

PURPOSE

This funding enables **school jurisdictions** to hire and retain new teachers in order to lower class size averages across jurisdictions to those recommended by Alberta's Commission on Learning (ACOL). This targeted funding may only be used for the initiative for which it was provided.

CONDITIONS

1. **School jurisdictions** will receive a 3% increase to their 2006-2007 class size funding allocation to retain the teachers hired in the first 3 years of the initiative.

Revised

REQUIREMENTS

1. For those jurisdictions that have already met the ACOL guidelines or are unable to hire teachers due to factors beyond their control, these funds can be used, with the prior approval of the **Minister**, for classroom/student supports. Under no circumstances can this funding be used to increase salary/benefit levels of jurisdiction staff, other than a provision for grid movement.
2. Some jurisdictions are already at, or below, some or all of the ACOL guidelines; however, the goal is for every jurisdiction across the province to reach the ACOL guidelines in all grade categories on a jurisdiction basis. School jurisdictions that are below the ACOL guidelines in any grade category have the flexibility to adjust their averages; however, these averages should not exceed the ACOL guidelines.
3. The Commission recognizes that some classes will be above and some below the guidelines due to individual circumstances. Not every classroom will reflect the ACOL guidelines, as the class size averages are calculated on a jurisdiction basis at the jurisdiction level.
4. **School jurisdictions** are required to post **jurisdiction** and **school** class size averages on their Web site by January 15 of each school year by grade category (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12).