

## **\*\*UPDATES FOR 2021-22\*\***

*Some SLRF processes from last year will be adopted this school year. Please read this year's policy carefully before accepting the terms of use. Please note:*

- A maximum of two requests per student for the academic school year
- The deadline to request any annual membership or subscription services (eg. Kiwico or Science World) is **February 1**. When appropriate, 12-month, 9-month, 6-month, and finally, 3-month terms (as available) will be ordered to wrap up by the end of the current academic school year
- All requests must be submitted to your teacher via online request by **March 15**

### **Student Learning Resource Fund (SLRF)**

The SLRF is used to purchase resources that facilitate and enhance a home-learner's already personalized learning plan. These resources are tied directly to specific competencies/content from the current BC Curriculum, and students must be able to demonstrate their learning using these resources. ***This allotment is not an entitlement.***

The SLRF is **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, 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)

Each full-time student registered in the current school year by September 30 has access to a maximum of \$600.00 in enhancement funding once the 'First Assignments' in their Student Learning Plan (SLP) are submitted (by home facilitator), assessed (by teacher) and posted. Once your initial SLP meeting has taken place and is signed by the parent/guardian and teacher, 50% of the available funds will be accessible. The rest will be released upon completion of the 'First Assignments'.

### **SLRF Funding Schedule & Calendar:**

Student Learning Resource Funds (SLRF) are provided to a maximum level of \$600 per student, per academic year, when the registration and Student Learning Plan are completed and fully executed (signed off by teacher and parents) between July 1st and September 30th each year.

Students who are fully registered and active with the school between October 1st and January 31st, will receive 50% of the SLRF (\$300).

Student registrations between February 1st and March 15th will receive 30% of the SLRF (\$180). No SLRF funding will be available for registration after March 15th each academic year.

**Guidelines for using the SLRF:**

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 environment such as Fine Arts, Physical Education, and Applied Skills. The 3rd party service and resource allocation is intended for ongoing instructional components (such as lessons in music, dance, judo, skiing, woodworking, welding, etc.) that cannot be delivered easily by a distributed learning school; it is 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.

SLRF 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 Navigate, as vendor payment is not guaranteed.**

Please be aware that sometimes brokerage and/or duty fees are charged with international resources, and families are responsible for paying these on delivery.

**Student/Parent Safety & Third-Party Vendors:**

Parents & Guardians are solely responsible for ensuring all safety issues related to Third Party providers of services and locations. This includes Criminal Record Checks of the provider and the physical safety and appropriateness of any site used for instruction, as well as the use of any equipment therein.

All SLRF related expenditures are only to be paid out to vendors authorized by SD 71 (Principal – NIDES).

**Leaving Navigate (NIDES) & Repayment of SLRF:**

If a student leaves a Navigate (NIDES) program before February 15th, and has utilized SLRF funding, the parents/guardians may be required to refund the school (School Board) any SLRF funds that have been spent in support of the SLP beyond 50% of the total allotment (i.e. beyond \$300 for fully executed registrations/SLPs prior to September 30th)

**Documentation of Purchases:**

All purchases made through a student's SLRF fund will be entered onto the student's spreadsheet in their Active Folder and physical receipts will be filed and stored by a NIDES Accounts Admin Assistant designated by the Principal of the school.