

## **TUITION AND ALLOWANCES FOR ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS**

### **Background**

From time to time the educational needs of individual students cannot be met in the school to which the student has been directed to attend or the regular Division transportation system cannot provide the needed service. In such cases, the Division may provide to the parents such financial support as it deems necessary to meet the educational needs of the student.

### **Definition**

Student shall mean "resident student" as defined by the Education Act for the purposes of this Administrative Procedure.

### **Procedures**

1. Financial support may be provided to parents of a student who is directed by the Superintendent to attend a school other than the school to which the student would ordinarily be directed to attend (the local school) for one (1) of the following reasons:
  - 1.1 The local school is not able to provide for the individual special programming needs of the student.
  - 1.2 The student is geographically isolated from the local school and the attendance at the local school presents an undue transportation hardship for the student.
2. Tuition allowances will be established by the Board:
  - 2.1 Following recognition by the Superintendent of the need for the student to attend a school other than the student's local school.
  - 2.2 When the school the student is to attend is an accredited public or private school within the Province of Alberta.
  - 2.3 When the student is attending a school which is acceptable to the Division and outside the Province of Alberta.
3. Transportation and/or Boarding Allowances
  - 3.1 For the causes recognized by this Administrative Procedure only, the Division and the parent may enter into an agreement to provide an allowance in lieu of transportation to a parent transporting their child to school or to a designated location on a school bus route.
  - 3.2 Allowance rates will not exceed the rates supported by Alberta Education grant schedules for these purposes.
4. Applications for support will be considered on a case by case basis.

5. Parent initiated applications for support are to be made to the Superintendent who will investigate, or cause to be investigated, the reasons for the request and prepare a recommendation regarding the request for the Board. The Board will consider the request at the next regular meeting following receipt of the request.
6. Administration initiated arrangements under this Administrative Procedure are to be referred to the Superintendent who may approve support or refer it to the Board for future consideration. Administrative approvals under this section shall be reported to the Board for information.
7. Administrative decisions regarding the payment of allowances under this Administrative Procedure may be appealed pursuant to the Board Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters.

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Reference: Section 3, 11, 14, 31, 32, 33, 40, 42, 43, 52, 53, 222 Education Act