



**To: The Management Authorities of each Voluntary Secondary School**  
**Revision of Capitation Grant Rates for**  
**Voluntary Secondary Schools in the Free Education Scheme**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this circular is to set out the revised per-capita rates applicable to capitation grant funding allocated to Voluntary Secondary Schools in the Free Education Scheme with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

This circular replaces Circular 0029/2016.

**2. Purpose of Capitation Grant**

Capitation funding is intended to contribute to the day to day running costs of schools and consequently should be used to meet the cost of items such as heating, lighting, cleaning, insurance and general upkeep in schools. It should also be noted that a proportion of the grant is intended to be used by schools to assist with the purchase of teaching materials and resources.

Capitation funding provided for general running costs and funding provided for caretaking and secretarial services may be regarded as a common grant from which the Board of Management can allocate according to its own priorities. Please see Circular 0048/2009 for more information which is available at

<https://www.education.ie/en/Circulars-and-Forms/Active-Circulars/?q=48/2009&t=id&f=&l=en>.

**3. Grant Rates**

**3.1. Standard Capitation Grant.**

The standard capitation grant is paid in three instalments in September, January and April. The standard rate of grant for 2019/2020 school year is €309 per student, less the contribution to teachers' salaries with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

**3.2. School Services Support Fund Grants**

Details of the rates of School Services Support Fund Grant, Secretary Grant/ SSSF Secretary and Caretaker Grant /SSSF Caretaker grant funding to Voluntary Secondary Schools in the Free Education Scheme are outlined in a separate circular which is published on the Department's website.

**3.3. Other Grant Rates**

The current rates payable in respect of the remaining grants are provided at Appendix A.

**4. Circulation and Queries.**

Please ensure that this Circular is brought to the attention of the Board of Management and the Parents Association (if any).

Queries from schools in relation to this Circular should be addressed to Schools Division Financial at [sdfinfo@education.gov.ie](mailto:sdfinfo@education.gov.ie).

### Appendix A – Grant Rates

	<b>Grant Type</b>		<b>Rate</b>	<b>Details</b>
a)	Standard Capitation Grant		€309 per student, less the contribution to teachers' salaries	Each eligible school receives the Capitation Grant, which is calculated according to enrolment.  The capitation grant is paid in three instalments in September, January and April. (This grant is increased from €296 to €309 per student with effect from 1 September 2019).
b)	Special Class Grant		€191 per student	Students psychologically assessed as having a mild or moderate general learning disability and participating in NCSE approved special classes.
c)	Irish and Bilingual Grants		€103 per student  €21 per student per subject	All Subjects taught through Irish  Maximum of 4 subjects taught through Irish
d)	Traveller Capitation		€201 per student	Grant for traveller students enrolled in schools
e)	Book Grant		€24 per student €39 per student	Non-DEIS Schools DEIS Schools
f)	Junior Certificate Schools Programme		€60 per student	Programme Grant
g)	Transition Year Grant		€95 per student	Programme Grant
h)	Leaving Cert Applied Programme		€151 per student	Programme Grant
i)	Physics & Chemistry		€13 per student	Programme Grant