

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS GRANT

Grants Received Automatically

The bilateral agreement between Canada and British Columbia provides financial assistance to independent schools that are publicly funded by the Province. The contributions to independent schools will be calculated for students enrolled in minority language education and second official language instruction as reported on the Data Collection Form 1701 as of September 30.

The money is transferred as a block to the Federation of Independent School Associations (FISA) who is then responsible for the distribution of funds to independent schools offering Core French courses or French Immersion programs.

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION GRANTS

Grants to post-secondary institutions are based on three factors: enrolment, course, and program. For funding purposes, courses are divided into pre-service and in-service.

Pre-service courses

In calculating grants to universities and colleges, the Ministry will include the following:

- A French language/literature courses offered.
- B Courses offered in French by the Faculty of Education or French language/literature courses offered through the Faculty of Arts in collaboration with the Faculty of Education for students planning to be teachers of Core French, French Immersion or Francophone Programs.

Procedures

For A and B courses: please submit enrolments on the form found in **Appendix I** and return it to the French Programs at the end of the first month of each trimester (September 30, January 31, and, if necessary, on May 31 and/or July 31). In April, after the end of our fiscal year, based on total enrolments, the annual grant will be calculated, confirmed with submitting institutions, and payment will follow a few weeks later.

In-service courses

In-service credit courses offered in French to teachers through Extension, Arts, or Education, often in cooperation with school districts. British Columbia universities and colleges will receive, after the end of the fiscal year, a fixed amount per credit for each teacher enrolled in a course for credit.

Procedures

For in-service courses: a letter to the French Programs outlining the course(s) and the enrolment(s), and signed by the certifying officer will be sufficient. (The certifying officer is generally the dean or department head.)