

## Alberta School Council Engagement Grant

<https://www.alberta.ca/school-councils.aspx>

### Using the grant

The ASCE Grant is intended for parent involvement and engagement activities that:

- broaden the number of school events that include parents
- diversify the communication tools used to reach parents
- seek out the advice and ideas of other parents

The grant also supports school councils in fulfilling their legislated responsibilities outlined in *Education Act* and School Council Regulation such as:

- advising the principal and the board respecting any matter relating to the school
- consulting with the principal so that the principal may ensure that students in the school have the opportunity to meet the standards of education set by the minister
- consulting with the principal so that the principal may ensure that the fiscal management of the school is in accordance with the requirements of the board and the superintendent
- establishing and implementing policies in the school that the school council considers necessary to carry out its functions
- making bylaws governing its meetings and the conduct of its affairs
- advising on the development of school education plans, annual education results reports and budget

- completing and providing an annual report to the school board summarizing its activities and detailing the receipt, handling and use of any money in the previous school year

Annually, school councils should establish local priorities aligned with the grant purpose that the funds will support.

Examples of parent engagement activities and projects that funds can be used for include:

- workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members
- information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school
- parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc.
- programs to support families including those of English language and of indigenous learners
- parent resources and tools in multiple languages
- events to engage parents on important local issues
- parent engagement in promoting the value of arts
- trainer or facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops or sessions associated with the above

Examples of non-allowable expenses include:

- entertainment costs, meals, snacks or, other food
- capital asset purchases
- activities that have already taken place
- organization memberships or conference fees

- fundraising events
- prizes or incentives to parents and/or students
- payment to school board staff including honoraria or, gifts
- entertainment activities such as barbeques, volunteer teas, movie nights, dances, concerts or performances