

2012-2013 Application For Funding of Qualified Independent Schools

As part of Government's continued emphasis on improving student achievement in Saskatchewan, a broader range of schools will be eligible to receive Government funding beginning in the 2012-13 school year. Funding of Qualified Independent Schools provides an opportunity for increased accountability and for a wider range of schools to participate in provincial student assessment.

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to providing a high quality education system that supports Saskatchewan's families and attracts new families to our communities. Funding of previously unfunded independent schools that meet specific criteria outlined by the Ministry recognizes the contribution these schools have made to the education of children in our province. It provides parents with more choice for their children's education.

The Ministry of Education will provide 50% of the provincial per student average for independent schools that meet specific criteria. Only those students who are Saskatchewan residents will be eligible to receive funding. The criteria are:

- employ only teachers with a Professional "A" teaching certificate as classroom teachers;
- implement the Saskatchewan Curriculum;
- operate as an incorporated non-profit organization;
- participate in the provincial accountability framework;
- have operated for a minimum of two consecutive years;
- permit inspection and supervision by Ministry officials or their designate; and,
- comply with Ministry policy and directives.

Funding will be provided for students attending qualified independent schools from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Please complete one application for each school seeking funding. Please submit an original signed copy of the application and supporting documents by **February 10, 2012** to:

Ministry of Education
Independent Schools and Home-based Education Unit
2220 College Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4P 4V9
(306) 787-7054

Please note incomplete applications will not be accepted. If you are unsure on how to complete the application our staff would be happy to assist. Please email Kevin.Gabel@gov.sk.ca or Delores.Loewen@gov.sk.ca or call (306) 787-7054.

Section I - Administrative Information

School Name:	
Grade Levels of the School:	
Mailing Address:	
Street Address:	
Telephone Number of School:	Fax Number:
School Authority E-mail Address:	
Corporate Name of the School:	
Corporation Number (please attach copy of Non-Profit Corporation Certificate)	

Name of Chairperson:
Salutation (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.):
Given Name:
Last Name:
Title:
Phone Number:
Email Address:

Name of School Contact for Funding Purposes
Salutation:
Given Name:
Last Name:
Title:
Phone Number:
Email Address:

Independent Schools are expected to own, operate, or utilize school facilities that meet the following standards:

- Meets all applicable public health, safety, fire and building standards. Please provide proof (e.g. copy of fire department inspection report, public health inspection report, other).
- School entrances and exits are clear and not blocked.
- Student classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, gyms and designated or multipurpose rooms in the school are safe for children of the ages that the school provides programming for to enter, exit and be in for extended periods of time.
- Fire extinguishers and smoke alarms are checked routinely and are currently in working order.
- Has no mould or other factors that would make it an unhealthy environment for children.
- Complies with applicable municipal zoning bylaws

5. Program Offered:

Registered independent schools seeking funding of 50% of the provincial per student average are required to implement the Saskatchewan Curriculum. Your school will be required to complete curriculum forms for all grades and subjects taught to ensure alignment and compliance with Saskatchewan Curriculum. These forms will be made available to you upon receipt of application.

Please provide a list of key resources that may be used in addition to those resources recommend by the Ministry of Education. A list of Ministry resources can be found on our website at: www.education.gov.sk.ca/Curriculum

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6. Operational/Instructional Days

Qualified Independent Schools are required to follow a school year that is consistent with *The Education Act, 1995*.

Please provide a copy of the 2012-2013 school calendar.

