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2020–21 First Principal Apportionment Certified

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On Friday, February 19, 2021, the California Department of Education (CDE) certified the 2020–21 First Principal Apportionment (P-1).

Average daily attendance (ADA) for local educational agencies (LEAs) was determined based on whether or not the LEA applied and was eligible for growth under Senate Bill 820.

For those LEAs not eligible for growth, the 2019–20 ADA was used. For those LEAs that applied for, and were eligible for growth, the lesser of two different estimates were used for certification.

- 2020–21 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Fall 1 enrollment as adjusted by the 2019–20 statewide average rate of attendance
- 2020–21 projected ADA based on budget documentation or enrollment as adjusted by the 2019–20 statewide average rate of attendance

Grade Level	Statewide Absence Rate for Course Based Independent Study (CBIS)	Percentage of CBIS ADA, in Excess of 10% of Total ADA, to be Reported
Elementary (K–8)	4.49%	95.51%
High (9–12)	6.01%	93.99%

While there was a hold harmless for ADA, there was not a hold harmless for unduplicated pupil percentage (UPP). Based on the certified P-1 data, the average UPP statewide for charter schools and school districts was 61.94%. The UPP dropped roughly 0.63%; however, average decline for LEAs that did experience a drop in the UPP was 1.43%.

It's important to note that the data used for this calculation comes from the CALPADS Fall 1 data approved by the LEA as of the certification deadline on December 18, 2020. LEAs were allowed, and encouraged, to use the amendment window, which spanned December 19, 2020, through February 4, 2021, to verify that all students were appropriately captured, and classified in the data submission. Any changes registered in the amendment window will be reflected in June with the certification of 2020–21 P-2.

It is projected that there will be approximately \$8.8 billion in revenues for the Education Protection Account (EPA) for 2020–21. The CDE estimates that this will equate to 37.69258175% of the statewide total for revenue limit and charter school block grant funding, provided that no school district or charter schools receives less than \$200 per unit of ADA.

The certified P-1 records also reflect the upcoming deferrals that are scheduled to occur in February 2021 through June 2021. As a reminder, the deferrals impact the State Aid portion of the Local Control Funding Formula revenues. The EPA, property tax, and charter in-lieu taxes are unaffected by the deferrals implemented with the 2020–21 Enacted State Budget.

Additionally, the base funding for special education saw the elimination of the perpetual deficit. Arising from the recalculation of the Assembly Bill 602 base after removing the federal local assistance from the calculation in 2013–14, the deficit had continued to be a problem for special education local planning agencies. With the 2020–21 P-1 apportionment, the base funding for special education is fully funded for the first time in seven years.

For more details about the 2020–21 P-1 Apportionment, [click here](#).