

## **BC Tripartite Education Agreement (BCTEA) – Transportation Extracurricular Questions and Answers**

*The purpose of this Question-and-Answer document is to provide information on frequently asked questions from school districts and First Nations regarding Extracurricular transportation funding under the BCTEA First Nation Student Transportation Fund. If you have additional questions, please contact [BCTEA@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCTEA@gov.bc.ca) or refer to the Joint Transportation Plan Question-and-Answer document and the [Policy and Procedures Guide](#).*

### **1. What is different this year for Extracurricular funding?**

- Extracurricular transportation funding will no longer be allocated to each school district automatically. Extracurricular funding may be requested for up to the same allocation received in 2024/25 as indicated in the 2025/26 Policy and Procedures Guide.

### **2. Why was the Extracurricular allocation method changed this year?**

- In response to feedback from First Nations and school districts regarding the accumulation of Extracurricular funding carryover, the First Nation Student Transportation Fund amount remaining constant, and the increasing demand for funds for transportation To/From school, the allocation of funding for Extracurricular activities was changed for the 2025/26 school year.

### **3. Can school districts spend more than their 2025/26 Extracurricular allocation by using the carryover funding accumulated at the end of the 2024/25 school year?**

- No, school districts are asked to hold any remaining Extracurricular carryover in order to meet the anticipated demand of To/From Transportation costs in future years.
- If there are unused Extracurricular funds within the school district by the end of the 2024/25 school year, the Joint Transportation Committee may direct the school district to repurpose any remaining carryover funding to address To/From Transportation costs and/or Extracurricular requests for the 2025/26 school year.

### **4. How does a First Nation know how much funding is available for Extracurricular transportation for the upcoming school year?**

- For 2025/26, the maximum a school district can request is the same amount as the 2024/25 Extracurricular allocation which will be prepopulated in the Joint Transportation Plan template and can also be found in the 2024/25 Approval Letter.

### **5. What happens if there are not enough Extracurricular funds to cover costs?**

- Extracurricular transportation funding is not meant to cover full costs but rather to serve as a subsidy for Extracurricular transportation. School districts and First Nations are expected to find reasonable, and the most cost-effective transportation options. If more funds are needed, school districts may supplement costs from general operating funds.

**6. Does a Joint Plan need to be submitted for Extracurricular funding even if there is no request for To/From Transportation funding?**

- Yes, a Joint Plan or Status Quo letter will still need to be submitted that includes the amount of Extracurricular funding being requested for the school district. The First Nation's signature is still needed (confirmation of agreement by email will be accepted).

**7. What type of activities are eligible to be used for Extracurricular funding?**

- The purpose of the funding is to assist First Nation Students' transportation to school organized extracurricular activities and sports.
- Examples of eligible activities include non-credited athletics, homework and music clubs and school-based cultural activities. School organized extracurricular activities may be located off school property (e.g., a different school gym or soccer field and/or be delivered by a private organization for cases where the school district works with an organization to deliver extracurricular activities).
- Ineligible Extracurricular transportation costs include all-classroom field trips and community-based activities.
- In the case of cultural activities located off school property, Extracurricular transportation funds can be used only if the activities are organized by the school district, including those organized in collaboration with local communities.

**8. What are eligible transportation costs?**

- Eligible transportation costs should be transportation-related costs to school-organized extracurricular activities.
- Supplies, equipment, and other activity-related costs are not eligible for this funding.

**9. Can Extracurricular funding be used to transport students for tournaments?**

- If the school district is paying for the transportation of any off-reserve students, it is expected that the school district will provide the same level of service to First Nation Students who are participating. If participating students are expected to cover the cost of transportation to tournaments themselves, then Extracurricular funding may be used for First Nation Students.