



State Board of Education

May 7, 2020 Meeting

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Item 05

- Consideration of requests for determination of funding with “reasonable basis”/mitigating circumstances by 26 nonclassroom-based (NCB) charter schools.



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Funding Determination Levels

Funding Level	Percent of Revenues Spent on Instructional Certificated Staff Salaries and Benefits	Percent of Revenues Spent on Instruction and Related Services	Independent Study Pupil to Full Time Equivalent Certificated Teacher Ratio
100% (full funding)	> or = 40%	> or = 80%	25:1
85%	> or = 40%	> or = 70%	Not Applicable
70%	> or = 35%	> or = 60%	Not Applicable
0% (denial)	< 35%	< 60%	Not Applicable



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Criteria for Full Funding

- Spend **40 percent** of its revenues on **instructional certificated salaries and benefits**
- Spend **80 percent** of its revenues on **instruction and instruction-related services**
- Maintain a **pupil to teacher ratio** that does not exceed **25 to 1**, or an equivalent pupil to teacher ratio of the largest unified school district in the county or counties in which the charter school operates



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“Reasonable Basis”/Mitigating Circumstances

- *California Code of Regulations, Title 5 Section 11963.4(e)*
 - Permits the recommendation of a funding determination other than one that results from the expenditure levels criteria specified
 - May include one-time expenses; unique or exceptional expenses



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Funding Determination Periods

- New NCB charter schools
 - Shall be for two years
- Existing NCB charter schools
 - Shall be for a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years
- Mitigating Circumstances
 - Two years



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