# How we distribute education funding to schools

# Education funding at a glance

# Education funding in Alberta comes from the provincial government.

Like every child, each school is *unique*. Edmonton Public Schools distributes the funding to schools based on the number of students, learning needs, and other factors like building operations.

# School fees and fundraising



Families may be charged **school fees** for items or services related to enhancing educational experiences. The province's *School Fees Regulation* outlines the types of fees schools can and cannot charge for. School fees make up 2.4% of the total Division's annual revenue.

Many schools **fundraise** for special initiatives or events at a school. Fundraising is carried out with a specific purpose in mind for any funds raised.

#### Student transportation **Board and system** • funding to transport **Operations and maintenance** students to schools administration school building Board of Trustees and maintenance and repairs related expenses utility costs administration includes insurance costs associated with the operations of the Division, custodial services such as software licences, and legal and financial services 76.5% **Division's** Instruction expenses\* salaries of school staff, **External services** including teachers, support (offset by related revenue) staff and administration school cafeteria supplies and materials community use of schools for teaching support for new provincial continuing education curriculum programs

### How education funding flows to schools

Funding comes from the province, and the Division distributes it to schools based on a number of factors, including:

- ✓ number of students at a school
- students who require specialized learning supports
- ✓ supports for newcomers to Canada
- ✓ social vulnerability of the overall school population
- supports for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and initiatives

The Division's budget aligns with the priorities set out in the **2022–26 Strategic Plan**:

- build on outstanding learning opportunities for all students
- advance action towards anti-racism and reconciliation
- promote a comprehensive approach to student and staff well-being and mental health

Learn more about the 2022–26 Strategic Plan on **epsb.ca**.

## How it happens



#### **JANUARY**

The Division submits projected student enrolment numbers to Alberta Education for the upcoming school year



#### FEBRUARY / MARCH

The Government of Alberta announces the annual provincial education budget



#### MID-APRIL

The Division presents the Distribution of Funds report to the Board of Trustees for approval

The report proposes the budget allocations and provides information on any specific initiatives that may be tied to a targeted provincial education grant or funded by Division resources.





#### LATE-APRIL

Schools receive their allocation based on projected enrolment and create a budget for the upcoming school year





#### LATE-MAY

A final budget report is approved by the Board of Trustees for submission to Alberta Education