

Manual of School Law:

Updated Items between April 2, 2022 and September 29, 2023

School Act

Amendments made to *the School Act* by bringing into force sections 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 of *Bill 22*, the *School Amendment Act*, providing the Province with the necessary legislative authority to meet its constitutional obligations respecting the provision of capital resources to the Conseil scolaire francophone to support minority language educational programs for francophone students in British Columbia. Effective February 13, 2023.

Bill 14 – Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act amends the *School Act* by adding inclusive language and removing gendered and binary language. Effective March 30, 2023.

Regulations/Orders in Council

Amendments made to both the Non-Residential School Tax Rates Order and the Residential School Tax Rates Order for the calendar year 2023. Effective April 11, 2023.

Amendments to the Local Government Elections Regulation repealing section 1. Effective June 14, 2022.

New School Land Transfer Regulation sets out the rules for providing compensation to boards of education in the event that the Minister chooses to exercise the new designation and transfer authority. Effective March 29, 2023.

Ministerial Orders

Amendments made to the Accounting Practices Order regarding the use of operating surplus by boards. Effective March 11, 2022.

Amendments made to the Educational Program Guide Order to implement approved expanded culinary arts courses and language curriculum. Effective June 30, 2022.

Housekeeping Amendments made to the Accounting Practices Order, Anaphylaxis Protection Order, Board Authorized Course Order, Educational Program Guide Order, Graduation Program Order, Individual Education Plan Order, Permanent Student Record Order, School and Student Data Collection Order and the Student Credential Order. Effective October 4, 2022.

New Land and Improvements Reporting Order that requires boards and the Conseil scolaire francophone to report to the Minister information respecting lands and improvements that they own. Effective March 23, 2023.

Amendments to the School Opening and Closure Order – (1) providing that the existing rules regarding board-ordered school closures do not apply to a Minister-ordered school closure, and (2) requiring that, if a board is ordered by the Minister to close a school, the board must follow the policies and procedures established by the Minister. Effective March 23, 2023.

Amendments to the Graduation Program Order, Board Authorized Course Order implementing the new Indigenous-focused graduation requirement. Effective June 19, 2023.

Amendments to the Education Program Guide Order adding a new First Nations Language course (Dakelh). Effective June 19, 2023

The Student Progress Report Order is repealed, replaced and renamed the Learning Update Order, aligning with the redesigned provincial curriculum. Minor consequential amendments to the Permanent Student Record Order, Provincial Letter Grades Order and the Required Areas of Study in an Educational Program Order were also required. Effective June 19, 2023.

Independent School Act

N/A

Regulations/Orders in Council

N/A

Ministerial Orders

Housekeeping amendments made to the Educational Standards Order, Grant Payments Order and Per FTE Student Costs Order. Effective October 4, 2022.

Inspector's Orders

Minor housekeeping amendments to the Reports, Records and Data Submission Order and Student Records Order, effective October 20, 2022.

Teachers Act

Amendments made to the *Teachers Act* by Bill 25, the *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021*, by bringing sections 5, 6, 17 and 18 into force, authorizing the First Nations Education Authority to appoint one member to the BC Teachers' Council and adding one additional certificate holder, nominated by the BC Teachers' Federation and appointed by the Minister. Effective April 3, 2023.

Regulations/Orders in Council

Amendments made to the Fees Regulation increasing the annual practice fee and making two minor housekeeping changes to update and clarify language in s. 8. Effective March 16, 2023.

New British Columbia Teachers' Council Vacancy Regulation sets out the requirements to be followed by the minister should the specific circumstances arise where the minister may appoint the First Nations Education Authority member to the BC Teachers' Council. Effective April 3, 2023.

Amendments to the British Columbia Teachers' Council Regulation setting out eligibility requirements for the member appointed by the First Nations Education Authority. Effective April 20, 2023.

Ministerial Regulations

N/A

First Nations Education Act

N/A