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Attachment 14

# Nonclassroom-Based Funding Determination Request

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

This document presents the determination of funding request for Escalon Charter Academy (charter #1416). Information from the school has been exported from the web-based Funding Determination Form at [Nonclassroom-Based Determination of Funding - Charter Schools (CA Dept of Education)](https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ch/nclrbifunddet.asp#form).

Responses from the school have been provided, as is, and have not been edited by the California Department of Education for capitalization, punctuation, or spelling.

## Escalon Charter Academy Determination of Funding Request 2023–24

### Section 1. General Information

Charter School Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Charter School Name | Escalon Charter Academy |
| Charter School Authorizer | Escalon Unified School District |
| Charter School Number | 1416 |
| County District School (CDS) Code | 39-68502-0126011 |
| Street Address | 1520 Yosemite Ave |
| City | Escalon |
| County | San Joaquin |
| ZIP Code | 95320 |
| Grade Levels Served | TK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 |
| Date Charter Expires | 2/1/2024 |
| Contact First Name | Kristin |
| Contact Last Name | Tiger |
| Contact Title | CBO |
| Contact Phone Number | 209-838-3591 |
| Contact Email Address | ktiger@escalonusd.org |

Funding Determination Request Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Is this a reconsideration request? | No, this is not a reconsideration request. |
| Requested Funding Level | 100% |
| Beginning Period Requested | FY 2024–25 |
| Number of Years Requested | 2 |
| Source Data | FY 2022–23 Audit |
| If the source data used was “Other”, provide a description. | [No Response] |

### Section 2. Financial Information

#### A. Total Resources

Revenues and Other Resources

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Federal Revenues[[1]](#footnote-1) | $2,611 |
| Public Charter School Grant Program Funds (separately identified) | $0 |
| State Revenues[[2]](#footnote-2) | $3,898,031 |
| In-Lieu of Property Taxes (separately identified) | $909,109 |
| Local Revenues | $49,957 |
| Other Financing Sources | $0 |
| **Total Revenues** | **$3,950,599** |

**If Other Financing Sources were reported, provide a description:**

[No Response]

#### B. Total Expenditures and Other Uses

Instruction and Related Services

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits for Instruction and Related Services | $2,078,597 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $39,208 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $345,335 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: Contracts for Instructional Services | $53,885 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: Contracts for Instructional Support | $23,607 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: All Other Instruction Related Operating Costs | $9,209 |
| **Total Instruction and Related Services** | **$2,549,841** |

Operations and Facilities

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits | $0 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $71,273 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $1,129 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs | $23,220 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | $0 |
| **Total Operations and Facilities** | **$95,622** |

Allowable Facilities Costs

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Total facility square footage occupied by the charter school | 9072 |
| Enter total classroom-based P-2 ADA reported in the prior fiscal year. Do not include nonclassroom-based ADA. | 45.99 |
| Enter total student hours attended by nonclassroom-based pupils at the school site in the prior fiscal year. | 7683 |
| Calculated Facilities Costs | $54,841 |
| **Allowable Facilities Costs** | **$54,841** |

Administration and All Other Activities

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits | $246,517 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $42,283 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $0 |
| Contracts for Other Administrative Services | $0 |
| Supervisorial Oversight Fee | $0 |
| All Other Administration and Other Activities, Services, and Operating Costs | $0 |
| **Total Administration and Other Activities** | **$288,800** |

Other Outgo and Other Financing Uses

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Debt Services | $0 |
| Transfers to Local Educational Agencies | $0 |
| All Other Transfers and Outgo | $0 |
| **Total Other Outgoing and Other Financing Uses** | **$0** |

**Describe the nature of the transaction(s) for Transfers to Local Educational Agencies and identify the accounts or entities involved in the transfer(s).**

[No Response]

**Describe the nature of the transaction(s) for All Other Transfers and Outgo and identify the accounts or entities involved in the transfer(s).**

[No Response]

#### C. Fund Balance

Total Expenditures and Fund Balance

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Total Expenditures | $2,934,263 |
| Revenues Over Expenditures | $1,016,336 |
| Beginning Fund Balance | $1,694,920 |
| **Ending Fund Balance – June 30** | **$2,711,256** |

#### D. Reserves

Reserves

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Designated for Economic Uncertainties | $0 |
| Facilities Acquisition or Capital Projects | $0 |
| Reserves Required by Charter Authorizer | $236,697 |
| Other Reserves | $2,474,559 |
| Unassigned/Unappropriated Fund Balance | $0 |
| **Total Reserves** | **$2,711,256** |

Reserves as a Percentage of Total Expenditures

| **Reserves** | **Percentage of Total Expenditures** |
| --- | --- |
| Designated for Economic Uncertainties | 0.00% |
| Facilities Acquisition or Capital Projects | 0.00% |

**Explanation for reserves designated for economic uncertainties if these reserves exceed the greater of $50,000 or 5 percent of total expenditures:**

[No Response]

**Explanation of Other Reserves:**

The school district Board of Trustees require the Charter keep the 3% minimum state reserve plus an additional 7% reserve for a total of 10% reserve.

**Explanation for reserves designated for facilities acquisition or capital projects if these reserves exceed the greater of $50,000 or 5 percent of total expenditures:**

[No Response]

**Explanation of school’s unassigned/unappropriated fund balance and details regarding the school’s plans for these funds: *(Optional)***

[No Response]

### Section 3. Pupil-Teacher Ratio

Pupil-Teacher Ratio

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| FY 2022–23 Average Daily Attendance for independent study pupils | 258.46 |
| FY 2022–22 Full-Time Equivalent certificated employees responsible for independent study | 12 |
| Among the unified school districts in the county or counties in which the charter school operates, do any districts report a PTR greater than 25 to 1? | [No Response] |
| Provide the name of the unified school district that reports a PTR greater than 25 to 1. | [No Response] |
| Enter the PTR for the district above. | [No Response] to 1 |

### Section 4. Funding Determination Calculations

Calculated Percentages

| **Criteria** | **Funding Determination Calculations** |
| --- | --- |
| Percentage Spent on Instructional Certificated Salaries and Benefits to Total Public Revenues | 53.29% |
| Percentage Spent on Instruction and Related Services and Allowable Facility Costs | 65.93% |
| 2022–23 Pupil-Teacher Ratio | 21.54 to 1 |
| Pupil-Teacher Ratio of Largest Unified School District in the County or Counties in which the Charter School Operates | [No Response] to 1 |

### Section 5. Supplemental Information

#### A. Virtual Charter Schools

Virtual Charter Schools

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Is this charter school a virtual or on-line charter school as defined in 5 *CCR* Section 11963.5? | No |
| If yes, can the charter school demonstrate compliance with 5 *CCR* sections 11963.5(b)(2) to (8)? | [No Response] |

#### B. Entity and Contract Information

Entity and Contract Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Did any entity receive or will receive $50,000 or more or 10% or more of total expenditures from the school in FY 2022–23 or FY 2023–24? | No |
| Number of reportable entities | [No Response] |

#### C. Current Governing Board Information

##### List of Board Members

Board Member 1

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Nick |
| Last Name of Board Member | Caton |
| Title of Board Member | President |
| Board Member Type | Parent |
| How was this member selected? | Elected |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 12/2020 to 12/2024 |

Board Member 2

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Kate |
| Last Name of Board Member | Powell |
| Title of Board Member | Vice President |
| Board Member Type | Parent |
| How was this member selected? | Elected |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 12/2022 to 12/2026 |

Board Member 3

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | John |
| Last Name of Board Member | Largent |
| Title of Board Member | Clerk |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Elected |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 12/2022 to 12/2026 |

Board Member 4

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Martha |
| Last Name of Board Member | Coelho |
| Title of Board Member | Member |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Elected |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 12/2022 to 12/2024 |

Board Member 5

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Sal |
| Last Name of Board Member | Reyes |
| Title of Board Member | Member |
| Board Member Type | Parent |
| How was this member selected? | Elected |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 12/2022 to 12/2026 |

### Section 6. Mitigating Circumstances

**Explain why the charter school did not meet the criteria for the funding level requested. Include specific measures or actions taken by the charter school to comply. List and explain the mitigating circumstances to be considered by the CDE and ACCS.**

Escalon Charter Academy is asking for the higher level of funding at 100%. We are only asking for a 2 year funding so we can demonstrate the use of one time funds will be spent according to their allowable uses and within the spending deadlines given by the CDE. Escalon Charter Academy has a history of great fiscal responsibility. The Charter has had 100% funding since its conception in 2013. With the last couple of years during the pandemic the charter school was able to continue serving students without any interruptions. The Charter has a large ending fund balance due to the one time funds it has received over the last few years for COVID and Learning Loss. The Charter spent down these funds appropriately but this means that the Charter moved expenditures to these one time funds leaving an increased balance in unrestricted funds. The Charter also has received $50,000 in ELOP funds for 2 years now ($100,000 total to date), that are to be used for classroom-based pupils, which we feel should be excluded from the calculation. The Charter also received $420,575 in one time grant funds for Learning Recovery and Arts & Music, which were not spent down in 2022/23 because of the uncertainty of the funds and the state budget.

There was also PreK Planning and Implementation grant funds of $40,984 iin 22/23 & $55,218 for the prior year, which is reported as 22/23 revenue, received by the Charter that have been difficult to spend down for non-classroom based programing.

Overall the Charter received $566,777 in the 2022/23 fiscal year that should be allowed to be excluded from the calculation due to them either being for classroom based pupils, funds that are hard to spend and may be returned to the state (UPK) and for one time grant funds that have a 2026 or 2028 expiration to spend and were uncertain through the 2022/23 fiscal year. Escalon Charter Academy is asking for a continued 100% funding level.

### Section 7. Additional Information

**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.**

Escalon Charter Academy is a growing program, as determined by a waitlist for enrollments. As a result, the Charter is planning on hiring at least one more full time teacher and possibly two, depending on enrollment numbers. The Charter has extended onsite classes to two days a week to our support onsite intervention and enrichment for our home school program, bringing non-classroom based students to our physical school site twice the amount of time as prior years.

Adding an additional art course for our non-classroom based students is being planned and will be implemented in the 2024-25 school year using Prop 28 funds. The Charter prides itself in the extracurricular activities and events available to it's students.

Escalon Charter Academy works closely with the District's high school to give students the ability to participate in athletics. The Charter has worked hard to give the home school program a very broad and extensive selection of extracurricular offerings to non-classroom based students.

Escalon Charter Academy has partnered with Modesto Junior College and Delta Junior College to give students ages 13-18 the opportunity to participate in Dual Enrollment and benefit by taking College courses while working on their high school diploma. Escalon Charter Academy works with parents so they can be educated and participate in appropriate training to assist them in being better home instructors for their children.

Escalon Charter has worked incredibly hard to become a popular destination and a fantastic option for families who would like a different option than traditional classroom based schools.

### Section 8. Certification

**1) The information provided is true and correct to the best of my ability and knowledge.**

**2) This charter school's nonclassoom-based instruction is conducted for and substantially dedicated to the instructional benefit of the school's students.**

**3) This charter school's governing board has adopted and implemented conflict of interest policies.**

**4) All of the charter school's transactions, contracts, and agreements are in the best interest of the school and reflect a reasonable market rate for all goods, services, and considerations rendered for or supplied to the school.**

**Enter your name below which will serve as a signature and certify agreement with all of the above terms.**

Ricardo Chavez

**Indicate whether the certification is from the charter school's director, principal, or governing chairperson:**

Director

1. Includes Public Charter Schools Grant Program funds, if applicable [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Includes In-Lieu of Property Taxes, if applicable [↑](#footnote-ref-2)