

Research Note

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Classroom Enhancement Fund Report

What is the Classroom Enhancement Fund (CEF)?

The CEF is a type of supplemental operating grant BC school districts receive. It is also referred to as a special purpose fund (SPF).

According to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, “the Classroom Enhancement Fund (CEF) was created to fund the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA), negotiated with the 2013-2019 BCPSEA–BCTF Provincial Collective Agreement.”¹ The CEF is meant to address the additional staffing and overhead costs required to comply with the restored collective agreement language on class size and composition.

How much CEF funding have school districts received?

Table 1 lists estimated CEF allocations for the past 5 school years.² The MECC only publishes estimated CEF figures. Locals can find individual district CEF amounts by checking their district’s audited financial statements (published on districts’ individual websites).

1 2026/27 Annual Budget Instructions for British Columbia School Districts. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/school-district-financial-reporting/budget-reporting/26-27_annual_budget_instructions_march.pdf

2 Table A Summary of Grants to Date, Operating Grant Tables, Ministry of Education and Child Care <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/financial-management/k-12-funding-and-allocation/operating-grants>. These are nominal figures, not adjusted for inflation.

How is the CEF calculated?

The CEF general formula is: $\text{CEF} = \text{Staffing} + \text{Overhead} + \text{Remedies}$

Staffing³ = Number of staff needed to comply with class size and composition language

Overhead = Indirect costs associated with additional classrooms and staffing levels

Remedies⁴ = Remedy allocation owed to teachers whose classes exceeded size or composition limits

Individual districts are responsible for implementing the CEF formula. The formula for remedy calculation can be found in LOU 12 from the BCTF Collective Agreement.⁵

3 The Ministry announces a preliminary staffing amount each year that is usually set at 100% of the prior year's confirmed amount. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/26-27/26-27-summary-of-operating-grant-announcement-march-2026.pdf>

4 Remedies are allocated based on school district reporting of actual remedies incurred in October. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/26-27/26-27-summary-of-operating-grant-announcement-march-2026.pdf>

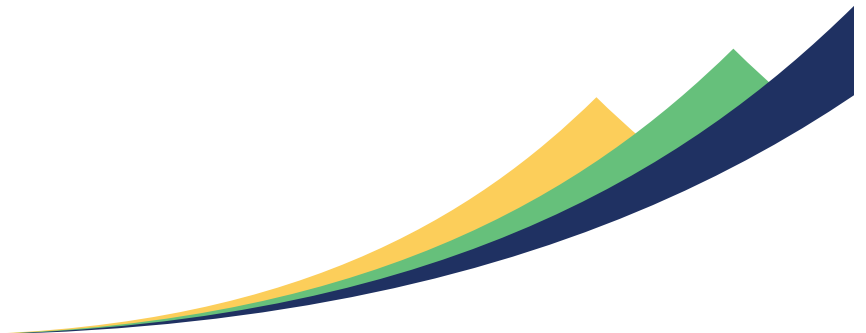
5 https://www.bctf.ca/docs/default-source/services-guidance/provincial-collective-agreement-2025_2029.pdf?sfvrsn=6b399a6e_1

Table 1**Estimated Classroom Enhancement Fund Allocation**

School District	Total 2020/21	Total 2021/22	Total 2022/23	Total 2023/24	Total 2024/25
5 Southeast Kootenay	2,984,294	3,367,466	3,419,517	9,819,935	10,190,535
6 Rocky Mountain	3,363,976	3,613,791	3,532,204	3,902,210	4,213,613
8 Kootenay Lake	5,419,681	5,976,713	8,277,675	10,658,832	9,489,861
10 Arrow Lakes	197,784	206,222	134,008	256,580	267,431
19 Revelstoke	557,629	568,412	568,538	615,849	634,052
20 Kootenay-Columbia	3,615,865	5,335,897	5,417,903	6,341,607	6,554,796
22 Vernon	6,312,603	6,644,711	7,199,668	8,207,918	8,672,744
23 Central Okanagan	18,251,428	20,281,744	24,043,285	29,081,107	35,175,914
27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	3,935,472	4,334,805	4,019,974	4,377,066	4,808,019
28 Quesnel	1,955,907	2,113,885	2,116,918	2,341,093	2,479,360
33 Chilliwack	9,447,514	10,567,586	11,206,486	20,334,886	22,842,259
34 Abbotsford	12,137,321	13,772,623	14,777,991	19,126,457	23,066,059
35 Langley	25,373,431	32,583,862	40,414,860	51,370,099	59,597,435
36 Surrey	43,652,212	47,374,479	53,267,559	70,673,059	88,857,942
37 Delta	8,049,220	9,386,645	11,272,802	15,176,824	18,650,107
38 Richmond	34,064,694	37,363,498	41,492,003	48,725,860	50,013,087

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39 Vancouver	33,912,887	33,676,770	35,423,462	38,181,978	47,627,185
40 New Westminster	6,132,084	6,702,840	7,004,815	7,556,621	9,342,304
41 Burnaby	11,458,215	14,192,569	15,329,142	18,293,918	24,952,474
42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	13,177,001	18,230,494	19,431,395	24,601,644	28,304,271
43 Coquitlam	34,883,269	40,578,811	44,002,952	50,439,044	53,981,545
44 North Vancouver	17,190,387	17,957,665	18,785,119	20,447,800	21,720,902
45 West Vancouver	2,476,836	2,663,291	2,694,966	3,249,969	3,497,990
46 Sunshine Coast	3,126,592	3,343,834	3,639,783	3,542,945	4,566,373
47 qathet	2,204,263	2,228,558	2,277,262	2,545,871	2,794,090
48 Sea to Sky	5,727,921	6,376,893	6,519,091	7,172,571	9,073,243
49 Central Coast	480,115	491,110	491,150	621,226	710,341
50 Haida Gwaii	745,728	765,305	850,686	918,557	1,480,362
51 Boundary	937,780	977,079	1,000,591	1,505,085	1,577,836
52 Prince Rupert	1,949,227	2,547,420	2,787,344	3,075,196	3,146,536
53 Okanagan Similkameen	2,129,639	2,337,587	2,422,898	2,873,298	3,138,144
54 Bulkley Valley	1,265,703	1,130,974	1,285,988	1,390,404	1,411,959
57 Prince George	9,175,708	9,813,235	9,676,848	10,633,231	11,808,983

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58 Nicola-Similkameen	2,963,347	4,012,763	4,023,514	4,597,832	5,204,807
59 Peace River South	3,327,236	3,674,370	3,716,642	4,159,782	4,552,647
60 Peace River North	4,925,211	4,608,606	5,193,682	5,780,342	6,132,029
61 Greater Victoria	19,668,849	19,581,911	20,212,877	22,810,959	24,877,861
62 Sooke	14,963,697	17,984,951	20,340,122	25,171,345	28,398,664
63 Saanich	7,697,396	8,548,168	10,684,163	12,005,932	12,266,466
64 Gulf Islands	1,991,605	2,219,854	2,245,590	2,356,420	2,961,964
67 Okanagan Skaha	3,756,566	4,344,420	4,875,755	5,384,873	5,657,778
68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith	12,068,477	11,519,097	11,724,721	14,806,571	17,078,647
69 Qualicum	3,724,787	4,071,511	4,183,420	4,648,898	5,085,902
70 Pacific Rim	2,459,563	3,348,857	3,935,835	4,986,398	5,684,752
71 Comox Valley	9,659,796	11,463,700	12,156,886	13,026,472	13,717,913
72 Campbell River	3,803,030	3,599,406	3,639,580	4,269,881	4,765,645
73 Kamloops-Thompson	10,668,998	11,623,710	12,821,440	15,526,675	17,264,783
74 Gold Trail	676,800	651,935	592,625	651,938	697,354
75 Mission	6,125,124	7,156,950	7,476,872	9,402,801	10,780,400
78 Fraser-Cascade	1,874,440	2,669,446	2,912,382	3,454,103	3,942,273



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79 Cowichan Valley	9,220,837	10,588,228	10,627,429	11,151,389	10,958,049
81 Fort Nelson	771,913	706,983	710,302	1,132,492	1,133,934
82 Coast Mountains	4,754,610	5,256,583	5,885,884	7,155,737	7,216,739
83 North Okanagan- Shuswap	6,162,240	6,846,908	7,547,528	8,800,769	9,934,985
84 Vancouver Island West	1,173,428	1,107,682	989,409	1,182,755	1,047,914
85 Vancouver Island North	1,459,458	1,241,717	1,423,687	1,564,483	1,608,305
87 Stikine	385,885	390,282	401,485	463,825	443,455
91 Nechako Lakes	2,778,972	3,101,487	3,105,380	3,284,566	3,937,392
92 Nisga'a	823,580	895,159	858,311	926,830	827,154
93 Conseil scolaire francophone	4,600,999	6,664,853	7,487,177	10,427,180	10,689,311
Provincial Total	468,779,230	525,386,311	574,557,581	697,189,988	791,514,875

