

**REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE  
DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS**

**Form J-13A**

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**California Department of Education**

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## Why file:

The Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions, Form J-13A is used to obtain approval of attendance and instructional time credit under one or more of the following conditions:

- When one or more schools were closed because of conditions described in *Education Code (EC) Section 41422*.
- When one or more schools were kept open but experienced a material decrease in attendance pursuant to *EC Section 46392* and *California Code of Regulations (CCR)*, Title 5, Section 428.
- When attendance records have been lost or destroyed as described in *EC Section 46391*.

The California Department of Education's (CDE) approval of the J-13A, combined with other attendance records, serve to document the local educational agency's (LEA) compliance with instructional time laws and provide authority to maintain school for less than the required instructional days and minutes without incurring a fiscal penalty to the LEA's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funding.

## How to file:

The Form J-13A is available at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp>. Also available on the J-13A Web page are FAQs and supplemental pages for sections B and C in Excel format. All affidavits must have original signatures.

Charter schools must file separately from the authorizing school district or county office of education (COE).

The LEA governing board must approve each request by completing Section E, Affidavit of School District, County Office of Education, or Charter School Governing Board Members. Once the majority of the governing board members have approved the request, the LEA should keep a copy of the request and then submit the original to the county superintendent who must approve the request before it can be submitted to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, CDE. Charter schools must submit the request to their authorizing LEA for approval, who will then forward to the county superintendent for approval.

The following summarizes the J-13A submittal and CDE review process:

- The county superintendent executes the Affidavit of County Superintendent of Schools, certifying the approval.
- The COE should keep a copy of the request and mail the original request to the listed CDE address.
- Once CDE has received the Form J-13A, the request will go through a review process. If the request is approved, CDE will e-mail the approval letter and a copy of the request to all contacts listed on the form. CDE will also mail a hardcopy of the approval letter. If the request is denied, CDE will e-mail the denial letter and a copy of the request to all contacts listed on the form. CDE will also mail a hardcopy of the denial letter.

## Where to file:

Mail the entire original Form J-13A to:  
School Fiscal Services Division  
California Department of Education  
1430 N Street, Suite 3800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## General Instructions:

- Multiple emergency events and schools may be included on one Form J-13A. Be sure to include specific detailed information and supporting documents for each event and school.
- If the emergency event resulted in a closure and material decrease, complete sections B and C.
- Supplemental pages for sections B and C are available in Excel format for a request that requires more lines than allocated on Form J-13A.
- Attach supporting documentation. Redact any personally identifiable information. Examples of required supporting documentation:
  - Declaration of a State of Emergency
  - News articles
  - E-mails
  - Invoices

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- A local safety officer letter for any incident involving police activity, threats, cyber threats, etc.
- A county public health officer letter for any incident involving epidemic-type illness. The letter is to specify that the illness was an epidemic or that there was an increase in the number of cases of a disease above what is normally expected of the population in that area.

## SECTION A: REQUEST INFORMATION

Refer to the California School Directory at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/schooldirectory/> for information needed to complete this section.

### PART I: LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY (LEA)

- LEA Name – Enter the name of the school district, COE, or charter school submitting the Form J-13A.
- County Code – Enter the two-digit county code associated with this entity.
- District Code – Enter the five-digit district code associated with this entity.
- Charter Number – If this request is for a charter school, enter the charter number associated with this entity.
- LEA Superintendent or Administrator Name – Enter the name of the superintendent or administrator associated with this entity.
- Fiscal Year – Enter the fiscal year of the requested emergency closure, material decrease and/or lost or destroyed attendance records.
- Address – Enter the LEA's full address including:
  - Number and street
  - County name
  - City
  - State
  - Zip code
- Contact Information – Enter a contact person for this request. Include the following:
  - Name
  - Title
  - Phone number
  - E-mail address

### PART II: LEA TYPE AND SCHOOL SITE INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO THIS REQUEST

Select the LEA type associated with the request and, for a school district or COE request, if all or select school sites are included in the request. Only one LEA type may be selected.

### PART III: CONDITION(S) APPLICABLE TO THIS REQUEST

Read each condition carefully and select one or more that apply to this request. In addition, indicate if the request is associated with a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of California.

## SECTION B: SCHOOL CLOSURE

This section is used for closures pursuant to *EC* Section 41422. If the request does not include any school closures, select the "Not Applicable" box on the top right corner and proceed to Section C.

### PART I: NATURE OF EMERGENCY

Use this field to describe in detail the nature of the emergency(s) that caused the school closure.

### PART II: SCHOOL INFORMATION

The fields below correspond to the columns on Form J-13A.

- A. School Name – Enter the school name of each school closed on a separate line. Use the supplemental Excel form at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/j13a.asp> if more than 10 lines are needed for this request and select the "Supplemental Page(s) Attached" box on the top right corner.
- B. School Code – Enter the seven-digit school code associated with the school listed in Column A. Use the California School Directory at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/schooldirectory/> to locate the school code.
- C. Site Type – Enter the site type associated with the school listed in Column A. This site information is need for CDE to determine the specific instructional time requirements for the listed school. Choose one of the following site type options:
  - Charter School
  - Community Day
  - Continuation School
  - County Community
  - Juvenile Court School

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- Opportunity School
- Special Education
- Traditional

- D. Days in School Calendar – Provide the number of days in the school calendar. Attach a copy of the school calendar to the request. If the request includes multiple schools, attach a copy of each different school calendar and clearly identify which schools follow each calendar. If all schools have the same school calendar, note “all schools” at the top of the calendar.
- E. Emergency Days Built In – Provide the number of additional days the school has built in to the school calendar to use as make-up days for emergency closures.
- F. Built In Emergency Days Used – Provide the number of built in emergency days the school has used so far in the school year.
- G. Date(s) of Emergency Closure – Enter the date(s) closed for the emergency in the current request.
- H. Closure Dates Requested – Of the dates provided in Column G, enter the dates the school will not be able to make-up, and is requesting as part of the Form J-13A.
- I. Total Number of Days Requested – Enter the total number of days for the dates requested in Column H.

Applicable” box on the top right corner and proceed to Section D.

If the attendance of an LEA or a school is less than or equal to 90 percent of "normal" attendance for a reasonable time during or after an emergency event, the LEA may assume that a case exists for claiming emergency attendance credit for the "material decrease" of attendance. According to CCR, Title 5, Section 428, “normal” attendance is the average daily attendance (ADA) for the month of either October or May of the same school year. If the emergency occurred between July and September of the current year, the LEA must wait to submit the request until after October ADA of the current year can be calculated. The October or May ADA is used as a proxy for a normal day of attendance for the emergency day. However, if an emergency occurs in October or May, the LEA may request to use a different month as a proxy for a normal day of attendance for the emergency day.

Pursuant to EC Section 46392, the 90 percent threshold may be waived when the Governor has declared a “State of Emergency.” A copy of the Governor’s declaration should be included in the submittal. Any reduction of attendance in a necessary small school (NSS), even if less than 10 percent, may be considered material.

Attendance must be provided at the school site level. Approval of a districtwide material decrease is contingent upon the inclusion of all district sites, and a districtwide percentage of 90 percent or less on each emergency day. For non-districtwide emergencies, each school must meet the 90 percent threshold on each emergency day for approval of attendance credit.

### PART III: CLOSURE HISTORY

In this section, provide the closure history for the current and five prior fiscal years for all schools included in the request, regardless if a J-13A request was submitted. For example, if a school had multiple closures in one year, group the closures by fiscal year and nature.

School Name	School Code	Fiscal Year	Closure Dates	Nature	Weather Related Yes/No
School #1	0123456	2016-17	12/5, 2/10	Flooding	Yes
School #1	0123456	2016-17	4/17-4/18	Power Outage	No
School #1	0123456	2015-16	12/15-12/6	Road Closures	Yes

### PART I: NATURE OF EMERGENCY

Use this field to describe in detail the nature of the emergency(s) that caused the material decrease in attendance. Provide a detailed explanation for any gap in between emergencies. Request should be accompanied by supporting documents, if applicable.

### PART II: MATERIAL DECREASE CALCULATION

The information provided in Parts II and III will be used to determine if the loss of attendance meets the 90 percent threshold for attendance credit approval (except when the governor declares a state of emergency or in the case of a NSS site), and to calculate the estimated attendance credit

### SECTION C: MATERIAL DECREASE

This section is used to claim attendance for material decreases pursuant to EC Section 46392. If the request does not include any credits for a material decrease in attendance, select the “Not

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amount. The fields below correspond to the columns on Form J-13A.

- A. School Name – Enter the school name of each school requesting attendance credit on a separate line. Use the supplemental Excel form at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> if more than 10 lines are needed for this request and select the “Supplemental Page(s) Attached” box on the top right corner.
- B. School Code – Enter the seven-digit school code associated with the school listed in Column A. Use the California School Directory at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/schooldirectory/> to locate the school code
- C. “Normal” Attendance – Provide the ADA for the school month of October or May of the same school year.

A school month is 20 days, or four weeks of five days each, including legal holidays but excluding weekend makeup classes (*EC* Section 37201). The school calendar begins on the first Monday of the week that includes July 1 or the Monday of the first week of school. As a result, school months can be split between September and October; October and November; April and May; May and June. Therefore, the CDE advises LEAs to use the school month that has the most school days in either October or May.

- D. Dates Used for Determining “Normal” Attendance – Enter the date range of the school month used to provide the ADA in Column C.
- E. Date of Emergency – Enter the date of the emergency. **If the emergency lasted for more than one day, use a separate line for each date.**
- F. Actual Attendance – Provide the actual attendance for the school site on the date of emergency listed in Column E.
- G. Qualifier: 90 Percent or Less (F/C) – Calculated field. If the nature of emergency is consistent with *EC* Section 46392, the school may qualify for an attendance

adjustment when the Actual Attendance (Column F) divided by the “Normal” Attendance (Column C) yields a percentage of 90 percent or less. Exclude any emergency day that yields a percentage of more than 90 percent except when the governor declares a state of emergency or in a case of a NSS site.

- H. Net Increase of Apportionment Days (C-F) – Calculated field. The Actual Attendance (Column F) is subtracted from the “Normal” Attendance (Column C) to determine the Net Increase of Apportionment Days (Column H). When attendance on the date of emergency is greater than the “normal” attendance, this field will yield zero and should be removed from the material decrease calculation table.

**If the request is approved, CDE’s approval letter will include the total net increase of apportionment days, which may differ from the amount shown.** The LEA will then divide this number by the days in the applicable P-1, P-2, or Annual reporting period to determine the ADA increase.

### PART III: MATERIAL DECREASE CALCULATION FOR CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOLS

Continuation education is an hourly program, therefore the attendance must be provided in hours for continuation schools. Three hours equals one apportionment day. The fields below correspond to the columns on Form J-13A.

- A. School Name – Enter the school name of each continuation school requesting attendance credit on a separate line. Use the supplemental Excel file at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> if more than five lines are needed for this request and select the “Supplemental Page(s) Attached” box on the top right corner.
- B. School Code – Enter the seven-digit school code associated with the school listed in Column A. Use the California School Directory at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/schooldirectory/> to locate the school code.

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- C. "Normal" Attendance Hours – Provide the attendance hours for the continuation school on the same day of the week prior to, or the week following the emergency.

Example: If the emergency day is on a Tuesday, provide the attendance hours on the Tuesday of the week prior to or following the emergency.

- D. Date Used for Determining "Normal" Attendance – Enter the date of the school day used to provide the attendance hours in Column C.
- E. Date of Emergency – Enter the date of the emergency. **If the emergency lasted for more than one day, use a separate line for each date.**
- F. Actual Attendance Hours – Provide the actual attendance hours for the continuation school on the date of emergency.
- G. Qualifier: 90 Percent or Less (F/C) – Calculated field. If the nature of emergency is consistent with *EC* Section 46392, the school may qualify for an attendance adjustment when the Actual Attendance Hours (Column F) divided by the "Normal" Attendance Hours (Column C) yields a percentage of 90 percent or less. Exclude any emergency day that yields a percentage of more than 90 percent except when the governor declares a state of emergency or in a case of a NSS site.
- H. Net Increase of Hours (C-F) – Calculated field. The Actual Attendance Hours (Column F) is subtracted from the "Normal" Attendance Hours (Column C) to determine the Net Increase of Hours (Column H). When attendance on the date of emergency is greater than the "normal" attendance, this field will yield zero and should be removed from the material decrease calculation table.

**If the request is approved, the approval letter will include the total net increase of hours for all continuation schools on the form, which may differ from the amount shown.** The LEA will then convert the hours to apportionment days and divide this number by the days in the applicable P-1,

P-2, or Annual reporting period to determine the ADA increase.

### SECTION D: LOST OR DESTROYED ATTENDANCE RECORDS

If this request does not include any lost or destroyed attendance records, select the "Not Applicable" box on the top right corner and proceed to Section E.

#### PART I: PERIOD OF REQUEST

Enter the dates of the records that were lost or destroyed.

#### PART II: CIRCUMSTANCES

Provide a detailed explanation on the emergency condition(s) and the extent of the lost or destroyed records.

#### PART III: PROPOSAL

Provide a detailed proposal or estimation in the allotted space.

### SECTION E: AFFIDAVIT

A completed affidavit is required before submitting the entire Form J-13A request to CDE.

#### PART I: AFFIDAVIT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, OR CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

- Enter the name of the school district, COE, or charter school.
- Enter the names of the all the board members.
- At least a majority of the board members must sign this affidavit.
- The governing board signatures must be witnessed. The witness person must complete the following fields:
  - Witnessed date
  - Name
  - Signature
  - Title
  - County name

#### PART II: APPROVAL BY SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER

Only complete for a charter school request. Once the governing board members and witness fields have been completed, this request will be submitted to the charter school's authorizer for approval. An authorizer for a charter school may be

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a school district, COE or State Board of Education.

If approved, the superintendent of the charter school's authorizer will complete the following fields:

- Name
- Signature
- Authorizing LEA Name

### **PART III: AFFIDAVIT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

All requests must go to the COE for approval. If approved, the COE will complete Part III of the affidavit. The county superintendent's signature must be witnessed.

- Name of the County Superintendent of Schools (or designee)
- Signature of the County Superintendent of Schools (or designee)
- Witnessed date
- Witness name
- Witness signature
- Witness title
- County name
- Contact person/individual responsible for completing the county affidavit. Include the contact person's name, title, phone number and e-mail address.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
**REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS**  
 FORM J-13A, REVISED DECEMBER 2017

**SECTION A: REQUEST INFORMATION**

- This form is used to obtain approval of attendance and instructional time credit pursuant to *Education Code (EC)* sections 41422, 46200, 46391, 46392 and *California Code of Regulations (CCR)*, Title 5, Section 428.
- Only schools that report Principal Apportionment average daily attendance (ADA) for the purpose of calculating a K–12 Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) entitlement should submit this form.
- Refer to the instructions and frequently asked questions at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> for information regarding the completion of this form.

**PART I: LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY (LEA)**

LEA NAME:		COUNTY CODE:	DISTRICT CODE:	CHARTER NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE):
LEA SUPERINTENDENT OR ADMINISTRATOR NAME:				FISCAL YEAR:
ADDRESS:			COUNTY NAME:	
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
CONTACT NAME:	TITLE:	PHONE:	E-MAIL:	

**PART II: LEA TYPE AND SCHOOL SITE INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO THIS REQUEST** (Choose only one LEA type):

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> Choose one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> All district school sites <input type="checkbox"/> Select district school sites	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (COE)</b> Choose one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> All COE school sites <input type="checkbox"/> Select COE school sites	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CHARTER SCHOOL</b>
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**PART III: CONDITION(S) APPLICABLE TO THIS REQUEST:**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE:** When one or more schools were closed because of conditions described in *EC* Section 41422. LCFF apportionments should be maintained and instructional time credited in Section B for the school(s) without regard to the fact that the school(s) were closed on the dates listed, due to the nature of the emergency. Approval of this request authorizes the LEA to disregard these days in the computation of ADA (per *EC* Section 41422) without applicable penalty and obtain credit for instructional time for the days and the instructional minutes that would have been regularly offered on those days pursuant to *EC* Section 46200, et seq.

There was a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of California during the dates associated with this request.

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**MATERIAL DECREASE:** When one or more schools were kept open but experienced a material decrease in attendance pursuant to *EC* Section 46392 and *CCR*, Title 5, Section 428. Material decrease requests that include all school sites within the school district must demonstrate that the school district as a whole experienced a material decrease in attendance. Material decrease requests for one or more but not all sites within the school district must show that each site included in the request experienced a material decrease in attendance pursuant to *EC* Section 46392 and *CCR*, Title 5, Section 428. The request for substitution of estimated days of attendance for actual days of attendance is in accordance with the provisions of *EC* Section 46392. Approval of this request will authorize use of the estimated days of attendance in the computation of LCFF apportionments for the described school(s) and dates in Section C during which school attendance was materially decreased due to the nature of the emergency.

There was a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of California during the dates associated with this request.

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**LOST OR DESTROYED ATTENDANCE RECORDS:** When attendance records have been lost or destroyed as described in *EC* Section 46391. Requesting the use of estimated attendance in lieu of attendance that cannot be verified due to the loss or destruction of attendance records. This request is made pursuant to *EC* Section 46391:

*"Whenever any attendance records of any district have been lost or destroyed, making it impossible for an accurate report on average daily attendance for the district for any fiscal year to be rendered, which fact shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the affidavits of the members of the governing board of the district and the county superintendent of schools, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall estimate the average daily attendance of such district. The estimated average daily attendance shall be deemed to be the actual average daily attendance for that fiscal year for the making of apportionments to the school district from the State School Fund."*





**SECTION C: MATERIAL DECREASE**

Not Applicable (Proceed to Section D)

**PART I: NATURE OF EMERGENCY** (Describe in detail.)

Supplemental Page(s) Attached

**PART II: MATERIAL DECREASE CALCULATION** (Use the supplemental Excel file at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/j13a.asp> if more than 10 lines are needed for this request. Refer to the instructions for information on completing the form including the definition of "normal" attendance.)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G*	H
School Name	School Code	"Normal" Attendance (October/May)	Dates Used for Determining "Normal" Attendance	Date of Emergency	Actual Attendance	Qualifier: 90% or Less (F/C)	Net Increase of Apportionment Days (C-F)
			-				
			-				
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		Total:					

**PART III: MATERIAL DECREASE CALCULATION FOR CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOLS** (Provide the attendance in hours. Use the supplemental Excel file at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/j13a.asp> if more than 5 lines are needed for this request. Refer to the instructions for information on completing the form including the definition of "normal" attendance.)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G*	H
School Name	School Code	"Normal" Attendance Hours	Date Used for Determining "Normal" Attendance	Date of Emergency	Actual Attendance Hours	Qualifier: 90% or Less (F/C)	Net Increase of Hours (C-F)
		Total:					

\*Qualifier should be 90% or less except when the governor declares a state of emergency or in the case of a Necessary Small School (NSS) site.

**SECTION D: LOST OR DESTROYED ATTENDANCE RECORDS**

Not Applicable (Proceed to Section E)

**PART I: PERIOD OF REQUEST** The entire period covered by the lost or destroyed records commences with \_\_\_\_\_ up to and including \_\_\_\_\_.

**PART II: CIRCUMSTANCES** (Describe below circumstances and extent of records lost or destroyed.)

**PART III: PROPOSAL** (Describe below the proposal to reconstruct attendance records or estimate attendance in the absence of records.)

**SECTION E: AFFIDAVIT**

**PART I: AFFIDAVIT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, OR CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS** – All applicable sections below must be completed to process this J-13A request.

We, members constituting a majority of the governing board of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby swear (or affirm) that the foregoing statements are true and are based on official records.

Board Members Names

Board Members Signatures

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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**At least a majority of the members of the governing board shall execute this affidavit.**

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County, California  
(Name) (Signature)

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**PART II: APPROVAL BY SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER** (Only applicable to charter school requests)

Superintendent (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing LEA Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Signature)

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**PART III: AFFIDAVIT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The information and statements contained in the foregoing request are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

County Superintendent of Schools (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Signature)

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County, California  
(Name) (Signature)

COE contact/individual responsible for completing this section:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_