

ALLOCATION DESCRIPTION

New

This funding, which is in addition to Base Instruction funding, is provided to address the costs associated with providing services in northern Alberta. This is an allocation method only; **school jurisdictions** have maximum flexibility to use these funds in whatever manner best meets their local needs.

ALLOCATION FORMULA

$$\text{Northern Allowance Allocation} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lower Zone} \\ \text{FTE funded} \\ \text{enrollment*} \end{array} \right\} \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lower} \\ \text{Zone} \\ \text{Rate*} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Intermediate} \\ \text{Zone FTE funded} \\ \text{enrollment*} \end{array} \right\} \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Intermediate} \\ \text{Zone Rate*} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Upper Zone} \\ \text{FTE funded} \\ \text{enrollment*} \end{array} \right\} \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Upper} \\ \text{Zone} \\ \text{Rate*} \end{array} \right\}$$

*FTE funded enrollment for the purpose of this section means the number of eligible **funded children** counted at 0.5 full-time equivalent and the number of **funded students** that is equal to the **funded student** head count in the **school** located in the applicable zone.

ALLOCATION CRITERIA

1. Northern allowance funding is provided to a **school jurisdiction** based on the *FTE funded enrollment of all **schools** located in their respective zones.
2. Zones are described as follows:
 - a) Lower Zone – **schools** located between the 55th and 56th parallels of latitude, e.g. Grande Prairie, High Prairie and Slave Lake.
 - b) Intermediate Zone – **schools** located between the 56th and 57th parallels of latitude, e.g. Peace River, Fort McMurray and Manning.
 - c) Upper Zone – **schools** located north of the 57th parallel of latitude, e.g. Fort Vermillion, High Level and Zama City.
3. The zone in which a **school** is located is determined from the legal land description of the physical location of the **school**.
4. Students enrolled in Home Education, **On-line programs** and Hutterite Colony schools are not eligible for funding under this section.

DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Student registration information for **funded children** and **funded students** as of the **count date** of the current school year that is submitted to the Information Services Branch by October 5.
2. **School jurisdictions** are not required to apply for funding under this section. School Finance will determine the funding allocation for **school jurisdictions**.