



School Travel Program

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

School groups from around the province are encouraged to learn about the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia through educational visits to the B.C. Parliament Buildings and online Virtual Classroom sessions. The School Travel Program facilitates this by reducing financial barriers for groups that would otherwise be unable to visit. Eligible school groups are invited to apply for the travel grant as part of the tour booking process.

Eligibility

- B.C. public schools, independent schools with a group one or two classification, schools from the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique, and schools operated by a First Nation.
- Schools in British Columbia from outside of the Greater Victoria region. Schools located in the Victoria and Saanich School Districts are not eligible to apply. Please see the list of eligible schools in the Sooke School District on page four.
- School groups with students in grades 4 – 12 who are travelling for educational purposes.
- School groups who are travelling with a minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 40 people. Larger groups must submit more than one tour booking request and grant application.

Requirements

1. Your trip to Victoria must include a guided tour of the B.C. Parliament Buildings delivered by staff of the Parliamentary Education Office ([book here](#)).
2. Your group must complete an online Virtual Classroom session before the end of the relevant travel period ([book here](#)).



Application Process and Deadlines

The grant application is included as part of the online tour booking request form.

Tour booking requests and grant applications must be received prior to the application deadline for the relevant travel period.

Application Deadline	Travel Period
Sunday, November 2, 2025	November 17, 2025 - March 31, 2026
Sunday, February 1, 2026	April 1 - October 31, 2026 (excluding July - August)



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Tour Confirmation and Grant Notification

Your tour booking request will be processed once it has been received.

Your grant application will be reviewed at the close of the relevant application deadline. You will be notified by email if your application has been approved. The email will include the maximum amount of the grant you have been approved to receive.

Once funding has been granted, it may not be possible to accommodate groups who wish to change the date or number of people for their visit. Please contact tours@leg.bc.ca if you need to make any changes to your tour booking.



Funding

The amount of funding per person is based on school district boundaries.

Funding will be provided for a maximum of 40 people, per group. Larger groups will need to submit more than one tour booking request and grant application.

Funding will be provided for up to two accompanying adults, regardless of how many adults are travelling with the group.

Independent, First Nation, and SD93 schools will be assigned to the region where their school is located. Please include the relevant [school district number](#) on your tour booking request and grant application.

Online learning schools may be asked to provide information to show where the students in the group are travelling from.

Region	School District Numbers	Funding Per Person
1. Mid-Island	62 (see page 4 for list of eligible schools), 64, 68, 69, 71, 79.	\$10
2. Metro Vancouver, Pacific Rim, and Vancouver Island North and West	36 - 41, 43 - 45, 70, 72, 84, 85	\$20
3. Fraser Valley, Sunshine Coast, qathet, and Sea to Sky	33 - 35, 42, 46, 47, 48, 75, 78	\$40
4. Thompson - Okanagan and Kootenay - Boundary	5, 6, 8, 10, 19, 20, 22, 23, 51, 53, 58, 67, 73, 74, 83	\$300
5. Northern	27, 28, 49, 50, 52, 54, 57, 59, 60, 81, 82, 87, 91, 92	\$450
Not Eligible - Greater Victoria	61, 63	-



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Selection Process

During the selection process, priority for funding will be given to groups from the regions that are farthest away from Victoria.

Grant funding will be awarded to eligible school groups until all of the funds for the program have been distributed. Applicants will be notified if funding is no longer available and may be placed on a waitlist.

Funding Requirements

Grant funding may only be used for costs associated with the trip to Victoria.

Payment will not be issued to groups who:

- fail to complete both the online session and in-person tour
- who do not appear at the date and time scheduled for their guided tour
- who do not allow for sufficient time to complete the full guided tour, or
- for any penalties or costs associated with a cancelled trip.

Payment of Grant

Payment will be issued after both the guided tour and Virtual Classroom session have been completed.

The amount of the payment will be based on the total number of people who are present for the guided tour (up to the maximum granted in the confirmation letter). This will be confirmed at the time of your visit.

The payment will be issued directly to the school. Cheques cannot be issued to individuals.



Preparing for you Visit

Guided tours provide an engaging and informative introduction to the role of the Legislative Assembly, the history of the Parliament Buildings, and the provincial level of government.

There are many resources available on our website to help you prepare for your tour and your Virtual Classroom Session.

- [How to Prepare for your visit to the Parliament Buildings](#)
- [Activities and Resources for Teachers](#)

Please email us if you have any questions.

tours@leg.bc.ca



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List of Eligible Schools

Sooke School District #62

The School Travel Program offers grants to eligible school groups in the Sooke School District that are located 40 km or more from the Parliament Buildings in Victoria.

Eligible Schools

Ecole Poirier Elementary	Port Renfrew Elementary
Edward Milne Community	Saseenos Elementary
John Muir Elementary	Sooke Elementary
Journey Middle	

Not Eligible

Belmont Secondary	PEXSISEN Elementary
Brookes Westshore	Royal Bay Secondary
Centre Mountain Lellum Middle	Ruth King Elementary
Colwood Elementary	Qelensen A Len Secondary
Crystal View Elementary	Sangster Elementary
David Cameron Elementary	Savory Elementary
Dunsmuir Middle School	SĆIÁNEW STĒLITĒŁ Elementary
Hans Helgesen Elementary	Spencer Middle
Happy Valley Elementary	Westmont Montessori
John Stubbs Elementary/Middle	Westshore Secondary
Lakewood Elementary	Willway Elementary
Lighthouse Christian Academy	Wishart Elementary
Millstream Elementary	