



BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION Funding for Students



BGSD believes that every student must be fully funded every year.

The current Weighted Moving Average (WMA) does not fully fund student enrolment growth because the number of funded students is always less than the actual number of students in the school system.

The Alberta Government needs to fund school authorities based on the number of students as measured in the fall of each year, to help school boards match the number of students with the number of teachers, support staff, and other resources necessary to support student success.

Weighted Moving Average (WMA) negatively impacts growing school divisions like BGSD.



12,919

**BGSD Eligible Enrolment
2024/25**



12,687

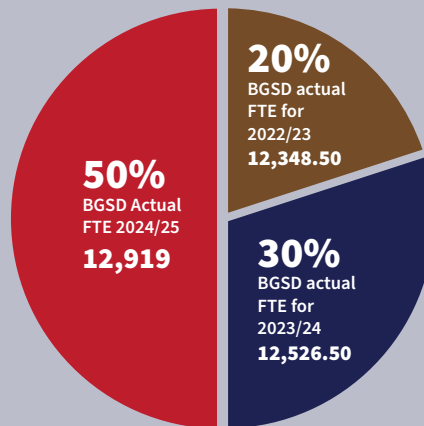
**WMA Funded Enrolment
2024/25**



232

**Students excluded from
2024/25 base instruction
grants because of WMA.**

Since WMA uses enrolment numbers from past years, operational funding received is always less than what is needed to support current students.



WMA Funded

2022/23	2,470
2023/24	3,758
2024/25	6,459

12,687

Under WMA, 20% funding is based on enrolment for the past year; 30% based on the current years' enrolment; 50% on projected enrolment for the next school year.



\$610,000* in lost operational funding for 2024/25, which could be used for:

- Additional teachers, education assistants, custodians, technology, etc.

**Includes the Supplementary Enrolment Grant*