

## INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN # 6577

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TO: Business Administrators

Los Angeles County School Districts

**Charter Schools** 

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SUBJECT: 2021-22 COVID-19 ADA Relief

The Governors 2022-23 Enacted Budget added <u>Education Code Section 42238.023</u> which permits school districts, county offices of education (COEs), and charter schools to apply attendance yields from the 2019-20 school year to their 2021-22 reported ADA when certain conditions are met. The attendance yields will be calculated by the CDE and will not require additional ADA or enrollment reporting by local educational agencies.

In order to assist school districts, School Services of California created a COVID-19 ADA Relief Template and short instructional video for calculating the impact for school districts and COEs in the July 2022 *Fiscal Report* article titled, *Calculating the Impact of COVID-19 ADA Relief.* In order to gain access, LEA users must register for the School Services of California website and create a login account. This can be done by clicking on the link below:

https://www.sscal.com/user/register

Link to article:

https://www.sscal.com/publications/fiscal-reports/calculating-impact-covid-19-ada-relief

The law establishes criteria to determine a school district's or COE's eligibility to use the COVID-19 ADA relief policy, including a self-certification of the following:

• By no later than October 1, 2021, the school district/COE offered an independent study program to all pupils upon the pupil's or parent's request, consistent with all the requirements of EC 51745, for the 2021-22 school year;

- For the 2021-22 school year, the school district/COE adopted written policies for providing instruction to pupils through independent study, and implemented those policies, pursuant to EC 51747;
- During the 2021-22 school year, the school district/COE offered independent study, as defined in subdivision of EC 51747, to pupils who were subject to quarantine for exposure to, or infection with, COVID-19, pursuant to local or state health guidance and were unable to participate in classroom-based instruction due to the quarantine.

The California Department of Education will release a new data entry screen for this purpose in the <u>Principal Apportionment Data Collection Web Application (PADC)</u> on or before September 30, 2022. School districts and COEs will have until November 1, 2022 to complete the certification. Note that charter schools do not need to complete the certification to be eligible to apply the COVID-19 ADA relief since charter schools are exempt to offer independent study during the FY 2021-22 school year.

School districts and COEs should be aware that the independent audit process for 2022-23 will include procedures that mandate the independent auditor verify compliance of the school district or COE with the above requirements. Any school district or COE that received a waiver by June 15, 2022, pursuant to EC 51745(g) is deemed to have complied with the above procedures.

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