

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. School fees make up 2.3% of the Division's total 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.

13.3%

Operations and maintenance

- school building maintenance and repairs
- utility costs
- insurance
- custodial services

3.8%

Student transportation

- funding to transport students to schools

2.5%

Board and system administration

- Board of Trustees and related expenses
- administration includes costs associated with the operations of the Division, such as software licences, and legal and financial services

79.4%

Instruction

- salaries of school staff, including teachers, support staff and administration
- supplies and materials for teaching
- support for new provincial curriculum



1.0%

External services

(offset by related revenue)

- school cafeteria
- community use of schools
- continuing education programs

*based on 2026–27 budget

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 students with refugee status**
- ✓ **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 **2026–30 Strategic Plan**.

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How it happens

