



## **Special Needs – Education Costs**

### **DID YOU KNOW?.....**

Under *The Education Act*, the local Board of Education has the responsibility of providing education services to, among others, children who reside in the school division. This includes children in care.

#### **Initial Supplies and Fees:**

- Foster parents will receive the initial costs of books, supplies and equipment prior to the start of the school year. The actual costs will be recommended to regional offices by the local school board or division. For youth in high school, fees may be required prior to the start of each semester.

#### **There's More!!!...**

▶ School costs incurred other than at the time of enrollment, e.g. when a child comes into care in mid year, will be provided

▶ Tuition may be paid to attend a private school only if this will meet an identified need which cannot be met in the regular school system or if this is part of an ongoing plan.

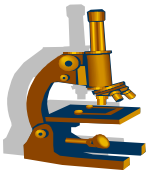
▶ Payment may be made for individual tutoring due to environmental or personal factors or therapeutic tutoring, when a child in care is experiencing failure in his school setting and will benefit from a therapeutic tutoring project (only if not covered under the Education Act).

▶ Extra services such as psychological testing, speech therapy and other professional services are often available through the Health District or the Department of Education.

When a child in care is unable to enter the regular school program, training-on-the-job situations may be considered. Funds may be available through Post Secondary Education.

#### **School Pictures:**

The actual cost of an average package of pictures will be issued to the foster parents. This may be paid in advance or reimbursed after the purchase.



**For further information see: Section 7.5 of the Children's Services Policies and Procedures Manual.**

