

**BC Tripartite Education Agreement
Supporting First Nation Student Success (BCTEA):**

BC First Nations Education Funding Handbook

Definitions and Explanations to Accompany
the BCTEA Funding Table

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Introduction

This Handbook was prepared by the BC First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNEESC) and BC First Nations Schools Association (FNSEA) to explain Indigenous Services Canada's (ISC's) British Columbia Tripartite Education Agreement (BCTEA) Funding Detail Budget Report Table that is sent to First Nations each year. That Table shows the components of the BCTEA funding calculations for First Nations schools in British Columbia (BC).

This Handbook will be updated and redistributed as necessary if the BCTEA funding components change.

Overview of BCTEA Funding for BC First Nations Schools

This Handbook explains each row of the BCTEA Funding Detail Budget Report Table that is sent to First Nations each year. That Table shows the components of the BCTEA funding calculations.

- The funding formula for First Nations schools in BC is established under BCTEA. The BCTEA funding formula is based upon the BC Ministry of Education’s funding model for public schools with specific adaptations to reflect the unique circumstances of First Nation schools. The Ministry’s funding model is described in detail in its Operating Grants Manual (OGM).
- The BCTEA funding formula calculates First Nations schools’ funding allocations using individual enrolment data and factors that apply specifically to each school. The enrolment data reflects the information provided for each First Nation school on ISC’s annual Nominal Roll.
- ISC calculates First Nations schools’ funding allocations using its BCTEA Funding Detail Budget Report Table, attached as Appendix One.
- Each year, ISC provides each First Nation with its unique Budget Report Table showing the specific funding calculations for each First Nations school.

This Handbook was written to align with ISC’s Budget Report Table (Appendix One). It does not follow the order of the Ministry of Education’s OGM. The factors included in First Nations schools’ funding allocations, along with the corresponding component of the OGM, are described below.

Table 1: How do the OGM Tables and BCTEA Formulas Correspond?

OGM Table Reference	BCTEA Formula Factor	Exact Duplicate of OGM or BCTEA Adaptation
Table 2b	Basic Amount	OGM
Table 4b	Adult Amount	OGM
Table 3a/3b	Enrolment Decline	OGM
Table 4b	ELL	OGM/BCTEA Adaptation
Table 4b	Aboriginal Students	OGM
Table 4c	Vulnerable Students	BCTEA Adaptation
Table 5	Salary Differential	BCTEA Adaptation
Table 6a	Small Community Supplement	OGM
Table 6b	Low Enrolment Factor	BCTEA Adaptation
Table 6c	Rural Factor	BCTEA Adaptation
Table 6d	Climate Factor	BCTEA Adaptation
Table 6f	Student Location Factor	BCTEA Adaptation
Table 8	Education Plan	OGM
N/A	Non-OGM Funding	BCTEA Adaptation
N/A	Technology Support	BCTEA Adaptation
N/A	Education Minor Capital	BCTEA Adaptation

The BCTEA funding formula is related to federally-funded students who are included on ISC's annual Nominal Roll. Students who are funded through the **reciprocal tuition** agreement with the BC Ministry of Education are **not included** in the BCTEA funding calculations and are not addressed in this Funding Handbook.

More information about the reciprocal tuition agreement is available from the FNEsc office and at www.fnesc.ca

Row-by-Row Explanation, BCTEA Funding Detail Budget Report Table 2018/19

In this Handbook, the reference to “row number” corresponds to the row in ISC’s BCTEA Funding Detail Budget Report Table, included in Appendix One.

ISC’s Table also includes a column showing “Factor” and “Amount.” The Factor times the amount determines the “Allocation.” The relevant Factor and Amount for each row are described in this Handbook.

ROW 1: BASIC AMOUNT

The BCTEA funding formula includes a basic amount for each eligible school-age full-time equivalent (FTE) student (K4 to Grade 12) enrolled in a First Nations school and reported in the ISC Nominal Roll September enrolment count.

First Nations schools’ funding allocations include: **\$7,423 (Amount) for each FTE school-age student (Factor).**

ROW 2: ADULT EDUCATION

The BCTEA funding formula provides for non-graduated adult students who are eligible to be reported in the ISC Nominal Roll September enrolment count.

First Nations schools’ funding allocations include: **\$7,423 (Amount) for each FTE adult student (Factor).**

In order for adult students to be eligible, the program must be approved and operated according to ISC’s Adult Secondary Education Policies.

ROWS 3 – 5: ENROLMENT DECLINE

Corresponding to the provincial funding model, the BCTEA funding formula includes a factor to account for declining enrolments, calculated as follows.

FTEs 1 Year Previous

- For each school-age FTE student greater than a 1% decline, but less than or equal to a 4% decline from the previous September: **50% of the current year's Basic Amount (see Row 1 Basic Amount explanation)**
- For each school-age FTE student greater than a 4% decline from the previous September: **75% of the current year's Basic Amount (see Row 1 Basic Amount explanation)**

Note: Decline is the change in enrolment between the September 30 enrolment of the current school year and the September 30 enrolment of the previous school year.

FTEs 3 Years Previous

- For each school-age FTE student greater than a 7% decline between the previous September and the September two years prior: **50% of the current year Basic Amount (see Row 1 Basic Amount explanation)**

ROW 6: ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING (ELL)

To correspond with English Language Learning (ELL) (formerly English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as a Second Dialect (ESD)) grants provided in the provincial funding model, the BCTEA funding formula includes funding for ELL to support improvements in literacy for students in First Nations schools.

First Nations schools' funding allocations include: **\$1,420 (Amount) times 22.6% of total school-age headcount students.**

22.6% was determined as a proxy for the rate of ELL students using historical data from the provincial education system. This rate is under consideration.

ROW 7: ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

To correspond with the Aboriginal Education grants provided in the provincial education system, First Nations schools' funding allocations include: **\$1,230 (Amount) for each headcount school-age student (Factor).**

ROW 8: VULNERABLE STUDENTS

In the provincial funding model, a funding supplement for Vulnerable Students is provided to school districts to assist with the provision of services to vulnerable students. That supplement is in addition to provincial CommunityLINK special purpose grants.¹

Corresponding to this funding, the BCTEA funding formula includes a **non-operating grant amount** that is determined based on the provincial CommunityLINK funding plus the supplemental Vulnerable Students funding that is provided to School District No. 92 (Nisga'a), which has the largest Aboriginal student population.

Specifically, First Nations schools' funding allocations include: **\$60.47 for each school-age and adult FTE student (Factor)**. The Vulnerable Student rate is updated each January.

ROW 9: SALARY DIFFERENTIAL

In the provincial funding model, a supplement for Salary Differential provides additional funding to school districts that pay higher than average teacher salaries.

Corresponding to this provincial funding, the BCTEA funding formula includes an amount that is based on the average salary differential in the provincial system.

Specifically, First Nations schools' funding allocations include: **\$180.33 (Amount) for each school-age and adult FTE student (Factor)**.

ROWS 10 – 13: SMALL COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENT

In the provincial funding model, a Small Community Supplement is provided to school districts with a student population that is below an established minimum enrolment number. The Small Community Supplement is based on the previous year's enrolment. For example, for the 2017/18 school year, the supplement was determined using the funded FTE enrolment as at September 30, 2016.

First Nations schools' funding allocations include a corresponding supplement, calculated using the following formulas.

¹ CommunityLINK (Learning Includes Nutrition and Knowledge) funding is designed to support the academic achievement and social functioning of vulnerable students. Programs and services can include breakfast, lunch and snack programs, academic supports, counseling, youth workers and after-school programs. CommunityLINK provides \$51.2 million in funding to all 60 school districts. The Vulnerable Student Supplement (VSS) provides funding (\$11.2 million) across 25 BC school districts to address growth in vulnerable student populations.

Elementary

Eligibility: Schools with 250 or fewer elementary school-age FTE students

For schools with 8 or fewer elementary FTEs: **\$79,620 amount**

For school with 9 to 110 elementary FTEs: **\$167,300 amount**

For schools with 111 to 250 elementary FTEs: **The \$167,300 maximum minus \$1,195 for each elementary school-age FTE student over 110**

or Elementary Remote

Eligibility: Schools with 75 or fewer elementary school-age FTE students **AND** meeting at least one of the following criteria:

- The school is located at least 40 kilometres by road from the next nearest First Nation or public elementary school
- The school is located at least 5 kilometres from the next nearest First Nation or public elementary school *that can only be accessed by gravel road, logging road or by water*

For schools with 15 or fewer elementary FTEs: **\$169,720 base amount**

For schools with 16 to 75 elementary FTEs: **\$190,885 base amount**

Note: a community can only be eligible for **one of** Elementary or Elementary Remote.

Secondary

Eligibility: Schools with 635 or fewer secondary school-age FTE students

For schools with 100 or fewer secondary FTEs: **\$4,815 per school-age FTE student**

For schools with 101 to 635 secondary FTEs: **\$481,500 maximum minus \$900 for each school-age secondary FTE student over 100**

and Grade 11 and 12

Eligibility: Schools eligible for the Secondary Small School Supplement (above), **and** with school-age enrolments in Grades 11 and/or 12

For schools with 15 or fewer Grade 11 & 12 FTEs: **\$12,940 per school-age FTE student**

For schools with 16 to 215 Grade 11 & 12 FTEs: **\$194,100 maximum minus \$971 for each school-age grade 11 & 12 FTE student over 15**

ROWS 14 – 16: LOW ENROLMENT

A Low Enrolment Factor is included in the provincial funding model, calculated based upon the previous year's enrolment.

For comparability, the BCTEA funding formula includes a Low Enrolment supplement that is based on the provincial calculation for the 5 smallest school districts (eg. No. 5 South East Kootenay; No. 49 Central Coast; No. 74 Gold Trail; No. 85 Vancouver Island North; and No. 87 Stikine) .

Specifically, First Nations schools' funding allocations include: **a \$35,535 base amount for each school plus \$1,421 for each school-age and adult FTE student.** The Low Enrolment school and student rates are updated each January.

ROW 17: RURAL SUPPLEMENT

In the provincial funding model, a Rural Factor is calculated, based upon a consideration of the population of the city in which the School Board office is located and distances from the Board office to Vancouver and the nearest regional centre.

The BCTEA funding formula includes a comparable supplement, calculated using the public school rural index for the school district in which the First Nation school is located and the current year's Basic Amount (Row 1).

First Nations schools' funding allocations include: **(Basic Amount as per Row 1 x FTE school-age students) x Rural Index x 20% weighting factor.**

ROW 18: CLIMATE SUPPLEMENT

In the provincial funding model, a Climate Index is calculated for each school district, representing the number of heating and cooling days above the provincial minimum.

The BCTEA funding formula includes a comparable supplement, calculated using the Climate Index for the school district in which the First Nation school is located and the current year's Basic Amount (Row 1).

First Nations schools' funding allocations include: **(Basic Amount as per Row 1 x FTE school-age students) x Climate Index x 5% weighting factor.**

ROW 19: STUDENT LOCATION FACTOR

Until 2011/2012, the provincial funding model included a supplement for Transportation. In 2012/2013, the Ministry of Education eliminated the transportation funding allocation and replaced it with the

supplement for Unique Geographic Factors – Student Location Factor. The Student Location Factor provides funding to districts based on enrolment and the school-age population density of communities within that district.

The BCTEA funding formula includes a corresponding supplement for Student Location, which is calculated based on the per FTE amount of funding allocated to the school district in which the First Nation school is located, applied to the school's school-age FTEs.

First Nations schools' funding allocations include: **the relevant school district's student location factor per pupil amount x the total number of school-age FTE students**. The Student Location Factor student rate is updated each January.

For Rows 17, 18 and 19 (the Rural and Climate supplements and Student Location Factor), First Nations schools' funding allocations are based in part on factors determined by the "associated school district" or the school district in which the First Nation is located. For ISC's list of First Nations and their associated school districts, see Appendix Two.

ROW 20: EDUCATION PLAN

In 2013/2014, the provincial funding model included a supplement to assist school districts with implementing initiatives as part of the Province of BC's Education Plan.

The BCTEA funding formula includes a corresponding Education Plan supplement.

First Nations schools' funding allocations include: **\$20 (Amount) for each school-age and adult FTE student (Factor)**.

ROW 21: NON-OGM FUNDING

This element of the BCTEA funding formula is **not** included in the provincial Operating Grants Manual, but corresponds to other special purpose grants provided to public Boards of Education. Those special purpose grants include funding for programs such as the annual facility grant, Provincial Learning Programs, pay equity, and Strong Start programs. These grants provide Boards of Education with about 6% funding in addition to their operating grants.

Specifically, the non-OGM funding for First Nations schools is calculated as: **8.62% of the total school FTE funding (i.e. the total of rows 1 – 20)**. The Non-Formula amount is updated each January.

ROWS 22 - 24: TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

BCESIS

The provincial funding model provides annual funding to Boards of Education for the operation of BCeSIS (now named MyEdBC).

The BCTEA model provides a corresponding allocation to address student information requirements.

First Nations schools' funding allocations include Technology Funding calculated as: **BCeSIS funding (\$20 for each school-age and adult FTE student).**

Technology Funding

The provincial funding model provides annual funding to Boards of Education for Next Generation Network (formerly the Provincial Learning Network or PLNet).

The BCTEA model provides a corresponding allocation to address internet connectivity requirements.

First Nations schools' funding allocations include Technology Funding calculated as: **Internet Connectivity funding for each school updated in 2018/19).**

ROW 25: EDUCATION MINOR CAPITAL

The provincial funding model provides an Annual Facility Grant (AFG) to Boards of Education for capital maintenance and improvements to school buildings, such as mechanical and electrical upgrades, roofing, upgrades to interior and exterior building envelopes, addressing risk management issues, accessibility and other functional improvements to schools.

First Nations schools' funding allocations include a corresponding calculation of education minor capital: **\$120 (Amount) for each school-age and adult FTE student (Factor).**

This calculation represents a historical amount transferred by ISC's Community Infrastructure Program.

Note: Funding for major capital is not included within BCTEA.

ROW 26: LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FUNDING

Federal funding of \$3.6 million was provided in Budget 2016 for Language and Culture, originally funded under New Paths.

This Language and Culture funding is allocated as part of the BCTEA funding allocation, and calculated as: **\$1,195 (Amount) for each school-age FTE student.**

Note:

In the BCTEA funding formula, K4 FTE are eligible for the basic and other student based supplements (ie Aboriginal, ELL) and enrolment used in the calculation of unique geographic supplements (eg enrolment decline, small community).

ROW 27: TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

The supplement for Unique Geographic Factors – Student Location Factor provides funding generally intended to fund transportation of students to school.

Funding provided to First Nations under the Student Location Factor has been recognized as inadequate to transport First Nation students to schools on reserve. As a result, additional funding of \$2 million has been allocated for Transportation.

The Transportation funding is now allocated in the BCTEA funding model based on weighted eligible enrolment multiplied by prescribed transportation per student rates, and determined as follows:

Enrolment Weighting Factors

- K4 to Grade 3: 100%
- Grade 4 to 12: 80%
- Adults: 50%

Total Weighted Eligible Enrolment = K4-3 FTE x 100% + grade 4-12 FTE x 80% + Adult FTE x 50%

Transportation Student Rate (Based on Eligible School FTE Enrolment)

1 to 23 FTE	\$993.50 per FTE
24 to 35 FTE	\$864.60 per FTE
36 to 47 FTE	\$713.80 per FTE
48+ FTE	\$547.30 per FTE

Total Transportation Funding = Total Weighted Eligible Enrolment x Transportation Student Rate (Based on total school FTE)

ROW 28: FUNDING PROTECTION

A new funding protection mechanism is being implemented in the BC First Nations Education Funding Model based on the funding protection mechanism in the Ministry of Education funding formula. The funding protection is intended to ensure that First Nations are provided with stable, sustainable and

predictable funding. Funding Protection is an additional amount provided to First Nations to protect against any funding decline larger than 1.5% when compared to the previous year.

- Funding protection is determined by comparing the total operating grant calculated by the BC First Nations Education Funding Model for the previous school year to the total operating grant for the current year; and
- Funding Protection will apply to all components of the BC First Nations Education Funding Model as set out in this BC First Nations Education Funding Handbook, with the exception of the non-OGM factor funding amount.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING NOT REPRESENTED IN ISC'S FUNDING DETAIL BUDGET REPORT TABLE

Funding for First Nations schools to assist with the provision of services to students with **high cost special education needs** is not included within the BCTEA funding formula. Information about this funding is distributed annually to First Nations schools by the BC First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the BC First Nations Schools Association (FNSA). For more information see www.fnsa.ca/sep.

Additional funding for First Nations Schools Language and Culture programming is also managed by FNESC and FNSA. Grants are provided to First Nations schools annually – as described in information distributed to all schools in BC. For more information see www.fnsa.ca.

Finally, FNESC and FNSA are now managing BCTEA funding for transportation capital (buses) for First Nation schools. Information about the approach approved for distributing that funding is being finalized and will be distributed to all schools as soon as possible.

APPENDIX ONE: ISC BCTEA Funding Detail Budget Report Table

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BC TEA Funding Formula - Adjustment Report							
September 2017 School Year Nominal Roll (NR)				2018/2019 September 2018 School Year - 70% Estimate Only Sep - Mar Allocation (70%)			
	Factor	Amount	Allocation	Factor	Amount	Allocation	
1	Basic Amount	\$7,301			\$7,423		
2	Adult Education	\$7,301			\$7,423		
3	Enrolment Decline						
4	<i>(FTEs 1 year previous)</i>						
5	<i>(FTEs 3 years previous)</i>						
6	ELL	22.6% * \$1,395			22.6% * \$1,420		
7	Aboriginal Education	\$1,210			\$1,230		
8	Vulnerable Students	\$60.47			\$60.47		
9	Salary Differential	\$180.33			\$180.33		
10	Small Community Supplement						
11	<i>Elementary</i>						
12	<i>Secondary</i>						
13	<i>Grade 11 & 12</i>						
14	Low Enrolment						
15	<i>(FTEs)</i>	\$1,421			\$1,421		
16	<i>(schools)</i>	\$35,535			\$35,535		
17	Rural Supplement	Basic Amt *20% * Factor			Basic Amt *20% * Factor		
18	Climate Supplement	Basic Amt * 5% * Factor			Basic Amt * 5% * Factor		
19	Student Location Factor						
20	Education Plan	\$20			\$20		
21	Non-OGM Funding						
22	Technology Support						
23	<i>BCeSIS Funding</i>	\$20			\$20		
24	<i>Technology Funding</i>						
25	Education Minor Capital	\$120			\$120		
26	Language & Culture	\$1,195			\$1,195		
27	Transportation						
28	TEFA Funding Protection						

Final for NR 2017/2018

70% Estimate for NR 2018/2019

Budget Allocation

APPENDIX TWO:

ISC List of First Nations and Associated School Districts

First Nation Name	School District Number and Name
Adams Lake	No. 73 Kamloops Thompson
Ahousaht	No. 70 Alberni
Alexis Creek	No. 27 Cariboo Chilcotin
Blueberry River	No. 60 Peace River North
Burrard	No. 44 North Vancouver
Campbell River	No. 72 Campbell River
Canim Lake	No. 27 Cariboo Chilcotin
Canoe Creek	No. 27 Cariboo Chilcotin
Cape Mudge	No. 72 Campbell River
Chehalis	No. 78 Fraser Cascade
Chemainus	No. 68 Nanaimo Ladysmith
Coldwater	No. 58 Nicola Similkameen
Cowichan	No. 79 Cowichan Valley
Ditidaht	No. 70 Alberni
Esketemc	No. 27 Cariboo Chilcotin
Fort Nelson	No. 81 Fort Nelson
Fountain	No. 74 Gold Trail
Gitanmaax	No. 82 Coast Mountains
Gitanyow	No. 82 Coast Mountains
Gitsegukla	No. 82 Coast Mountains
Gitwangak	No. 82 Coast Mountains
Gwa'Sala-Nakwaxda'Xw	No. 85 Vancouver Island North
Halfway River	No. 60 Peace River North
Hartley Bay	No. 52 Prince Rupert
Heiltsuk	No. 49 Central Coast
Hesquiaht	No. 70 Alberni
Homalco	No. 72 Campbell River
Iskut	No. 87 Stikine
Ka:'Yu:'K'T'H'/Che:K:Tles7	No. 84 Vancouver Island West
Kamloops	No. 73 Kamloops Thompson
Kispiox	No. 82 Coast Mountains
Kitamaat	No. 82 Coast Mountains
Kitasoo	No. 49 Central Coast
Kitkatla	No. 52 Prince Rupert
Kitselas	No. 82 Coast Mountains
Kitsumkalum	No. 82 Coast Mountains
Kluskus	No. 28 Quesnel
Kwadacha	No. 87 Stikine
Kwakiutl	No. 85 Vancouver Island North
Lake Babine	No. 91 Nechako Lakes

Lax-Kw'Alaams	No. 52 Prince Rupert
Lower Kootenay	No. 08 Kootenay Lake
Lower Nicola	No. 58 Nicola Similkameen
Lower Similkameen	No. 53 Okanagan Similkameen
Lytton	No. 74 Gold Trail
Moricetown	No. 54 Bulkley Valley
Mount Currie	No. 48 Howe Sound
Mowachaht/Muchalaht	No. 84 Vancouver Island West
Musqueam	No. 39 Vancouver
N'Quatqua	No. 48 Howe Sound
Nak'Azdli 612	No. 91 Nechako Lakes
Nak'Azdli 614	No. 91 Nechako Lakes
Namgis	No. 85 Vancouver Island North
Neskonlith	No. 73 Kamloops Thompson
North Thompson	No. 73 Kamloops Thompson
Nuxalk Nation	No. 49 Central Coast
Okanagan	No. 22 Vernon
Old Massett Village Council	No. 50 Haida Gwaii Queen Charlotte
Osoyoos	No. 53 Okanagan Similkameen
Pacheedaht First Nation	No. 62 Sooke
Pavilion	No. 74 Gold Trail
Penelakut	No. 79 Cowichan Valley
Penticton	No. 67 Okanagan Skaha
Prophet River	No. 81 Fort Nelson
Quatsino	No. 85 Vancouver Island North
Saik'uz	No. 91 Nechako Lakes
Saulteau	No. 59 Peace River South
Seabird Island	No. 78 Fraser Cascade
Seton Lake	No. 74 Gold Trail
Skatin	No. 78 Fraser Cascade
Skeetchestn	No. 73 Kamloops Thompson
Skidegate	No. 50 Haida Gwaii Queen Charlotte
Skwah 573	No. 33 Chilliwack
Skwah 574	No. 33 Chilliwack
Sliammon	No. 47 Powell River
Snuneymuxw	No. 68 Nanaimo Ladysmith
Songhees	No. 61 Greater Victoria
Spallumcheen	No. 83 North Okanagan Shuswap
Squamish	No. 44 North Vancouver
St. Mary's	No. 05 Southeast Kootenay
Stone	No. 27 Cariboo Chilcotin
Sumas First Nation	No. 34 Abbotsford
T'It'Q'Et	No. 74 Gold Trail
T'sou-ke First Nation	No. 62 Sooke

Takla Lake	No. 57 Prince George
Tl'azt'en	No. 91 Nechako Lakes
Tl'etingox-t'in	No. 27 Cariboo Chilcotin
Tla-O-Qui-Aht First Nation	No. 70 Alberni
Tsartlip	No. 63 Saanich
Tsawataineuk	No. 85 Vancouver Island North
Tsawwassen	No. 37 Delta
Tsay Keh Dene	No. 57 Prince George
Tseshah	No. 70 Alberni
Ucluelet First Nation	No. 70 Alberni
Ulkatcho	No. 27 Cariboo Chilcotin
Upper Nicola	No. 58 Nicola Similkameen
Williams Lake	No. 27 Cariboo Chilcotin
Xeni Gwet'In	No. 27 Cariboo Chilcotin
Yekooche	No. 91 Nechako Lakes