to families who have children and youth with complex needs (birth to 20). It is also intended to strengthen the capacity of service providers to collaboratively respond to those needs.

Funding for the model will come from blending the funding previously used for Student Health and Children and Youth with Complex Needs – which will be discontinued.

- **Section 9.1 CEU Funding Tiers**

Tier 4 has been added to the CEU Funding Tiers Table to indicate the CEU funding rate for Work Experience and Special Projects courses will be \$112.48 per CEU.

School authorities with students taking ADLC courses, will be funded at 44% of the respective CEU Tier rate.

- **Glossary of Terms**

The definition of Refugee: has been revised to provide further clarity. Inclusive Education funding will be provided for a maximum of 5 years per refugee student.

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