

Grants Paid to Independent Schools; No. of Pupils Qualifying for Grants

Grants paid to independent schools are calculated by taking a percentage of the public school per pupil operating grant of the public school district in which the independent school is located, and multiplying that dollar amount by the number of qualifying students in independent schools in that district. Percentages used in the calculations vary for independent schools, depending on various criteria which are used to assign an independent school to a group. The tables below show provincial totals for grant amounts and qualifying pupils for each group.

Independent schools receive no grants for capital costs (land purchase, building constructions or purchase, and equipment and furnishings).

There was no funding for independent schools prior to the 1977-78 school year. All figures for pupil count is qualifying full-time equivalent pupils, not headcount.

Year	Group 1 Pupils	Group 1 9%	Group 2 Pupils	Group 2 30%	TOTAL FTE PUPILS	TOTAL GRANTS
1977-78					16,817	8,402,275
1978-79	454	57,954	17,367	9,417,741	17,821	9,475,695
1979-80	727	130,503	17,524	10,532,897	18,251	10,663,400
1980-81	470	93,806	19,176	12,928,500	19,646	13,022,306
1981-82	617	146,435	21,241	16,785,807	21,858	16,932,242
1982-83	705	204,281	21,771	20,751,666	22,476	20,955,947
1983-84	864	260,223	23,416	22,796,202	24,281	23,056,425
1984-85	1,073	322,679	24,767	24,433,376	25,840	24,756,055
1985-86	815	247,561	26,041	26,225,405	26,857	26,472,966
1986-87	674	232,236	27,204	30,876,129	27,878	31,108,365

Beginning in 1986-87 the employer share of pension costs was included in the public school base grant amount in calculating independent school grants. In 1987-88 Group 1 funding was raised from 9% to 10% and Group 2 funding from 30% to 35%.

Year	Group 1 Pupils	Group 1 10%	Group 2 Pupils	Group 2 35%	TOTAL FTE PUPILS	TOTAL GRANTS
1987-88	1,044.71	418,201	29,071.20	41,089,201	30,115.91	41,507,402
1988-89	1,209.37	515,691	29,877.30	45,544,691	31,086.67	46,060,382

As a result of the Sullivan Royal Commission Report of 1988, the ACTS governing public schools and independent schools were revoked and new ACTS were proclaimed effective September 1, 1989. A new Group 1 was created receiving 50% of public school per pupil operating grant of the school district in which the independent school was located. Group 2 remained at 35% and the former Group 1 became Group 3 at 10%.

Year	Group 1 Pupils	Group 1 50%	Group 2 Pupils	Group 2 35%	Group 3 Pupils	Group. 3 10%	TOTAL FTE PUPILS	TOTAL GRANT
1989-90	25,835.21	61,554,882	5,659.91	9,744,517	1,073.81	522,651	32,568.93	71,822,050
1990-91	28,301.73	71,112,136	5,616.44	10,281,361	1,244.63	669,726	35,162.80	82,063,223
1991-92	30,414.83	79,538,361	5,756.74	10,830,159	1,283.27	699,711	37,454.84	91,068,231
1992-93	32,710.53	88,219,420	5,824.05	11,171,346	1,371.66	779,057	39,906.24	100,169,823
1993-94	35,388.31	94,335,944	6,085.51	11,588,284	Funding Cancelled		41,473.82	105,924,228
1994-95	37,868.01	101,560,463	6,275.98	11,901,666			44,143.99	113,462,129
1995-96	39,928.18	108,065,112	6,357.34	12,235,783			46,285.52	120,300,895
1996-97	41,203.53	111,842,987	6,654.91	12,799,546			47,858.44	124,642,533
1997-98	42,674.30	115,118,145	7,581.73	14,425,904			50,256.03	129,544,049
1998-99	43,925.89	120,294,224	7,684.93	14,859,068			51,610.82	135,153,292
1999-00	43,661.07	122,322,498	8,278.21	16,372,551			51,939.28	138,695,049
2000-01	43,973.44	127,656,131	8,315.65	16,999,842			52,289.09	144,655,973
2001-02	43,971.81	129,406,333	8,722.87	18,034,862			52,694.68	147,441,195
2002-03	45,009.39	133,830,584	9,412.70	19,546,860			54,422.09	153,377,444
2003-04	45,310.49	135,962,772	9,578.39	19,996,321			54,888.88	155,959,093
2004-05	45,959.26	142,474,692	9,356.83	20,133,620			55,316.09	162,608,312
2005-06	46,090.89	149,626,492	9,769.50	22,049,629			55,860.39	171,676,121

Funding for Distributed Learning was instituted for public and independent schools in 2006-2007, hence the unusual jump in funded FTE pupils for 2006-2007.

DL pupils DL Grant

2006-07	46,504.13	161,960,937	10,737.25	25,565,537	4,335.13	?	61,576.50	187,526,474
2007-08	46,698.54	166,618,987	11,092.65	27,243,332	5,354.76	12,651,365	63,145.95	206,513,684
2008-09	46,449.56	171,801,951	10,872.03	27,571,777	6,016.47	15,891,747	63,338.06	215,265,475
2009-10	46,193.63	174,264,283	10,748.70	27,823,522	6,854.29	19,787,890	63,796.02	221,875,695
2010-11	47,057.82	179,256,585	10,867.98	28,391,695	7,433.17	23,305,876	65,358.97	230,954,156
2011-12	47,908.69	186,843,882	10,788.50	29,462,605	7,459.13	29,090,588	66,156.32	245,397,075

In 2012-13 the Ministry of Education amended their enrolment reporting to reflect brick & mortar, DL, and home-schoolers enrolment in independent schools. Therefore, there is a larger reported enrolment increase in 2012-13 than is typical in a year-over-year trend.

Year	FTE Group 1 & 2 comb.	Group 1 Grant	Group 2 Grant	DL FTE	DL Grant	Total FTE	Total Grant
2012-13	65,710	188,150,629	29,395,568	6,902	27,814,721	72,612	245,360,918
2013-14	67,014	195,887,035	31,089,849	7,319	30,107,111	74,333	257,083,995
2014-15	71,071	209,849,465	33,291,390	8,289	33,634,031	79,361	276,774,886
2015-16	71,790	211,257,537	43,459,769	7,256	33,423,762	79,046	288,140,068
2016-17	73,401	215,360,997	45,315,920	7,461	34,318,934	80,862	294,995,851