

CURRICULUM FUNDING GUIDELINES

DID YOU KNOW?

The amount of curriculum funding budgeted for each child if enrolled before September 30th of the current school year is: \$1000 for grades K to 9.

Once all of the paperwork has been submitted to Ascend, a PO# is assigned to your child which can be used to buy curriculum at a wide selection of vendors listed on the web site or other suppliers that parents choose in consultation with the Contact Teacher.

Student Curriculum Funds may be directed to any curriculum, activity or equipment that are supported by the SLPs (Student Learning Plan).

ALLOWED

(Subject to \$600 Ministry Cap)

- Third Party Service Providers: Music Lessons, Swimming Lessons, Drama Classes, and Art Classes
- Consumables: Art/Science materials and Educational Software

(Not subject to \$600 Ministry Cap)

- Textbooks part of the curriculum
- Computer or Equipment Loans/Lease
- Lease of Musical Instruments, Electronics, Sewing Machines, Sport Equipment etc.

NOT ALLOWED

- Animals & Animal Food
- Gift Cards
- Utilities, Food, and Gas
- Purchase of Musical Equipment
- Purchase Oversized Sporting Equipment and Sporting Goods - Trampolines, Skis, Canoes, Kayaks, Swing Sets, Bikes, Pool
- Tutoring (Except for Special Ed)
- Electronics and Hardware - High-end Computers, Cameras, Printers, Printer Ink, Welding Equipment
- Microscopes
- Laminator
- Clothing

Note: These are just examples and may not cover all items. Please refer to your child's Contact Teacher for more info. **All invoices must be submitted to the office ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30TH of each school year.**

RATIONALE:

As per Ministry of Education guidelines:

"Third party services are ideal in assisting students meet curricular outcomes in non-core areas such as Fine Arts, Physical Education, and Applied Skills. The DL model of educational program delivery is supported in very practical and hands-on ways through instruction such as lessons in music, dance, horse-back riding, judo, skiing, woodworking, welding, etc.

The 3rd party service and resource allocation is intended for ongoing instructional components that cannot be delivered easily by the DL school; it is not intended to subsidize equipment such as saddles, weight sets, skis, hockey equipment, etc.

The Ministry expects that curriculum funds will be used for the programming/lessons, but not to purchase the related equipment. The purchase of gift cards is also not an approved practice as there is no way of tracking what is purchased with the gift cards."