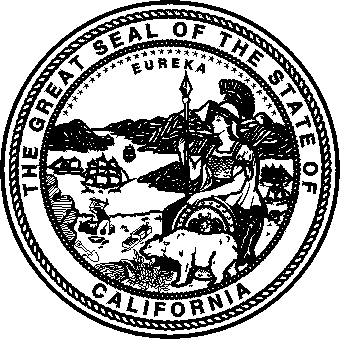
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of K‐12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting



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# GENERAL PROVISIONS ABBREVIATIONS/DEFINITIONS

ADA: Average Daily Attendance as reported to CDE for apportionment

Annual: the fiscal year ending on June 30 CDE: California Department of Education COE: County Office of Education

Grade span: as specified in Education Code section 42238.02(d)

LEA: Local Education Agencies serving one or more of grades K‐12, i.e. school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and certain joint power authorities

LCFF: Local Control Funding Formula

P2: the second principal period of apportionment, as defined in Education Code section 41601

# SCOPE/AUDITOR JUDGEMENT

This audit guide is to be used in the performance of the audits required by Education Code section 41020. The auditor shall follow the procedures included in this audit guide, unless, in the exercise of professional judgment, the auditor determines that other or additional procedures are more appropriate.

# AUDITING STANDARDS

Audits shall be conducted in accordance with the following standards:

1. Standards generally accepted in the United States of America.
2. *Government Auditing Standards*, also known as the Yellow Book, which contains standards for audits of government organizations, programs, activities, and functions. The Yellow Book is published by the United States Government Accountability Office.
3. Federal audit regulations means Part 200 of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations‐Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (which superseded OMB Circular A‐133) including standards for attaining consistency and uniformity in the audits of governments and organizations expending federal awards.
4. The auditor should select samples based on the guidance of the following Tables, or the report should indicate the rationale for using alternative procedures:

**Table 1**

**Tests of Compliance Sampling Table—Population: 250 or Greater Minimum Sample Sizes—5% Tolerable Exception Rate**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Expected Number of Exceptions** | **Degree of Assurance Needed** | | |
| **High (90–95%**  **Confidence Level)** | **Moderate (87–89%**  **Confidence Level)** | **Low** |
| **0** | **60** | **40** | **25** |
| **1** | **91** | **71** | **53** |
| **2** | **120** | **98** | **76** |

**Table 2**

**Tests of Compliance Sampling Table—Population: Less Than 250 Minimum Sample Sizes—5% Tolerable Exception Rate**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Expected Number of Exceptions** | **Degree of Assurance Needed** | | |
| **High (90–95%**  **Confidence Level)** | **Moderate (87–89%**  **Confidence Level)** | **Low** |
| **0** | **51** | **37** | **25** |
| **1** | **78** | **63** | **48** |
| **2** | **101** | **85** | **Sampling not efficient** |

Note: For populations between 52 and 250 items, auditors generally test a sample size of approximately 10% of the population. The sample size is subject to professional judgement, which would include engagement risk assessment considerations.

**Table 3**

**Tests of Compliance Sampling Table—Very Small Populations**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Frequency and Population Size** | **Sample Size** |
| **Quarterly (4)** | **2** |
| **Monthly (12)** | **2–4** |
| **Semimonthly (24)** | **3–8** |
| **Weekly (52)** | **5–9** |

# MATERIALITY LEVELS

For 2020‐21 only, this table applies to Section Y. Independent Study‐Course Based:

LEA's Total Reported ADA Materiality Level/Program 1 ‐ 1,000 10 or more ADA

1,001 ‐ 2,500 20 or more ADA

2,501 ‐ 10,000 50 or more ADA

More than 10,000 100 or more ADA

All other ADA related sections suspended for 2020‐21 only, D. Independent Study, E. Continuation Education,

M. Juvenile Court Schools and N. Middle or Early College High Schools, and Independent Study‐Course Based for LEAs other than charter schools classified as nonclassroom based for 2019‐20, are audited as part of Section A. Attendance and Distance Learning. For charter schools classified as nonclassroom based for

2019‐20, audit programs related to Sections Y. Independent Study‐Course Based, CC. Nonclassroom Based Instruction/Independent Study, and DD. Determination of Funding for Nonclassroom Based Instruction.

# REPORT COMPONENTS

The report of each audit performed pursuant to Education Code section 41020 shall include the following:

1. Introductory Section
   1. Table of Contents
   2. Other information as deemed appropriate by the auditee
2. Financial Section
   1. Independent Auditors Report
   2. Management's Discussion and Analysis
   3. Basic Financial Statements
   4. Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
3. Required Supplementary Information: Schedule of budgetary comparison data, by object, for the general fund and any major special revenue funds that have legally adopted annual budgets, disclosing excesses of expenditures over appropriations, if any, in individual funds presented in the budgetary comparison.
4. Supplementary Information
   1. *LEA Organization Structure*, setting forth the following information, at a minimum:
5. The date on which the LEA was established, and for charter schools the date and granting authority of each charter;
6. The date and a general description of any change during the year audited in a school district's boundaries;
7. The numbers by type of schools in the LEA;
8. The names, titles, terms, and term expiration dates of all members of the governing board; and
9. The names, with their titles, of the superintendent, chief business official, and deputy/associate/assistant superintendents.
   1. *Schedule of Instructional Time* displaying, for school districts, including basic aid districts, data that show whether the district complied with article 8 (commencing with section 46200) of chapter 2 of part 26 of the Education Code; showing by grade level:
10. For all districts, the number of instructional days offered during the year audited on the traditional calendar and on any multitrack year‐round calendars; and whether the district complied with the instructional day’s provisions.
11. For charter schools, data that show whether the charter school complied with Education Code section 47612 the number of instructional days offered during the year audited on the traditional calendar and on any multitrack calendars; and whether the charter school complied with the instructional days provisions.
12. For school districts and charter schools that received a Form J‐13A approval, list the actual days in the instructional days offered columns, add columns that list the credited days per the approved Form J‐13A and the total days offered, adding the actual offering to the amount of days credited per the approved Form J‐13A. Include a footnote stating that the school district or charter school received an approved J‐13A identifying the number of days approved.
13. *Schedule of Financial Trends and Analysis* displaying information regarding the auditee's financial position and going concern status, in the form of actual financial and attendance figures for at least the most recent three‐year period (ending with the audit year), plus the current year's budget, for the following items: general fund financial activity, including total revenue, expenditures, and other sources and uses; general fund balance; available reserve balances (funds designated for economic uncertainty, and any other remaining undesignated fund balance) within the general fund or special reserve fund; available reserve balances expressed as a percentage of total general fund outgo (expenditures, transfers out, and other uses), including a comparison to the applicable state‐recommended available reserve percentage; total long‐term debt; and elementary and secondary second principal ADA; and, when the auditee's percentage of available reserves to total general fund outgo is below the state‐recommended percentage, management's plans for increasing the auditee's available reserve percentage.
14. *Reconciliation of Annual Financial and Budget Report With Audited Financial Statements* displaying the differences between the ending fund balance(s) from the audited financial statements and the unaudited ending fund balance(s) from the annual financial and budget report for each fund in which a variance occurred.
15. Optionally, *Combining Statements and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules*
16. *Schedule of Charter Schools* listing all charter schools chartered by the school district or county office of education. For each charter school, include the charter school number and indicate whether or not the charter school is included in the school district or county office of education audit.
17. *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards*, if required by federal audit regulations, applicable to the year being audited.
18. *Notes to Supplementary Information*, if required.
19. *Other Independent Auditor Reports*
    1. *Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards*, specifies material instances of noncompliance, if any; defines material weakness and, when relevant, significant deficiency, and describes the significant deficiencies and material weaknesses disclosed by the audit; states that the auditor's consideration of internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and states whether the auditor believes any of the significant deficiencies noted were material weaknesses; includes a statement that additional matters were communicated to the auditee in a management letter, if that is the case; specifies all instances of fraud and illegal acts, if any, disclosed by the audit, unless clearly inconsequential; specifies material violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements, if any; specifies material abuse, if any, disclosed by the audit; and does all this in accordance with the financial reporting requirements specified in

the Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards, and in Government Auditing Standards, as applicable to the year being audited.

* 1. *Report on State Compliance* which addresses each of the state compliance requirements included in this audit guide, stating that compliance with the applicable compliance requirements is the responsibility of the auditee's management, and stating whether or not the auditee is in compliance with those requirements; includes a chart that displays each compliance requirement (as indicated in the Table of Contents) and states which audit procedures were not performed, noting whether procedures were inapplicable, and what alternative, modified or substitute procedures were followed; and includes an expression of opinion on whether the auditee complied, in all material respects, with applicable compliance requirements.
  2. *Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance* required by federal audit regulations, is the component of the Other Independent Auditor Reports that states that compliance with the applicable compliance requirements is the responsibility of the auditee's management; includes an expression of opinion on whether the auditee complied, in all material respects, with federal laws, regulations, and the provisions of federal contracts or grant agreements; and opines whether the auditee has established and maintained effective internal control over compliance with the requirements for major federal programs.

1. Findings and Recommendations
   1. *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs* that presents all audit year findings, and a copy of each management letter issued, if any, with each finding assigned the appropriate code: 10000 Attendance, 20000 Inventory of Equipment, 30000 Internal Control, 40000 State Compliance, 42000 Charter School Facilities Programs, 43000 Apprenticeship: Related and Supplemental Instruction, 50000 Federal Compliance, 60000 Miscellaneous, 61000 Classroom Teacher Salaries, 62000 Local Control Accountability Plan, 70000

Instructional Materials, 71000 Teacher Misassignments, 72000 School Accountability Report Card and includes the following elements:

1. criteria;
2. condition;
3. effect;
4. cause;
5. a statement consistent with its basis of funding, for any other inappropriately reported claim‐such as number of unduplicated LCFF pupil counts or the dollar amount of inappropriate expenditures for a restricted program;
6. a note if the finding is a repeat of or related to a finding in the previous audit year, and a recommendation for the resolution of the finding;
7. a corrective action plan prepared by the auditee that describes in specific terms the actions planned or taken to correct the problem, or a statement from the auditee that the corrective action recommended by the auditor is not necessary or appropriate and giving the specific reasons why, if that is the case, and a statement that the corrective action plan was not available if no corrective action plan was submitted before the audit report was prepared.
   1. *Schedule of Prior Audit Findings* that presents the status of actions taken by the auditee on each of the findings and recommendations reported in the prior year audit, and includes as current year findings and recommendations those prior year findings that have not been resolved.

# LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES OTHER THAN CHARTER SCHOOLS (EXCEPT AS STATED IN A & F)

* + 1. **ATTENDANCE AND DISTANCE LEARNING (APPLICABILITY DETAILED IN SECTION)**

This section will evaluate an LEA’s compliance with attendance for in person and distance learning instruction as well as distance learning record keeping requirements pursuant to *Education Code* sections 43500‐43504.

In the event the LEA provided both in‐person and distance learning in the sample selected, the auditor will need to verify that the absences were appropriately recorded from Procedure A.2 for any mode of instruction and then on the days distance‐learning instruction was provided also perform Procedures A.3 and A.4.

For school districts, county offices of education, classroom‐based charters, and any newly operational charters that began instruction in the 2020‐21 school year by September 30, 2020, perform the following procedures:

* + - 1. Obtain a list of LEA schools and select a minimum of the greater of 10 percent or 1 school site for each grade span based on audit risk to allow the auditor to draw a reasonable conclusion with respect to the LEA’s compliance with attendance and distance learning requirements.
      2. Select a representative sample of absences for each of the selected schools and verify that absences were reported correctly for site‐based or distance learning instruction. The documentation maintained by the LEA with regard to its absences may be in the form of notes, logs, or other records. State in a finding the number(s) of days reported incorrectly with no fiscal impact.

If the LEA provided distance learning, where pupils participated in whole or in part, perform the following procedures:

* + - 1. Interview LEA administrative personnel to determine if the LEA had written procedures pursuant to Education Code section 43504(f)(2) for tiered reengagement strategies for all pupils who are absent from distance learning for more than three schooldays or 60 percent of the instructional days in a school week. Review the written procedures and verify the procedures include the verification of current contact information for each enrolled pupil, daily notification to parents or guardians of absences, a plan for outreach from the school to determine pupil needs including connection with health and social services as necessary and, when feasible, transitioning the pupil to full‐time in‐person instruction.
      2. For each school selected pursuant to Procedure A.1, select a representative sample of pupils from the Student Information System or the CALPADS snapshot report 1.2 Enrollment – Primary Status Student List. (see Test of Compliance Sampling Tables), and perform the following:

1. If written procedures are incomplete or do not exist, pursuant to Education Code section 43504(h)(2) identify in a finding the days out of compliance for each affected grade level (I.e. any grade level where students were absent from distance learning for more than three days or 60 percent of the instructional days in a

school week), excluding days prior to September 1, 2020 pursuant to Education Code section 43504(i)(3), and estimate their dollar value pursuant to Education Code section 43504(i)(2).

1. Verify that a certificated employee of the LEA delivered instruction through distance learning or both in person instruction and distance learning. For charter schools, distance learning shall be provided by a certificated employee pursuant to the requirements of sections 47605, 47605.4, and 47605.6
2. Select one week after September 1, 2020 and trace each pupil's attendance from the attendance records to the weekly engagement records pursuant to Education Code section 43504(e), and daily participation record pursuant to Education Code section 43504(d) or to the teacher's register as follows:
3. Verify that each pupil had a completed weekly engagement record that documents synchronous or asynchronous instruction for each whole or partial day of distance learning verifying daily participation and tracking assignments pursuant to Education Code section 43504(e). The weekly engagement record requirement can be met with a stand‐alone record that includes all elements, or through a combination of records that include all required elements. To the extent that the weekly engagement record does not include daily participation verification, this requirement can be met with a class, teacher, or school‐period level record that tracks assignments, documents synchronous or asynchronous instruction for each whole or partial day of distance learning accompanied by student level participation verification and documentation for students for which the class, teacher, or school‐period level information applies. At school sites with multiple school‐periods, to the extent weekly engagement records are kept separately for pupils, weekly engagement records from each school‐ period must be reviewed for each pupil selected in order to verify the weekly engagement record is complete.
4. Verify for each pupil that daily participation was documented on each school day for which distance learning was provided pursuant to Education Code section 46504(d). LEAs may meet the daily participation documentation requirement by documenting participation in a daily participation record or with unique coding in the student information system that indicates participation in distance learning, or with any method, that meets the statutory requirements.
5. Verify that each pupil who did not participate in distance learning on a school day was documented as absent for that school day pursuant to Education Code section 43504(f)(1).

LEAs may meet the daily participation verification requirement from the weekly engagement record by indicating how participation was verified in the daily participation record, with unique coding in the student information system that indicates how participation was verified, or with any method that meets the statutory requirements, including but not limited to a template created by the LEA. [For information on daily participation and weekly engagement records go to the CDE web site at: [https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/instructionaltime.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/instructionaltime.asp) and view the resources under the 2020‐21 School Year Instructional Time and Attendance Accounting header.]

* + - 1. State in a finding the number of days out of compliance with daily participation and/or weekly engagement record requirements for each affected grade level, excluding days prior to September 1, 2020 pursuant to Education Code section 43501(i)(3), identified through the foregoing audit procedures and estimate their dollar value pursuant to Education Code section 43504(i)(2).

# TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND MISASSIGNMENTS

* + - 1. Select a representative sample of teachers for the school sites selected in Section A.1 of this guide, test to determine whether the teacher possessed a valid certification document.
      2. If any teacher did not possess a valid certification document, calculate the penalty or penalties pursuant to Education Code section 45037 and include the actual calculation in a finding.
      3. For each teacher selected pursuant to 1., test to determine whether the teacher was assigned to teach in a position:
         1. Consistent with the authorization of his/her certification; or
         2. Otherwise authorized by law pursuant to (1) a governing board resolution in conformance with subdivision (b) of Education Code section 44256, 44258.2, 44258.3, or 44263 or (2) the approval of a committee on assignments pursuant to subdivision (c) or (d) of Education Code section 44258.7.
      4. If any teacher selected pursuant to 1. was assigned to teach a class in which more than 20 percent of the pupils were English learners, determine whether the teacher was authorized to instruct limited English proficient pupils pursuant to Education Code section 44253.3, 44253.4 or 44253.10.
      5. If any teacher was assigned to teach in a position for which the teacher was not authorized, so state in a finding.

# KINDERGARTEN CONTINUANCE

* + - 1. Obtain a list of pupils who turned six years old by September 1 and were enrolled in kindergarten for the year audited; select a representative sample of kindergarten pupils identified. Perform the following procedures.
         1. Review the record of each pupil to determine whether the pupil continued in kindergarten after completing one school year of kindergarten or transitional kindergarten. For a pupil who begins kindergarten mid‐year, one school year of kindergarten is completed on the last school day prior to the anniversary of the pupil's first day of kindergarten.
         2. Except for pupils enrolled in transitional kindergarten in the prior year in accordance with Education Code section 48000(c), verify that the LEA has for each such pupil a signed Kindergarten Continuance Form (a sample of an approved form can be found on the CDE's website) or a signed alternative kindergarten continuance parental agreement, approved in form and content by the CDE.
      2. State in a finding the noncompliance.

# (Reserved)

* + 1. **(Reserved)**
    2. **INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (APPLICABILITY DETAILED IN SECTION)**

For school districts, classroom‐based charters, and any newly operational charters that began instruction in the 2020‐21 school year by September 30, 2020, perform the following procedures:

* + - 1. For the schools selected in Section A.1., review the school attendance calendar(s), bell or class schedules, or other supporting documentation. Ascertain whether any individual days are shorter than the usual length, by grade level, in each school in the sample. For distance learning, such documentation includes the certificated employee certification to time value, which may be certified at the site level by grade or class level. The certification to time value may be in stand‐alone documentation or in the weekly engagement record.
         1. For distance learning, select a sample of classes and pupils and review a sample of days to verify the pupils were offered at least the minimum school day length required pursuant to Education Code section 43501 and 43502(e)(2) as determined and certified to, by an employee of the local educational agency who possesses a valid certification document. If the sample includes days on which the minimum day is met through a combination of distance learning and in‐person instruction, verify for each of those days

that in combining the in‐person schedule with time value certification the minimum day is met for that school day.

* + - 1. Verify if schools deviated from calendar(s), schedules, or other supporting documentation.
      2. Determine, by grade level, the total number of school days in each sampled school’s attendance calendar(s) that were of at least the minimum length required for a school day, pursuant to Education Code sections 43501 and 43502(c).
      3. Compare the total qualifying days of instruction in step 3 by grade level for each sampled school, including instructional days provided before September 1, 2020

pursuant to Education Code section 43504(i)(3), to the instructional days per school year standards set forth in Education Code sections 43504(c). For school districts operating a four‐day school week in accordance with Education Code section 37700, compare the total qualifying days included in step 3 by grade level for each sampled school, including instructional days provided before September 1, 2020 pursuant to Education Code section 43504(i)(3), to the standards set forth in Education Code 37700(e)(2).

* + - 1. If any school district or charter school offered less than the applicable minimum number of days set forth in Education Code sections 43504(c) or 37700(e)(2), prepare a separate schedule for each school showing those grade levels that were not in compliance and calculate the penalty or penalties pursuant to Education Code section 43504(i)(1) and (3). Include the schedule(s), the calculation, and the amount of the penalty or penalties in a finding.

# INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

* + - 1. Determine whether the school district governing board or county board of education, prior to making a determination through a resolution as to the sufficiency of textbooks or other instructional materials, held the public hearing or hearings required by Education Code section 60119 on or before the end of the eighth week from the first day pupils attended school for that year, or, in a school district or COE having schools that operate on a multitrack, year‐round calendar, on or before the end of the eighth week from the first day pupils attended school for that year on any track that began in August or September.
      2. Determine whether the school district governing board or county board of education provided 10‐day notice of the required public hearing or hearings.
      3. Determine whether each notice included the time, place, and purpose of the hearing and whether the school district or COE posted the notice at a minimum of three public locations in the school district or county, respectively.
      4. Determine whether the hearing was held at a time that encouraged the attendance of teachers and parents and guardians of pupils who attend the schools in the district and did not take place during or immediately following school hours.
      5. Determine whether the resolution stated that each pupil in each school had sufficient textbooks or instructional materials aligned to the content standards adopted by the State Board of Education and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education, or instead that there was an insufficiency of such textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in any one or more of mathematics, science, history‐social science, and English/language arts including the English language development component of an adopted program, as appropriate. If the resolution stated any insufficiency, verify that the school district governing board or county board of education provided information to classroom teachers and to the

public, setting forth, in the resolution, for each school in which an insufficiency existed, the percentage of pupils who lacked sufficient standards‐aligned textbooks or instructional materials in each subject area and the reasons that each pupil did not have sufficient standards‐aligned textbooks or instructional materials, or both, and took action to ensure that each pupil would have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, within two months of the beginning of the school year in which the determination was made.

* + - 1. Verify whether the governing board made a written determination as to whether each pupil enrolled in a world language or health course had sufficient textbooks or instructional materials that were consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education for those subjects.
      2. Verify whether the governing board determined the availability of laboratory science equipment as applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9 to 12, inclusive.
      3. If the school district or COE was not in compliance with any of these requirements, so state in a finding.

# RATIO OF ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES TO TEACHERS

* + - 1. For school districts, verify that the school district is in compliance with the administrative employee‐to‐teacher ratio requirement for the year audited by determining that the employees were properly classified and the ratio was calculated consistent with the definitions in Education Code section 41401 and the procedures of Education Code section 41403.
      2. If the number of administrative employees per hundred teachers exceeded the allowable ratio set forth in Education Code section 41402, state in a finding the number of excess administrative employees and the associated penalty, as set forth in Education Code section 41404.
      3. If the school district cannot show that it was in compliance with the ratio during the year audited, include a finding that the ratio could not be confirmed.

# CLASSROOM TEACHER SALARIES

* + - 1. If, during the year preceding the year audited, the district had 101 units or more of ADA, and, during the year audited, the district was subject to Education Code section 41372 pursuant to Education Code section 41374, determine whether, after applicable audit adjustments, the district's expenditures on classroom teacher's salaries met the percentage requirements of Education Code section 41372.
      2. If the district did not meet the applicable minimum percentage required for payment of salaries of classroom teachers, state in a finding the minimum percentage required, the district's current expense of education for the year audited after applicable audit adjustments, and the dollar amount by which the district was deficient.

# EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

* + - 1. Obtain a copy of the certification required by Education Code sections 22714 and 44929 and verify that the school district received approval from the COE or that the COE received approval from the Superintendent of Public Instruction as appropriate.
      2. Verify that the reason(s) contained in the certification are consistent with the results of the early retirement incentive program.
      3. Verify the data disclosed as a result of the district's or county office's adoption of the early retirement incentive program.
      4. Include a disclosure in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements that presents the number and type of positions vacated; the age, service credit, salary, and, separately, the benefits of the retirees receiving additional service credit; a comparison of the salary and benefits of each retiree with the salary and benefits of the replacement employee,

if any; the resulting retirement cost including interest, if any, and post‐retirement health benefit costs, incurred by the employer.

# GANN LIMIT CALCULATION

The following audit procedures apply to the current year appropriations limit calculation for county offices of education and school districts.

* + - 1. Verify that the data used by the district or the COE is accurate, ensuring that the prior year Gann ADA and prior year appropriations limit used by the district or the COE match the data on the prior year appropriations limit calculation previously submitted to the CDE. If the district or county office has adjusted the prior year data, verify that the adjustments are correct. If the data has been revised, verify that the district or COE has recalculated the prior year appropriations limit and attached a copy of the recalculation to the current year appropriations limit.
      2. If the district or the COE is found out of compliance, so state in a finding.

# SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

* + - 1. Obtain the School Accountability Report Cards issued in the year being audited, for each of the schools selected pursuant to Section A, Attendance, and perform the following procedures:
         1. Identify any complaints related to teacher misassignments or vacancies included in the quarterly report of summarized complaint data compiled pursuant to Education Code section 35186(d) that are applicable to the School Accountability Report Card(s) selected in 1., as required by Education Code section 33126(b)(5). If the information in the School Accountability Report Card is inconsistent with the information in the complaint, interview management to determine the basis of the inconsistency. If the School Accountability Report Card was inaccurate, so state in a finding.
         2. For each school in the sample of schools selected pursuant to Section A of this guide, obtain the school district's or COE's copy of its most recently completed “Facility Inspection Tool (FIT), School Facility Conditions Evaluation” developed by the Office of Public School Construction and approved by the State Allocation Board and applicable to the School Accountability Report Card(s) selected in 1, or a local evaluation instrument that meets the same criteria, pursuant to subdivision (d) of Education Code section 17002. Compare the information contained in the FIT to the information on safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of school facilities contained in the School Accountability Report Card(s) selected in 1 for that school as required by Education Code section 33126(b)(8). If the information in the School Accountability Report Card is inconsistent with the information in the FIT, interview management

to determine the basis of the inconsistency. If the School Accountability Report Card was inaccurate, so state in a finding.

* + - * 1. For each school in the sample of schools selected pursuant to Section A of this guide, compare the information on the availability of sufficient textbooks and other instructional materials included in the School Accountability Report Card(s) selected in 1 pursuant to Education Code section 33126(b)(6)(B) with the information in the resolution and the determinations pursuant to Education Code section 60119 for the year applicable to the School Accountability Report Card(s) selected in 1. If the information in the School Accountability Report Card is inconsistent with the information in the resolution or the determinations, interview management to determine the basis of the inconsistency. If the School Accountability Report Card was inaccurate, so state in a finding.

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* + 1. **(Reserved)**
    2. **K‐3 GRADE SPAN ADJUSTMENT**
       1. If the school district received funding for K‐3 Grade Span Adjustment for the audit year for kindergarten or grades 1 to 3, and provides documentation that the bargaining unit and school district have agreed to an alternative ratio pursuant to Education Code section 42238.02(d)(3)(D) that is applicable to the audit year, then no further procedures in this section need to be performed. For additional information on K‐3 grade span adjustments, see CDE's website at:

[http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/lcfffaq.asp.](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/lcfffaq.asp)

* + - 1. If the school district received funding for K‐3 Grade Span Adjustment for the audit year for kindergarten or grades 1 to 3 and cannot provide documentation that the bargaining unit and school district have agreed to an alternative ratio pursuant to Education Code section 42238.02(d)(3)(D) that is applicable to the audit year, select a representative sample of schoolsites that have pupils in those grades for the audit year and perform

the following:

* + - * 1. Verify the mathematical accuracy of each schoolsite’s audit year “average class enrollment” as defined in title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 15498.1(f).
        2. For the sites selected in Section A.3, select a representative sample of classes in kindergarten and grades 1, 2, and 3, inclusive of combination classes, and verify the audit year “active enrollment count” as defined in title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 15498.1(d) and trace to supporting documentation.
      1. If the testing in 2. resulted in any of the schoolsites’ “average class enrollment” exceeding 24 pupils, include a finding which shows the estimated amount of kindergarten and grades 1‐3 grade span adjustment received as disallowed.

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* + 1. **APPRENTICESHIP: RELATED AND SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION**
       1. Select a representative sample of apprentices enrolled in a program for which related and supplemental instruction hours were reported by any participating apprenticeship program sponsor, pursuant to Education Code sections 8150.5, 8152, and 79149.3. Verify the hours reported and claimed are eligible, by tracing the hours reported to source documents (e.g. pupil sign in sheets, timesheets, apprenticeship rosters).
       2. For isolated apprentices, as defined by Labor Code section 3074, select a representative sample of pupils and obtain evidence that supports attendance during instructional events.
       3. Report any noncompliance and the estimated dollar value in a finding.

# COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

* + - 1. Verify the LEA has a process in place to ensure its schools have a comprehensive school safety plan that is approved by the school district or county office of education.
      2. Select a representative sample of schools of the LEA and verify each school had its comprehensive school safety plan adopted or reviewed and updated by March 1 as described in Education Code section 32288.
      3. Verify the school safety plans were submitted to the school district or county office of education as described in Education Code section 32288 and were approved.
      4. Report a finding identified through the foregoing audit procedures.

# DISTRICT OF CHOICE

* + - 1. Determine if the governing board of a school district elected to operate as a school district of choice.
      2. If the governing board of a school district elected to operate as a school district of choice, perform the following:
         1. Verify the school district of choice registered as a school district of choice with the California Department of Education and the county board of education where the school district of choice is located.
         2. Verify the school district of choice adopted by resolution the number of transfers it is willing to accept and that the school district accepted all pupils who apply to transfer until the school district is at maximum capacity.
         3. Review the school district’s selection process and inquire into whether the process avoided inquiry into student characteristics as defined in Education Code section 48301(a), except for determining priority for pupils eligible for free or reduced‐price meals, siblings of current students, or children of military personnel pursuant to Education Code section 48306.
         4. If the number of transfer applications exceeded the number of transfers, the governing board of a school district of choice elected to accept, verify a public drawing was held by reviewing the board minutes of which the determination was made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board.
         5. Verify the school district of choice collected the required data in Education Code section 48313 (a).
      3. Report any noncompliance in a finding.

# SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION, AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

* + 1. **CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT**
       1. Select a representative sample of California Clean Energy Jobs Act expenditures and verify they were consistent with the energy expenditure plan(s), and any amendments, approved by the California Energy Commission pursuant to section 26235(f) of the Public Resources Code, and applicable California Energy Commission implementation guidelines.

Additional information, including the guidelines, can be found on the California Energy Commission’s website at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/proposition39/index.html>

* + - 1. Verify that the total expenditures for planning funds did not exceed the planning fund award amount.

The total award available for planning can be found on the California Department of Education’s website at: Proposition 39 – Multi‐year Schedule:

# [http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/prop39cceja.asp.](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/prop39cceja.asp)

* + - 1. If any California Clean Energy Jobs Act expenditures are found to have been made for nonqualifying purposes or not in accordance with law, pursuant to 1 and 2, list such expenditures by type and amount, and state the total in a finding.
      2. If an Energy Expenditure Plan project was completed between 12 and 15 months prior to any month in the audit year, determine if the LEA submitted a final project completion report of its project expenditures, as defined in the California Energy Commission’s “Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act – Program Implementation Guidelines” applicable to the audit year. Report a finding if the LEA did not submit a final project completion report of its project expenditures identifying the project, the date the project was completed, and the disallowance of the funding received for that project.
      3. Determine if any of the approved projects from the Energy Expenditure Plan include:
         1. a school facility not publicly owned, that is voluntarily vacated by the LEA within five years of the project completion and California Clean Energy Jobs Act funds have not been returned.
         2. a school facility not publicly owned that an LEA is forced to vacate within the life of the project completion and California Clean Energy Jobs Act funds have not been returned.
         3. facilities that are not used in accordance with state statute or regulation, have been torn down or remodeled or is deemed to be surplus and sold prior to the payback, as defined in the California Energy Commission's “Proposition 39: California Clean

Energy Jobs Act Program Implementation Guidelines,” applicable to the audit year, of the project and California Clean Energy Jobs Act funds have not been returned.

* + - 1. If the LEA met any of the conditions in 5, report a finding identifying the project, the date the project was completed, the date and a description of the facility that met one of the conditions in 5, including a disallowance of the funding received for that project. If the LEA was subject to 5(b) in this section, include in the finding the facility owner and address as the facility owner will be subject to repayment pursuant to Public Resources Code 26235 (i).

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* + 1. **PROPER EXPENDITURE OF EDUCATION PROTECTION ACCOUNT FUNDS**
       1. Verify that funds provided from the Education Protection Account have been properly expended as required by Article XIII, section 36, Subdivision (e), Paragraph (6) of the California Constitution.
       2. Report noncompliance in a finding.

# UNDUPLICATED LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA PUPIL COUNTS

* + - 1. For every school tested for attendance in A or AA of this audit guide, excluding juvenile court schools, obtain a copy of the school’s CALPADS snapshot report, “1.18 – FRPM / English Learner / Foster Youth – Student List” report with Status filter set to “SELPA Approved” (“SELPA Approved” filter option is only available if both the LEA and SELPA approved their data, which indicates certified data) and the Age Eligibility filter set to “LCFF” (excludes any transitional kindergarten students who had their fifth birthday after December 2). The certified report will not have a “Not Certified” watermark on the report in the Snapshot View. For additional information on Unduplicated Local Control Funding Formula Pupil Counts, see California Department of Education website at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/lcfffaq.asp> For each student list obtained:

* + - * 1. Select a representative sample, to achieve a high level of assurance, from the students indicated as only free or reduced priced meal eligible (FRPM) identified under the “NSLP Program” column (which means students are indicated as a “No” under the “Direct Certification” column, a “No” under foster column, a “No” under the “Homeless” column, blank under the “Migrant Ed Program” column, and “181‐Free” or “182‐Reduced” under the “NSLP Program” column) and verify there is supporting documentation such as a FRPM eligibility application under a federal nutrition program, an alternative household income data collection form that indicates the student was eligible for the designation, or a direct certification list

obtained from the county welfare department, or COE, that matches enrolled students against those children/households receiving CalFresh (or CALWORKs) benefits. If a student in the sample transferred to another LEA, the LEA may obtain the documentation from the LEA the student transferred to, or another student may be selected for the sample.

For schools designated as Provision 2 or 3 or the Community Eligibility Provision under the NSLP, confirm the LEA followed data collection procedures pursuant to Education Code section 42238.01 (a) by ensuring that supporting documentation for the school was either 1) collected in the current year, or 2) collected in the school's designated LCFF base year (students enrolled after the base year should have supporting documentation from the year enrolled.)

* + - * 1. Select a representative sample, to achieve a high level of assurance, from the students that are only English Learner (EL) or Adult English Learner (ADEL) eligible (which means students are indicated as a “No” under the “Direct Certification” column, a “No” under “Foster” column, a “No” under the “Homeless” column, blank under the “Migrant Ed Program” column, a blank under the “NSLP Program” column, and “EL” or “ADEL” under the “ELAS Designation” column) and verify there is supporting documentation that indicates the student was eligible for the EL designation, such as (a) a copy of the parent/guardian notification letter that states the pupil is initially designated as an EL or is a continuing EL, and a copy of the Initial English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Student Score Report that indicates the student’s initial ELPAC overall scale score and performance level do not meet the ELPAC criterion for English language proficiency, or (b) if the student is designated as EL, results on the Summative ELPAC Student Score Report indicate that the student has not met the ELPAC criterion for English language proficiency, and the LEA’s Policy/Procedures for Reclassification and documentation that was used to determine the student’s EL status is consistent with the LEA policy, or (c) if the student is designated as ADEL, documentation that states the student is an adult English learner based on a combination of the Home Language Survey and local assessments. If a student in the sample received his or her EL or ADEL designation while enrolled at a prior LEA or transferred to another LEA, the LEA may obtain the documentation from the LEA the student transferred from or to, or another student may be selected for the sample.
        2. Select a representative sample, to achieve a high level of assurance, from the students that are both included in the “NSLP Program” column and the “ELAS Designation” column (which means students are indicated as a “181‐Free” or “182‐ Reduced” under the “NSLP Program” column, and “EL” or “ADEL” under the “ELAS Designation” column and verify that there is supporting documentation for at least one of the designations as required by steps 1(a) or 1(b). If a student in the sample transferred to another LEA, the LEA may obtain the documentation from the LEA the student transferred to, or another student may be selected for the sample. If a

student in the sample received his or her EL or ADEL designation while enrolled at a prior LEA, the LEA may obtain the documentation from the LEA the student transferred from, or another student may be selected for the sample.

* + - 1. For any errors noted in testing procedures described in 1, determine the total impact of that error on the specific section tested and the individual schoolsite. This determination should be made either by an extrapolation of the impact of the error, further audit procedures, or testing of 100 percent of the population where the error was discovered.
      2. Based on the results of the procedures described in 1 and 2, select additional schools as deemed necessary, e.g., if similar errors of inaccuracy or miscalculation would be likely to produce material results in those schools, and perform those procedures on each additional school.
      3. If any of the unduplicated pupil counts were inappropriately reported, report in a finding the method for determining the total impact of the finding on the LEA, and include a schedule of unduplicated pupil counts summarizing the results of the procedures and displaying any calculating inappropriately reported unduplicated pupil counts and the estimated dollar impact. The schedule should include the LEA’s certified total unduplicated pupil count and enrollment count as funded under the Local Control

Funding Formula, show increases or decreases to the unduplicated pupil count based on any audit adjustments by including the following: enrollment adjustments, unduplicated pupil count adjustment based on eligibility for FRPM; unduplicated pupil count adjustment based on eligibility for EL funding; unduplicated pupil count adjustment based on eligibility for both FRPM and EL; and the adjusted total unduplicated pupil count and enrollment counts of the LEA.

Enrollment and Unduplicated Pupil counts as funded under the Local Control Funding Formula can be found by selecting the applicable audit year on the CDE website at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/>

To find the counts for a specific LEA first select the fiscal year under review. On the next page, select Funding Exhibits‐Second Principal Apportionment. On the next page, Second Principal Apportionment (P2) for the appropriate fiscal year, select audit year P‐ 2 from the drop down menu, and select the type of entity (County Office of Education, School District, or Charter School). Next, select County Unduplicated Pupil Percentage, School District Unduplicated Pupil Percentage, or Charter School District Unduplicated Pupil Percentage depending on the entity type. Next, select the appropriate county and LEA.

* + - 1. Charter schools should be presented separately and should not be combined with district or COE data on this schedule. For COEs and charter schools that operate COE programs, separately report pupils funded pursuant to Education Code section 2574(c)(4)(A), juvenile court pupils funded pursuant to Education Code section 2574(c)(4)(B), and all other pupils. For COEs, the district of residence needs to be identified for pupils in the “all other pupils” category.

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# CHARTER SCHOOLS

1. **INDEPENDENT STUDY‐COURSE BASED**

NOTE: A nonclassroom‐based charter school must be audited for two consecutive years when operating an independent study – course based program. Thereafter, the program must be audited if the number of units of ADA reported is material as shown in the materiality level table. A list of charter schools classified as nonclassroom‐based is located on CDE’s website at [https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/documents/ncbcs20.xlsx](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/documents/ncbcs20.xlsx).

* 1. If a charter school was classified as a nonclassroom‐based charter school as of the 2019‐20 fiscal year and operated an independent study‐course based program pursuant to Education Code section 51749.5, then verify the following:
     1. The governing board or body of the charter school adopted policies, at a public meeting, that comply with the requirements of Education Code section 51749.5 and any applicable regulations adopted by the state board.
     2. There is a signed learning agreement, which may be a physical or electronic copy, on file for each pupil participating that contains all the following information:
        1. A summary of the policies and procedures adopted by the governing board or body pursuant to Education Code section 51749.5, as applicable;
        2. The duration of the enrolled course or courses, the duration of the learning agreement, and the number of course credits for each enrolled course consistent with certifications adopted by the governing board or body pursuant to Education Code section 51749.5. The duration of the learning agreement shall not exceed a school year or span multiple school years;
        3. The learning objectives and expectations for each course, including, but not limited to, a description of how satisfactory educational progress is measured and when a pupil evaluation is required to determine whether the pupil should remain in the course or be referred to an alternative program, which may include, but is not limited to, a regular school program;
        4. The specific resources, including materials and personnel, that will be made available to the pupil;
        5. A statement that the pupil is not required to enroll in courses authorized pursuant to Education Code section 51749.5; and
        6. The signature of the pupil and, if the pupil is less than 18 years of age, the pupil’s parent or legal guardian, and all certificated employees providing instruction, with each signature dated before instruction may commence.
     3. Courses are taught under the general supervision of a certificated employee who is employed by the charter school at which the pupil is enrolled, or by an LEA that has

a memorandum of understanding to provide the instruction in coordination with the charter school at which the pupil is enrolled.

* + 1. Courses are annually certified by a resolution of the governing board or body providing the instruction, to be of the same rigor and educational quality as

equivalent classroom‐based courses, and aligned to all relevant local and state content standards.

* + 1. The course certification shall, at the minimum, include the duration, number of equivalent daily instructional minutes for each schoolday that a pupil is enrolled, number of equivalent total instructional minutes and the number of course credits for each course.
    2. It was the charter school’s policy or practice to ensure that pupils were not assessed a fee prohibited by Education Code section 49011 (ascertain, e.g., by interviewing charter school administrative personnel).
    3. It was the charter school’s policy or practice to ensure no pupil was prohibited from participating in independent study solely on the basis that he or she does not have the materials, equipment or internet access that are necessary to participate in the independent study course (ascertain, e.g., by interviewing charter school administrative personnel).
    4. Statewide testing results for pupils were reported and assigned to the school at which the pupil was enrolled and to any LEA within which that school’s testing results were aggregated.
    5. Pupils enrolled in courses were offered the minimum annual instructional minutes pursuant to Education Code section 47612.5.
  1. From the course‐based independent study attendance records, select a representative sample of pupils and perform the following procedures:
     1. Verify that pupils enrolled in courses met the applicable age requirements established pursuant to Education Code sections 46300.1, 46300.4, 47612 and 47612.1.
     2. Verify that pupils enrolled in courses met the applicable residency and enrollment requirements of Education Code sections 46300.2, 47612, 48204, and 51747.3.
     3. Verify that no days of attendance were reported for dates prior to the signing of the agreement by all parties.
     4. Verify that certificated employees communicated with each pupil in‐person, by telephone, or by any other live visual or audio connection no less than twice per calendar month to assess whether each pupil is making satisfactory educational progress.
     5. Verify that written or computer‐based evidence of satisfactory educational progress was retained for each course and pupil. At a minimum, this evidence shall include a grade book or summary document that, for each course, lists all assignments, examinations, and associated grades.
     6. If satisfactory educational progress was not being made, verify that certificated employees providing instruction notified the pupil and, if the pupil was less than 18 years of age, the pupil’s parent or legal guardian, and conducted an evaluation to determine whether it was in the bests interest of the pupil to remain in the course or whether he or she should be referred to an alternative program, which may include, but is not limited to, a regular school program.
     7. For pupils tested, verify that the combined equivalent daily instructional minutes for enrolled courses authorized by all other laws and regulations met the minimum instructional day requirements applicable to the LEA.
  2. For each pupil enrolled in one or more courses authorized pursuant to Education Code section 51749.5(b), verify that attendance was separately computed and recorded as attendance earned pursuant to Education Code section 51749.5(b).
  3. State in a finding any noncompliance identified through the foregoing audit procedures.

# AA. ATTENDANCE

1. Determine whether attendance is supported by written contemporaneous records that document all pupil attendance, by tracing the numbers from any documentation used by the charter school to summarize attendance, to written contemporaneous data origination documents.
2. Verify that for purposes of determining the charter school's total number of pupil‐days of attendance, no pupil generated more than one day of attendance in a calendar day.
3. If the charter school operates a multi‐track calendar, verify compliance with Education Code section 47612, by the following steps:
   1. Verify that the charter school operated no more than five tracks.
   2. Verify that the charter school operated each track for a minimum of 175 days. If the charter school is a conversion school that had operated a multi‐track year‐round schedule, the charter school was authorized to continue its previous schedule as long as it provided no fewer than 163 days of instruction in each track.
   3. Verify that no track had less than 55 percent of its schooldays before April 15.
4. State in a finding the number(s) of attendance days inappropriately reported with no fiscal impact.

# BB. MODE OF INSTRUCTION

1. Determine if a charter school was classified as a nonclassroom‐based charter for 2019‐20. A list of charter schools classified as nonclassroom‐based is located on CDE’s website at h[ttps://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/documents/ncbcs20.xlsx](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/documents/ncbcs20.xlsx). If the charter school was classified as a nonclassroom‐based charter for 2019‐20 proceed to Sections CC. and DD. If the charter school was not classified as a nonclassroom‐based charter for 2019‐20, proceed to Audit Guide Section A. Distance Learning.

# CC. NONCLASSROOM‐BASED INSTRUCTION/INDEPENDENT STUDY

If the charter school was classified as a nonclassroom‐based charter school pursuant to sections 47612.5 and 47634.2 as of the 2019‐20 fiscal year, perform the following procedures. Note: A list of charter schools classified as nonclassrrom‐based is located on CDE’s website at [https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/documents/ncbcs20.xlsx](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/documents/ncbcs20.xlsx).

1. Determine whether the governing body of the charter school had adopted written policies for independent study as required by Education Code section 51747. If the

required policies were in place, determine whether any attendance was reported before the written policies were adopted. Report a finding of any noncompliance.

1. Review the school’s attendance calendar and determine, by grade level, the total number of days offered in the attendance calendar.
2. If the charter school offered less than the applicable minimum number of days set forth in Education Code sections 43504(c), prepare a schedule showing those grade levels that were not in compliance and calculate the penalty or penalties pursuant to Education Code section 43504(i)(1). Include the schedule, the calculation, and the amount of the penalty or penalties in a finding.
3. Verify that the documentation used by the charter school to summarize monthly attendance provides accurate information. If the charter school had multiple sites providing independent study, select a sample of schoolsites that is representative of the charter school's grade spans (elementary, middle, and high schools) and sufficient in size to allow the auditor to draw a reasonable conclusion with respect to the charter

school's compliance with independent study requirements. Perform the following procedures:

* 1. Determine the total number of days of attendance reported for each site in the sample that resulted from attendance by pupils while engaged in independent study. Reconcile the monthly totals (days of apportionment attendance) on the site's attendance summary to the summary maintained by the charter school.
  2. Select a test month and verify the mathematical accuracy of the monthly report, or its nearest equivalent if no monthly report is prepared, and trace the totals to the site's attendance summary.
  3. Verify that a certificated employee of the charter school, as defined by title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 11700.1, coordinated, evaluated, and provided general supervision (as that term is defined in title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 11700(b)), of each pupil's independent study, as required by Education Code section 51747.5(a).
  4. Select a representative sample of teachers. Verify the mathematical accuracy of the teachers' attendance records of pupil attendance. Trace the monthly totals from the monthly report to the attendance records.

1. From the attendance records, select a representative sample of the pupils for whom attendance was reported through independent study, including pupils on intermittent ("short‐term") independent study, if the charter school offered that option, and perform the following procedures:
   1. Determine each pupil's county of residence at the time of commencing independent study and verify that it is the county in which the apportionment claim is reported or a contiguous county within California.
   2. Determine whether mailing addresses or other evidence of residency changed during the time the pupils were in independent study and, if so, whether each pupil remained a resident of the same or a contiguous county within California.
   3. Verify that, on each day for which a pupil's attendance was reported, the pupil engaged in an educational activity or activities required of him or her by the charter school.
   4. Verify that each day of each pupil's attendance took place on one of the charter school's schooldays.
   5. Verify that a total of not more than one day of attendance was recorded for each pupil for any calendar day on which school was in session.
   6. Verify that a written agreement exists for each pupil.
   7. Verify that every written agreement contained all the elements required by Education Code section 51747(c):
      1. The manner, time, frequency, and place for submitting a pupil's assignments and for reporting his or her progress
      2. The objectives and methods of study (pupil activities selected by the supervising teacher as the means to reach the educational objectives set forth in the written agreement) for the pupil's work
      3. The methods utilized to evaluate that work (any specified procedure through which a certificated teacher personally assesses the extent to which achievement of the pupils meets the objectives set forth in the written assignment)
      4. The specific resources, including materials and personnel, to be made available to the pupils (resources reasonably necessary to the achievement of the objectives in the written agreement, not to exclude resources normally available

to all pupils on the same terms as the terms on which they are normally available to all pupils)

* + 1. A statement of the policies adopted pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of Education Code section 51747:
       1. The maximum length of time allowed between the assignment and the completion of a pupil's assigned work; and
       2. The number of assignments a pupil may miss before there must be an evaluation of whether it is in the pupil's best interests to continue in independent study
    2. The duration of the independent study agreement, including the beginning and ending dates for the pupil's participation in independent study under the agreement, with no agreement being longer than one school year
    3. A statement of the number of course credits or, for the elementary grades, other measures of academic accomplishment appropriate to the agreement, to be earned by the pupil upon completion
    4. A statement in each independent study agreement that independent study is an optional educational alternative in which no pupil may be required to participate
    5. Signatures, affixed prior to the commencement of independent study, by:
       1. The pupil;
       2. The pupil's parent, legal guardian, or caregiver as that term is used in Family Code section 6550 and following, if the pupil was less than 18 years of age;
       3. The certificated employee who was designated as having responsibility for the general supervision of the pupil's independent study; and
       4. All other persons, if any, who had direct responsibility for providing assistance to the pupil
  1. Verify that no days of attendance were reported for dates prior to the signing of the agreement by all parties.
  2. Verify that pupil work samples have been retained in the file.

1. If any attendance was inappropriately reported through the foregoing audit procedures, state in a finding the number or days inappropriately reported and the noncompliance.

# DD. DETERMINATION OF FUNDING FOR NONCLASSROOM‐BASED INSTRUCTION

If a charter school was classified as a nonclassroom‐based charter school as of the 2019‐20 fiscal year, perform the following procedures:

1. Determine whether the charter school has:
   1. A multi‐year funding determination, made pursuant to Education Code sections 47612.5(d) and 47634.2(d), that applies to the year being audited and that was granted in a year prior to the year being audited; or
   2. A funding determination otherwise applicable to the year audited.
2. If the charter school does not have either type of funding determination specified in subdivision 1 of this section, the charter school was not eligible for funding for any ADA generated through nonclassroom‐based instruction. State in a finding the number of units of 2019‐20 second period ADA by grade span that were inappropriately reported for apportionment and an estimate of their dollar value.
3. If the charter school has a funding determination as specified in 1(b), and the charter school was in operation in the fiscal year prior to the year being audited, verify the accuracy of the following data submitted by the charter school to the CDE on the nonclassroom‐based funding determination form applicable to the year being audited:
   1. The charter school's federal revenues, including start‐up, implementation, and dissemination grant(s); state revenues; local revenues, including in lieu of property taxes; and other financing sources;
   2. The charter school's total expenditures for instruction and related services;
   3. The charter school's total expenditures for salaries and benefits for all certificated employees as defined in title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 11963.3(c)(1);
   4. The charter school's pupil‐teacher ratio calculated pursuant to title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 11704, and, if submitted, the pupil‐teacher ratio of the largest unified school district in the county or counties in which the charter school operates; and
   5. The listing of entities that received, in the previous fiscal year, or received in the current fiscal year, $50,000 or more or ten percent or more of the charter school's total expenditures identified pursuant to title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 11963.3(a)(5), subparagraphs (B), (C), (D) and (E); the amount received by each entity; whether each of any such contract payments was based upon specific services rendered or upon an amount per unit of ADA or some other percentage; and an identification of which entities, if any, had contracts that included provision for payments based on a per unit of ADA amount or some other percentage.
4. If any inaccurate data is identified through the foregoing audit procedures, include in a finding a schedule displaying the inaccurate data and the corresponding correct data.
5. If a funding determination applicable to the year audited was made for the charter school by the State Board of Education, pursuant to Education Code section 47634.2, confirm that the governing board of the charter school has adopted and implemented conflict of interest policies as required by title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 11963.3(b)(1)(C). If the governing board of the charter school has not adopted, or has adopted but has not implemented, conflict of interest policies as required, include a finding that states the policies were not adopted, if that is the case; or that the policies were not implemented, if that is the case, and describes the relevant facts.

# EE. (Reserved)

**FF. CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM**

If the charter school received Charter School Facility Grant Program funding, pursuant to Education Code section 47614.5, for the year audited, perform the following procedures:

1. Verify that grant funds have been used for (1) costs associated with facilities rents and leases, for charter school facilities used principally for classroom instruction, (2) costs for remodeling buildings, deferred maintenance, initially installing or extending service systems and other built‐in equipment, and improving sites, or (3) common area maintenance charges limited to maintaining the facility and its common areas.
2. If the charter school was not in compliance with the requirements recited in 1 of this section, include a finding listing by category the amount(s) of grant funds that were inappropriately spent.