vLearn
Learning Without Limits

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Student Learning Funds

The intent of the Student Learning Fund (SLF) is to expose students to activities and instruction that round out students' personalized learning plan. These resources are used to enhance education beyond typical on-line programming. These resources must be tied directly to individual student learning plans and to specific competencies/content from the BC Curriculum. Student learning funds are only available to full-time vLearn students.

Student Learning Fund Details and Guidelines

1. Student learning funds are **NOT** intended for:
    - **general classroom/school supplies** (paper, writing tools, student planners, binders, USB flash drives)
    - **general art supplies** (including but not limited to markers, crayons, 'arts-and-crafts' items)
    - **hardware, or other non-consumable items** (including but not limited to computers, laptops, printers, ink cartridge refills, sports equipment, etc.)
    - **tutors** (Section 10.02 of the DL Agreement)
    - **play-based activities not directly connected to the curriculum** (including but not limited to LEGO, Playmobil)
    - **monthly subscriptions**
    - **Recreation center drop-in passes, ski passes, etc.**

2. SLF are provided to a maximum amount up to $600 per student, per academic year as specified in the student learning plan. Grade 10-12 students have access to $75.00 per course activation to a maximum of $600.00. Students have access to $300 each semester. This allotment is not an entitlement. Temporary learners or cross-enrolled students are not eligible for learning support funds.
    - vLearn registrations from July 1 – September 30 - $600
    - vLearn registrations October 1st – Feb 15th - $300
    - vLearn registrations Feb 16th – May 1st - $100
    - vLearn Registration after May 1st – no funding provided

3. No money will be paid in part or full to parents/students. All funds must be paid directly to service providers from vLearn.

4. Service providers and/or parents must agree to submit evidence of student learning to vLearn teachers, such as assessments and completion certificates.

5. Purchasing resources to support learning is not the intent of this fund. Resource requests will be considered on an individual basis with exceptions not guaranteed and based on extenuating circumstances.

6. SLF must be Canadian based – we cannot process International orders.

7. All SLF requests must be submitted by **December 15th** for the first $300 allotment, and **April 30th** for the second $300 allotment. Remaining SLF will no longer be available after these dates.

8. Guidelines for using SLF:
    - Third party services are ideal in assisting students meet curricular outcomes in non-core areas that aren't as easily met in a home-learning/on-line environment such as Fine Arts, Physical Education, and Applied Skills. The 3rd party service and resource allocation is intended for on-going instructional components (such as lessons in music, dance, judo, skiing, woodworking, welding, etc.) that cannot be delivered easily by an on-line learning school. SLF are not intended to subsidize equipment such as weight sets, skis, hockey equipment, etc.
    - Similarly, the Ministry considers a membership in an astronomy club to be appropriate rather than providing funds to purchase a telescope, a membership in a photography club or lessons rather than the purchase of camera equipment and accessories, etc.
    - Student learning funding cannot be accessed for any activities that start after June 30th (ex: Summer Camps) and all resources must be received by the student to allow time to share learning with their teacher.
    - Programs should not be started without prior funding approval from vLearn, as vendor payment is not guaranteed.

Applying to use Student Learning Funds

STEP 1 Parent(s) collaborate with the teacher on how best to enhance student learning through using SLF that promote instruction and/or activities which connect to the Student's Learning Plan (SLP).
- Examples of third-party courses/classes include piano, swimming, dance

STEP 2 Teacher approves and then completes a SLF Request, submitting all required information.

STEP 3 Office approves request, notifies parent and teacher of approval, and contacts third-party service provider to request invoice.

Student Name: _____ Teacher Name: _____

I have read and understand the Student Learning Fund Guidelines and Process

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____ Teacher Signature: _____