

There is a wide variety of education options for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the type of funding available varies considerably from option to option. Below are the most common education options available in BC.

Public Schools

School districts receive \$18,850 in funding for each student with autism to provide in-school intervention and services.

Independent School and Private Schools

Both independent and private schools receive Special Education funding from the Ministry of Education to support children with special needs who require additional support. The student must have a diagnosis of autism and have a Individualized Education Plan in place. Click [here](#) for more information.

Both independent and private schools schools receive operating funds through the Ministry of education, and have tuition fees for entrance.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the difference between independent and private schools.

Distributed Learning

Distributed learning programs can be accessed through public and independent schools. Click [here](#) for more information.

Learning or Private Therapy Centres

Provincial autism funding may sometimes be used to pay tuition fees at learning centre and private therapy centres. To qualify the program must contain intervention or therapy to address symptoms of ASD, and the education portion must be delivered by a distance learning. Tuition is generally a combination of autism funding and parent fees.

Post-secondary Funding

Student Aid BC provides a non-repayable grant up for eligible students with disabilities. Click [here](#) for more information.

Check with financial aid or counselling services for other grants, bursaries and reimbursements that may be available.

The government of Canada offers a federal grant that provides up to \$375 per month for students from low-income families enrolled in full-time undergraduate studies. Click [here](#) for more information.

Additional Resources

SET-BC (Special Education Technology – British Columbia) is a Ministry of Education provincial resource program that provides computers and specialized software for loan for students with physical disabilities, visual impairments, and autism.

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