

Manual of School Law:

Updated Items between September 2, 2015 and September 20, 2016

School Act

Part 2 of Bill 21, *Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act*, 2014 amends sections of the *School Act*. Effective January 1, 2016.

Cross reference amendments resulting from *Local Government Act* revision. Effective January 1, 2016.

Consequential amendments to the *School Act* made by the *Local Elections Campaign Financing (Election Expenses) Amendment Act (Bill 17)* amending the by-election provisions (section 36 and 166.2) and a general election provision (section 166.18). Effective May 19, 2016, however the amendments to sections 36 and 166.2 apply starting with the general school elections in October 2018 (these amendments do not effect by-elections before October 2018).

Regulations/Orders in Council

Amendments to the School Calendar Regulation to reduce the prescribed minimum hours of instruction for the 2015/16, 2016/17, and 2017/18 school years, and to require that the new hours of non-instructional time be used for the purpose of enabling teachers to participate in discussions and activities related to implementation of the new BC curriculum. In addition, one non-instructional day in 2016/17 and 2017/18 has been designated for this purpose. Effective November 4, 2015.

Amendment made to the Local Government Elections Regulation, repealing section 2, Election Financing Disclosure. Effective December 31, 2015.

Repeal of the Instructional Time Regulation. Due to the passage of time, these provisions are spent. Effective March 2, 2016.

Amendments made to the School Regulation, repealing section 12 and the Appendix. The changes eliminate the form and content of the Oath of Non-Disclosure. Bill 11 removed a duplicate requirement for public servants to take an oath respecting student data (public servants are required to take a similar oath under the *Public Service Act*). Effective March 2, 2016.

Amendments made to both the Non-Residential School Tax Rates Order and the Residential School Tax Rates Order for the calendar year 2016. Effective May 2, 2016.

Amendments made to School Calendar Regulation, section 8, Designation of purpose for non-instructional days and periods, repealing subsection (1) and amending subsections (2) to (4). These are housekeeping changes related to the July 1, 2016 Educational Program Guide Order amendments. Effective August 3, 2016.

Ministerial Orders

Housekeeping amendments to the Educational Program Guide Order (sections 1(i) and 5) for consistency with amendments to the School Calendar Regulation. Effective November 3, 2015.

Amendments made to the Student Credentials Order, regarding the School Completion Certificate (Evergreen Certificate). Effective January 26, 2016.

Amendments made to the Educational Program Guide Order, Graduation Program Order, Provincial Examinations Order, Required Areas of Study in an Educational Program Order, and the Student Progress Report Order, relating to the implementation of new curriculum and changes to provincial examinations and reporting for 2016/17. Effective July 1, 2016.

Amendments to Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order to require boards to reference the prohibited grounds of discrimination in the Human Rights Code and sexual orientation and gender identity in their codes of conduct. Effective September 7, 2016.

Independent School Act

Housekeeping amendment to reflect deletion of spent section 2(1)(d.1) and (d.2) of the Schedule. Effective July 1, 2016.

Regulations/Orders in Council

Amendments made to the Authority Designation Regulation, adding two persons to section 1(1). Effective May 3, 2016.

Amendments made to the Independent School Regulation, replacing section 8 and adding sections 12-17 regarding bonds. Effective September 20, 2016.

Repeal of Bonding Regulations, BC Reg. 11/68 (Division 7.1), as content and additional updates are now included in the Independent School Regulation. Effective September 20, 2016.

Ministerial Orders

Amendments made to the Educational Standards Order regarding School Completion Certificates. Effective January 26, 2016.

Amendments made to the Educational Standards Order relating to the implementation of new K-9 curriculum. Effective July 1, 2016.

Amendments made to the Grant Payments Order in section 2(1) (a) and reference in section 3(1). Effective September 7, 2016.

Inspector's Orders

New Harassment and Bullying Prevention Order, to require independent school authorities to have harassment and bullying prevention policies that reference sexual orientation and gender identity. Effective September 7, 2016.

Teachers Act

Regulations/Orders in Council

Amendment made to the British Columbia Teachers' Council Regulation, repealing section 5 (3). As the first appointments have been filled, this provision is no longer required. Effective March 1, 2016.

Ministerial Regulations

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