



OUT-OF-DIVISION PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

Background

Occasionally, students with diverse needs that are resident to the Division require a program which is not available within the Division.

The Division may sponsor a student to attend an out-of-Division education program if a program that meets the educational needs of the student is not offered at the school or by the Division.

Procedures

1. Sponsorship will include partial or complete costs associated with tuition fees, transportation, and/or boarding allowances. Payment of program tuition fees by the Division may be considered, provided that a Division or private school funded by Alberta Education does not operate the program.
2. The learning needs of the child will be the primary consideration in decisions related to sponsorship of out-of-Division programs.
3. Programs eligible for sponsorship include:
 - 3.1 Special education programs.
 - 3.2 Vocational education programs.
 - 3.3 Knowledge and Employability courses.
4. Programs not eligible for sponsorship include:
 - 4.1 Sports or athletic programs.
 - 4.2 Programs already operated in the Division.
 - 4.3 International Baccalaureate programs.
5. A Student who has been directed by the Superintendent to attend a school and who is, as a result, unable to live in his/her parent's residence, will be eligible for a maintenance allowance determined by rates established by the Province.
6. The Superintendent is responsible for approving out-of-Division sponsorships in accordance with this administrative procedure. Costs will be allocated to the appropriate school-based account.

Reference: Section 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 31, 33, 43, 52, 53, 197, 204, 222 Education Act