

PURPOSE

This funding provides for the maintenance and operations of school buildings that are safe, comfortable, and suitable learning environments for students.

CONDITIONS

1. Funding for plant operations and maintenance is based on:
 - a) the number of children in ECS at .5 and the number of **funded students** in grades 1 to 9 and the number of full-time equivalent **funded students** in grades 10 to 12 used in calculating the basic instruction funding;
 - b) the area (in square metres) of school facilities in active use for instruction on September 30 for students in grades ECS to 12 or 50 per cent of the area in square metres of closed school facilities that are vacant, but being maintained by **boards**;
 - c) the sparsity factor as used to determine sparsity funding for instruction, and the distance factor as used to determine BQRP funding.
 - d) to recognize the dispersion of students for a francophone authority they will receive plant operations and maintenance funding at least equivalent to 80 per cent capacity of its schools.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A **school jurisdiction** is not required to apply for plant operations and maintenance funding; Alberta Learning determines a **school jurisdiction's** eligible funding using funded FTE enrolment, school facility area, sparsity, and distance information.
2. **School jurisdictions** must report to Alberta Infrastructure, Learning and Housing Facilities Branch, by December 31 of the current school year:
 - a) each active lease of **school** space to other **school jurisdictions** or agencies and the area leased; and
 - b) space leased from other **school jurisdictions** or agencies for instructional purposes that has been approved by the **Minister** of Infrastructure or the School Buildings Board. This report must include a scaled drawing of the space being leased and its gross area.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. The areas of school facilities not included for funding purposes are those not in active use for ECS to Grade 12 because they are:
 - a) closed and not being maintained by the **board**;
 - b) leased to other **school jurisdictions** or agencies;
 - c) used for central administration or other support functions.
2. The areas of school facilities that are provided to **school jurisdictions** without charge for utilities and maintenance by external agencies such as Hutterite colonies and private corporations will not be included for funding purposes.
3. School boards leasing facilities for instruction must apply to Alberta Infrastructure, Learning and Housing Facilities Branch by December 31 and receive approval to be eligible for plant operations and maintenance funding.
 - a) Applications for **facilities** where there are no capital lease costs shall be forwarded to the **Minister** of Infrastructure for approval; and
 - b) Applications for **facilities** where there are capital lease costs shall be forwarded to the School Buildings Board for approval.
4. Percentage increases based on sparsity and distance factors will be applied to total funding dollars.

The sparsity factor applied is the same as used to determine sparsity funding for instruction and the distance factor is the same as used to determine BQRP funding.

Percentage increase for **school jurisdictions** in:

Edmonton and Calgary:	0 per cent
Red Deer, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat:	1 per cent
Grande Prairie	2 per cent
Fort McMurray	6 per cent

Percentage increase for other **school jurisdictions**:

Distance in Km from Calgary or Edmonton	S P A R S I T Y					
	<u>0-0.249</u>	<u>0.25-0.99</u>	<u>1-1.49</u>	<u>1.5-1.99</u>	<u>2-2.49</u>	<u>2.5-3</u>
0 – 100	0 %	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %
100 - 200	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %
200 - 400	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %
400 - 600	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %
Over 600	8 %	9 %	10 %	11 %	12 %	13 %

CONSIDERATIONS (CONTD.)

5. Plant operations and maintenance funding is calculated using the following formula:

Funding =

$$\left(\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Number} \\ \text{of funded} \\ \text{students} \\ \text{in gr 1-9} \\ \text{plus FTEs based} \\ \text{on gr 10-12 CEUs} \end{array} \right) \times \text{Student rate} \right) + \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Number} \\ \text{of ECS} \\ \text{Children} \end{array} \times .5 \times \text{Student Rate} \right) + \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Area of} \\ \text{School} \\ \text{Facilities} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{l} \text{Area} \\ \text{Rate} \end{array} \right) \times \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Sparsity/} \\ \text{Distance} \\ \text{Adjustment} \\ \text{Percentage} \end{array} \right)$$

Using this formula, plant operations and maintenance funding for a sample **school jurisdiction** would be calculated as follows:

REVISED	-	Funded students plus FTEs	6200
	-	ECS children	500
	-	Area of school facilities (square metres)	60,000
	-	Space leased to other agencies	2000
	-	Student rate	\$453
	-	Area rate	\$11.40
	-	Sparsity/Distance	2 per cent

Calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eligible area} &= \text{Total area} - \text{leased area} \\ &= 60,000 - 2,000 \\ &= 58,000 \text{ square metres} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Plant operations and maintenance funding} &= [(6200 \times \$453) + (500 \times .5 \times \$453) + (58,000 \times \$11.40)] \times 1.02 \\ &= [\$2,808,600 + \$113,250 + \$661,200] \times 1.02 \\ &= \$3,583,050 \times 1.02 \\ &= \$3,654,711 \end{aligned}$$

