



In 2021 the Irish and Bilingual Grant will increase to €110.50 per student for all subjects taught through Irish. The rate remains at €22 per student per subject up to a maximum of 4 subjects taught through Irish.

Circular letter 0052/2020

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.

This circular replaces Circular 0033/2019.

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>.

Grant funding should be used for the purpose for which it is provided in accordance with DPER Circular 13/2014.

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 the 2020/2021 school year is €316 per student, less 80% of the School Salary Grant which is the contribution to teachers' salaries with effect from 1 September 2020.

3.2. Reduction of the School Salary Grant deduction from Capitation Grant

The School Salary Grant deduction amounts to €563 (inclusive of ER PRSI) per whole-time equivalent teaching post. A 20% reduction in the School Salary Grant for the

purpose of calculating capitation payment is being applied with effect from 1st September 2020. This will bring the deduction down from €563 to €450.40 per whole-time equivalent teaching post.

3.3. 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.

3.4. Other Grant Rates

a) Special Class Grant.

This grant is paid in December each year in respect of students who are psychologically assessed as having a mild or moderate general learning disability and who are participating in National Council for Special Education (NCSE) approved special classes. The rate of this grant is increasing to €201 per student with effect from 1st September 2020.

b) Irish and Bilingual Grant

This grant is paid in May each year to schools where all subjects are taught through Irish or those where a maximum of 4 subjects are taught through Irish. The rates of this grant are increasing to:

- €108 per student for all subjects taught through Irish and
- €22 per student per subject up to a maximum of 4 subjects taught through Irish.

c) Traveller capitation grant

This grant is paid in December each year and is payable in respect of traveller students enrolled in schools. The rate of this grant is increasing to €213.50 per student with effect from 1st September 2020.

The current rates payable in respect of the remaining grants are also 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.

Tom Deegan
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Appendix A – Grant Rates

	Grant Type		Rate	Details
a)	Standard Capitation Grant		€316 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 €309 to €316 per student with effect from 1 September 2020).
b)	Special Class Grant		€201 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		€108 per student €22 per student per subject	All Subjects taught through Irish Maximum of 4 subjects taught through Irish
d)	Traveller Capitation		€213.50 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