

PURPOSE

This funding provides for effective and efficient administration of **Early Childhood Services (ECS) Operators** (excluding **School Jurisdictions**).

CONDITIONS

1. Funding for administration is based on a percentage of TOTAL **ECS** funding an **ECS Operator** receives from Alberta Learning for:
 - a) basic instruction;
 - b) special needs funding (including program unit funding);
 - c) transportation;
 - d) plant operation and maintenance, and
 - e) early literacy.
2. The percentage used in the calculation of administration funding is based on the number of FTE **children** using a ratio of .5 FTE per **ECS** child.
Two (2) **ECS** children = 1 FTE.

ECS Operators:

- a) with fewer than 2000 FTE **children** receive 6 percent;
- b) with more than 6000 FTE **children** receive 4 percent; and
- c) with between 2000 and 6000 FTE **children** receive between 6 and 4 percent on a sliding scale. (See example in Considerations.)

REQUIREMENTS

1. An **ECS Operator** is not required to apply for administration funding; Alberta Learning determines an **ECS Operator's** eligible funding using information on student enrolments and funding that Alberta Learning provides for instruction, special needs funding, plant operations and maintenance and student transportation.

CONSIDERATIONS

- New
1. **School Jurisdictions** receive System Administration funding for **ECS** children under Section 1.17 of the Funding Manual.

2. The formula for calculating the percentage used in the determination of ECS Administration Funding for **ECS Operators** with between 2,000 and 6,000 FTE children is as follows:

$$6\% - [(FTEs - 2,000) \times 2\% \div 4,000]$$

For example, the percentage for a school authority with 4,000 FTE children is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &6\% - [(4,000-2,000) \times 2\% \div 4,000] \\ &= 6\% - [2,000 \times 2\% \div 4,000] \\ &= 6\% - .01 \\ &= .05 \text{ or } 5\% \end{aligned}$$