

OUT- OF- DIVISION PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

Background

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

Procedures

1. Sponsorship will include partial or complete costs associated with tuition fees, transportation and/or Boarding allowances. Tuition fees may be considered, providing the program is not operated by a Board or private school being funded by Alberta Learning.
2. Decisions related to sponsorship of out-of-Division programs will take into account the academic needs of the child as primary considerations.
3. Programs eligible for sponsorship include:
 - 3.1 Special education programs.
 - 3.2 Vocational education programs.
 - 3.3 Integrated Occupational Programs (IOP).
 - 3.4 French language programs guaranteed under Section 23 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
4. Programs not eligible for sponsorship include:
 - 4.1 Sports or athletic programs.
 - 4.2 Programs already in the Division.
5. Decisions made regarding sponsorship for out-of-Division programs may be appealed to the Board in accordance with Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters.
6. A student directed to attend a school by the Superintendent and, as a result, is unable to live in his/her parent's residence, shall be eligible for a maintenance allowance according to rates established from time to time by the Board.
7. The Principal is responsible for approving out-of-Division sponsorships in accordance with the preceding policy and guidelines. Consultation with the Superintendent on the adequacy of Division programs for the student and the implications for school budgets is required. Costs will be allocated to the appropriate school-based account.

8. The Superintendent will inform the Board of each decision.

Reference: Section 11, 40, *Education Act*
Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters