

How Are County Offices of Education (COEs) Funded Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)?



Two-Part Formula

- COEs receive funding to (1) provide regional services to their districts and (2) educate students in COE-run alternative schools. The amounts associated with each responsibility are calculated through two separate formulas, then the funds are combined into one allocation that can be used for either purpose.
- COEs have target funding rates to be reached over time. If a COE's total funding level prior to LCFF was higher than its new target level, that COE will continue to be funded at the higher level, but it will not receive additional funding increases.



Regional Services Funding

- This COE funding is calculated based on three components: a base amount, an amount driven by district size, and an amount driven by average daily attendance (ADA).
- Apart from meeting certain district oversight requirements, COEs have considerable discretion over the use of this funding.

Regional Services Part of Formula^a

- Base funding of \$655,920 per county office of education.
- Additional \$109,320 per school district in the county.
- Additional \$40 to \$70 per average daily attendance (ADA) in the county (less populous counties receive higher per ADA rates).

^a Reflects target rates set forth in state law. These target rates are to be adjusted annually moving forward for cost-of-living adjustments.

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Alternative School Funding

- This COE funding is calculated based on three components: a base rate; supplemental funding for English learner, low-income, and foster youth students; and concentration funding if these student groups make up at least 50 percent of enrollment.
- COEs receive this funding for four categories of alternative education students.
- COEs are required to adopt Local Control and Accountability Plans that describe how they will serve these students.

Alternative Education Part of Formula

Eligible student population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who are (1) under the authority of the juvenile justice system, (2) probation referred, (3) on probation, or (4) mandatorily expelled.
Target base rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$11,045 per average daily attendance.^a
Supplemental funding for EL/LI and foster youth students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional 35 percent of base rate.^b
Concentration funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional 35 percent of base rate for EL/LI and foster youth students above 50 percent of enrollment.^b

^a Reflects target rates set forth in state law. These target rates are to be adjusted annually moving forward for cost-of-living adjustments.

^b Assumes 100 percent of students at court schools are EL/LI.
EL/LI = English learner/low-income.