

Funding for Catholic Schools in the Yukon

Catholic schools in the Yukon are public schools. Like all public schools, they are funded by the Government of Yukon using a standard formula. This formula is based on factors such as student enrolment, program needs, and school size.

Funding is provided to school authorities—Yukon Education, the First Nation School Board, and the Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon. Catholic schools are part of the Yukon Education authority and are funded using the same criteria as other schools within that authority.

The school authority manages how the funding is spent and can make adjustments during the school year as needed.

This approach ensures public schools across the Yukon are funded in a fair and consistent way, following long-established practices.

The table below shows actual spending in 2023–24 for the territory’s three Catholic schools, alongside three similar schools for comparison.

	Catholic Schools 2023-24 Actuals			Comparable Schools 2023-24		
	Christ the King Elementary School	St. Francis of Assisi Secondary School	Holy Family Elementary School	Selkirk Elementary School	Porter Creek Secondary School	Hidden Valley Elementary School
Actuals 2023-24 Fiscal Year	\$5,994,133	\$6,998,270	\$3,992,097	\$6,428,180	\$8,633,124	\$3,797,537
October 2023 Actual Enrollment	366	409	179	373	516	180
Cost per student	\$16,377	\$17,111	\$21,911	\$17,234	\$16,731	\$21,097

Note: These are actual costs, and they vary from school to school based on several factors beyond enrolment, including:

- The size of the school and its grade levels. Funding levels differ by grade.
- Utility costs, which depend on the building’s size and age.
- Staff vacancies in non-instructional roles.

It’s also worth noting that two chaplains are provided by the Catholic Diocese to support religious education and offer spiritual guidance. The Diocese covers all costs associated with these chaplains.