

PURPOSE

This funding is provided to support an educational alternative for students who, due to individual circumstances, are not able to have their needs met in the traditional **school** setting.

CONDITIONS

- New**
1. The conditions and requirements outlined in Section 1.1 also apply for this section.
 2. A **school jurisdiction** may receive Basic instruction funding to operate **Outreach Programs** for:
 - a) senior high school **funded students** who are not able to attend or benefit from a program in a regular high school setting; and
 - b) elementary and junior high **funded students** who are not able to attend or benefit from a regular program.
- New**
3. A **school jurisdiction** will receive \$50,000 per year base operating funding for each **Outreach Program** to offset some of the higher costs associated with running an **Outreach Program**. The first 400 CEUs earned by the students will no longer be funded at double the regular CEU rate. The \$50,000 is equivalent to funding provided by the double funded first 400 CEUs. Grade 10 students will be funded on the applicable full-time or partial program basis and Grades 11 and 12 students will be funded based on CEUs earned at the regular CEU rate.
- New**
4. For funded grade 10 students in an **Outreach Program**, funding is based on the applicable full-time or partial program funding rate.
 5. For students with special needs in **Outreach Programs** who are 15 years of age or older on September 1, funding is provided as follows:
 - a) full-time program funding for grade 10 students with special needs; and
 - b) 35 CEUs for grades 11 and 12 students with special needs.
- Revised**
- To receive this funding for these students in **Outreach Programs**, they should be coded with the appropriate special needs code.
6. **Funded students** enrolled in home education, on-line or blended programs are not eligible for **Outreach Program** funding.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A **school board** operating an **Outreach Program** must develop, keep current and implement written policies and procedures for **Outreach Programs**. Policies must deal with Outreach student eligibility, attendance and expectations for student performance.

Revised

2. A **school board** wishing to operate a new **Outreach Program** must complete and submit Form 02AL1.1.1 "*Application to Operate a New Outreach Program*" to the Director of Special Programs Branch by May 31. Where an **Outreach Program** ceases to operate, the **Board** must immediately notify the Director of Special Programs Branch. Where the **Outreach Program** is operating as a **school**, the **Board** must notify the Minister of a **school** closure as per the Closure of Schools Regulation A.R. 238/97.
3. Outreach students must have access to a certificated teacher for the appropriate number of instructional hours, as described in the *Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12*.
4. **Outreach Programs** must follow the *Alberta Learning Programs of Study* and may include locally developed junior high school or senior high school courses.
5. The **Outreach Program** must provide students with enhanced educational services that are in addition to distance learning courses and materials. Examples of such services are personal and career counseling, conflict resolution, anger management training and study-skills.
6. The **Outreach Program** must be offered in a stand-alone **facility** and **eligible students** must be coded as **Outreach Program students**. The **facility** must meet Alberta building, health and safety standards for **school buildings**. The **school board** must ensure that its liability insurance extends to the stand-alone **facility**.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. Students in an **Outreach Program** may also complete courses in a regular **school** environment.
2. For grade 10 students enrolled in one **school jurisdiction** on Sept. 30 who, after Sept. 30, transfer directly to an **Outreach Program** in a different **school jurisdiction**, the second **school jurisdiction** may apply to Alberta Learning for **Outreach Program** funding. A letter should be sent to the Director of the School Finance Branch outlining the student name and ID#, the date the student started in the **Outreach Program**, and any extenuating circumstances relevant to the funding. School Finance Branch will review applications and funding will be determined based on the merit of the application.

REFERENCES

Outreach Program Policy 1.1.4