

California Department of Education
Fiscal Year 2014–15
Nonclassroom-Based Funding Determination - Mitigating Circumstances Summary Sheet

A. Charter Information

Charter School:	Come Back Kids	Charter No.:	1568
Years in operation:	1	CDS Code:	33-10330-0128397

B. Nonclassroom-Based Funding Determination

1. (Check One) Requested Funding Determination		Certificated Staff to Total Public Revenues Ratio	Instruction and Related Services to Total Revenues Ratio	Pupil to Teacher Ratio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% Funding [5 CCR, Sec. 11963.4 (a)(3)]	= or > 40%	= or > 80%	< 25 : 1 by Grade Span
<input type="checkbox"/>	85% Funding [5 CCR, Sec. 11963.4 (a)(2)]	= or > 40%	= or > 70%	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	70% Funding [5 CCR, Sec. 11963.4 (a)(1)]	= or > 35%	= or > 60%	Not Applicable

2. Charter School's Ratios (source: Form FDF)

Enter the charter school's calculated ratios from the FDF:	Certificated Staff Costs to Total Public Revenues Ratio	Instruction and Instruction Related Services Costs to Total Revenues Ratio
	49.83 %	56.84 %

If the charter school does not meet the funding determination criteria, review Section C, complete Section D and E, sign, and attach any supporting documentation.

C. Regulations

California *Code of Regulations*, Title 5 (5 CCR), Sec. 11963.4(e): A reasonable basis for the ACCS to make a recommendation other than one that results from the criteria specified in subdivision (a) may include, but not be limited to, the following: the information provided by the charter school (FDF) pursuant to paragraphs (2) through (8), inclusive, of subdivision (b) of section 11963.3, documented data regarding individual circumstances of the charter school (e.g., one-time or unique or exceptional expenses for facilities, acquisition of a school bus, acquisition and installation of computer hardware not related to the instructional program, special education charges levied on the charter school by a local educational agency, restricted state, federal, or private grants of funds awarded to the charter school that cannot be expended for teacher salaries, or contracted instructional services other than those for special education), the size of the charter school, and how many years the charter school has been in operation.

D. Mitigating Circumstances (attach any supporting documentation)

1. Explain why the charter school did not meet the criteria for the funding determination requested. Include specific measures or actions taken by the charter school to comply.

The charter did not meet the 80% criteria for percent of Instruction & Instruction-Related Services to Total Revenues due to cash flow constraints as \$1,078,754 of the \$3,070,743 revenue for 2013-14 was received after June 30, 2014. \$926,202 of the \$1,078,754 received after June 30, 2014 was from the state aid portion of the LCFF funding and the balance of \$152,552 was from the Riverside County SELPA pass through funding. The percentage of instruction and instruction related expenditures to revenue is 87.6 percent if the \$1,078,754 is excluded from total revenue. For 2015-16, ADA is monitored on a monthly basis and the expenditure percentages of total revenue is being monitored at the interim reporting periods and on a monthly basis from February through May. The charter personnel are also developing a spending plan if P2 ADA increases significantly from P1.

2. List and explain the mitigating circumstance(s) to be considered by the CDE and Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS).

The mitigating circumstances to be considered include the number of years the charter has been in operation, the size of the charter school and the impact of state deferrals on cash flow. 2013-14 was the first year of operation for the Come Back Kids charter, a county program charter school. The school was small, with less than 400 ADA and in the first year, the ADA increased significantly from the 273 projected in the charter petition to 292 at P1 to 394 at P2. Of the \$2,238,976 revenue from the 2013-14 state aid portion of LCFF, \$926,202 or 41% was received after the end of the fiscal year and impacted the availability of cash to fund instruction and instruction related expenditures.

3. Provide any other pertinent information that may assist the CDE and ACCS in conducting a detailed review or develop a reasonable basis for a recommendation.

Come Back Kids is a charter school authorized under the Riverside County Office of Education to serve the students of Riverside County in an independent study model who are at risk of not completing high school. Due to the type of students, in the first year of operation, it was challenging to project the ADA. In the current year, systems have been put in place to monitor both the enrollment and ADA on a per teacher basis and make budget adjustments to ensure funds are substantially dedicated to the instructional benefit of the students.

E. Certification

	I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the information is true and correct.	
	_____ Signature of Charter School's Director, Principal, or Governing Board Chairperson	
	Diana Walsh-Reuss _____ Print Name of Charter School's Director, Principal, or Governing Board Chairperson	
	Associate Superintendent _____ Title of Authorized Individual	_____ Date