

Student Centered Funding Formula Growth Formula Explained

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Overview

- California Education Code Section 84750.5 established the parameters for and required the Chancellor's Office to develop a revised growth formula for use beginning in FY 2015-16.
- Under the established growth formula, growth funding is allocated to districts based on multiple components, including:
 - Economic and education need,
 - Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) activity, and
 - Restoration balances and unfunded FTES
- Together, these components are used to determine each district' growth authority for a given year, which may impact a district's FTES calculations in the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF). All districts are guaranteed a Growth Minimum.

Budget Act Growth Funding and Growth Percent

- Each year, the state Budget Act may provide funding to support enrollment growth.
- The Budget Act specifies the total dollar amount provided for statewide growth and the percentage increase in statewide FTES the appropriation is intended to support.

AB 102 Budget Act of 2025 (BB Jr. #1)

2. (a) The funds appropriated in Schedule (1) shall be allocated using the budget formula established pursuant to Section 84750.4 of the Education Code. The budget formula shall be adjusted to reflect the following:
 - (1) Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), \$39,981,000 shall be used to increase statewide growth of full-time equivalent students (FTES) by 0.57 percent. It is the intent of the Legislature that the enrollment growth funding in this paragraph, when combined with the additional \$100,000,000 provided for enrollment growth in the 2024–25 fiscal year in this act, support a combined growth percentage of 2.35 percent in the 2025–26 fiscal year.

$$\text{Statewide Growth Target Percentage} = \frac{\text{Statewide Growth Appropriation}}{\text{Statewide FTES Base}}$$

Budget Act Growth Funding and Growth Percent (cont.)

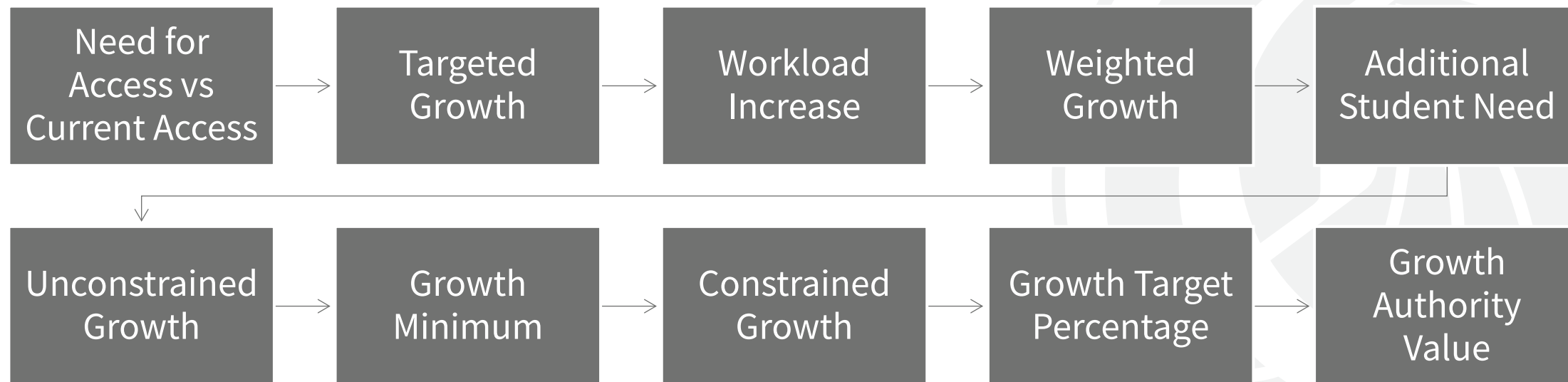
- Once enacted, these growth funds are allocated to districts using the SCFF growth formula. The resulting dollar amount for each district is its growth authority.
- Districts may receive proportionally different levels of growth authority depending on how they align with the growth formula's factors.
- At 2025-26 P1, District Growth Target Percentages range from 0.13% to 5.98%.

Growth Authority can be found on page 2 of the Exhibit C:

Section Id: FTES Growth Authority			
<i>variable</i>	aa	ab	ac = aa x ab
FTES Category	% target	2024-25 Applied #3 FTES	2025-26 Growth FTES
Credit	0.13%	6,051.20	8.04
Incarcerated Credit	0.13%	57.24	0.08
Special Admit Credit	0.13%	802.01	1.07
CDCP	0.13%	182.33	0.24
Noncredit	0.13%	13.86	0.02
Total		7,106.64	9.45
Total Growth FTES Value =>>>			\$ 54,297

District Growth Target Percentage = District Growth Authority ÷ District FTES Base

10 Components of the Growth Formula



1. Need for Access vs Current Access

Local demographic data used to determine Need for Access

- Number of adults without a college degree,
- Unemployed adults,
- Households living below the poverty line.

Data Source

- Prior prior year data from American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau
- Data is mapped to district boundaries using the Foundation for California Community Colleges' District Boundary Map.

1. Need for Access vs Current Access (cont.)

Need for Access

The district's count of each data point is divided by the statewide total to produce a percentage representing the district's share of statewide need for that category.

Weights to calculate Need for Access

- Adults without a college degree (50%)
- Unemployed adults (25%)
- Households living below the poverty line (25%)

Districts Share

- Each district's share for a given factor is multiplied by its assigned weight, and the weighted values are summed up to produce a single **Need for Access** value.

District	Adults w/o College Degree	Unemployed Adults	Households below Poverty Line	Adults w/o College Attainment % of Total	Unemployed Adults % of Total	Households Below the Poverty Line % of Total	Need for Access
Mendocino-Lake CCD	42,017	6,776	17,901	0.34%	0.38%	0.39%	0.36%
Southwestern CCD	177,694	31,262	47,867	1.43%	1.73%	1.04%	1.41%
Victor Valley CCD	177,610	31,073	73,095	1.43%	1.72%	1.59%	1.54%

1. Need for Access vs Current Access (cont.)

Current Access

A district's **Current Access** is measured by its share of statewide FTES revenue received under the SCFF.

Unmet Need

When a district's calculated Need for Access exceeds its level of Current Access, the difference between the two represents the **Unmet Need**.

District	Need for Access	2023-24 FTES Revenue	2023-24 Access by FTES Revenue	Difference	Unmet Need
Mendocino-Lake CCD	0.36%	16,507,404	0.28%	0.08%	0.08%
Southwestern CCD	1.41%	80,062,163	1.34%	0.06%	0.06%
Victor Valley CCD	1.54%	57,215,719	0.96%	0.58%	0.58%

2. Targeted Growth

- Current access, measured by each district's share of statewide FTES revenue, plus
- Unmet need, calculated as the difference between a district's need for access share and its current access share when need for access exceeds current access.

District	49.9% on 2023-24 Access by FTES Revenue	50.1% Unmet Need	Targeted Growth
Mendocino-Lake CCD	55,217	87,580	142,797
Southwestern CCD	267,805	68,129	335,934
Victor Valley CCD	191,385	612,191	803,575

Targeted Growth

*= 49.9% of Statewide Growth Allocation for Current Access
+ 50.1% of Statewide Growth Allocation for Unmet Need*

3. Workload Increase

This calculation includes the following elements:

- Growth applied,
- Restoration applied, and
- Unfunded FTES.

$$\textit{Workload Increase} = \textit{Growth Applied} + \textit{Restoration Applied} + \textit{Unfunded FTES}$$

District	2023-24 Applied Growth \$	2023-24 Restoration Paid \$	2023-24 Unfunded/Unapplied \$	2023-24 Workload Increase
Mendocino-Lake CCD	-	-	-	-
Southwestern CCD	910,246	-	2,948,696	3,858,942
Victor Valley CCD	1,390,611	-	7,538,529	8,929,140

4. Weighted Growth

This calculation combines two previously determined components:

- Workload Increase, weighted at 50%; and
- Targeted Growth, weighted at 50%.

$$\textit{Weighted Growth} = (0.50 \times \textit{Workload Increase}) + (0.50 \times \textit{Targeted Growth})$$

District	2023-24 Workload Increase	Targeted Growth	Workload Increase (50%)	Targeted Growth (50%)	Weighted Growth
Mendocino-Lake CCD	-	142,797	-	71,398	71,398
Southwestern CCD	3,858,942	335,934	1,929,471	167,967	2,097,438
Victor Valley CCD	8,929,140	803,575	4,464,570	401,788	4,866,358

5. Additional Student Need

- This calculation compares each district's share of statewide Pell students to its share of statewide Pell awards.
- Districts for which the share of Pell awards exceeds the share of Pell students are identified as meeting the **additional student need** condition.
- For district's meeting this condition, 10% of the statewide growth budget is allocated proportionally.

District	Annual Pell Award Count	Pell Award Student Count	Annual Pell Award Count % of Total	Pell Award Student Count % of Total	Pell Award Count > Pell Students	Additional Student Need
Mendocino-Lake CCD	2,676	1,477	0.35%	0.35%	0.0040%	20,827
Southwestern CCD	14,056	7,820	1.85%	1.84%	0.0066%	34,194
Victor Valley CCD	10,853	6,777	1.43%	1.59%	0.0000%	-

6. Unconstrained Growth

- Intermediate calculation in the growth formula prior to the application of growth minimums, proportional scaling, or statewide budget constraints.
- Combines two previously calculated components and considers previous FTES activity.

Unconstrained Growth = (Weighted Growth + Additional Student Need) – Ending Restoration Balance

If the resulting value is less than zero, unconstrained growth is set to zero.

District	Weighted Growth	Additional Student Need	Weighted Growth + Additional Student Need	Unused Restoration Balance	Unconstrained Growth
Mendocino-Lake CCD	71,398	20,827	\$ 92,225	\$ 2,348,377	-
Southwestern CCD	2,097,438	34,194	\$ 2,131,632	\$ -	2,131,632
Victor Valley CCD	4,866,358	-	\$ 4,866,358	\$ -	4,866,358

7. Growth Minimum

A minimum growth level is applied to all districts. Which depends on whether a district has reached its previous highest Total Computational Revenue (TCR).

If a district has not reached previous highest TCR, lesser of:

- 1% of FTES base
- One-half of the statewide growth target percentage

If a district has reached previous highest TCR, lesser of:

- 0.5% of FTES base
- One-quarter of the statewide growth target percentage

District	Have Not Reached Previous High TCR	1% of FTES Base if Dist. Hasn't Reached Highest TCR, Otherwise 0.5% of FTES Base	0.5 of Statewide Growth Target % if Dist. Hasn't Reached Highest TCR, Otherwise 0.25 of Statewide Growth Target %	Growth Minimum
Mendocino-Lake CCD	-	82,537	23,523	23,523
Southwestern CCD	-	400,311	114,089	114,089
Victor Valley CCD	-	286,079	81,532	81,532

8. Constrained Growth

The share of Unconstrained Growth above the Growth Minimum. Each district's statewide share of Constrained Growth is proportionally adjusted to ensure growth budget funds all Growth Minimums.

$$\text{Constrained Growth} = (\text{Unconstrained Growth} - \text{Growth Minimum}) \times \text{Proportional Adjustment}$$

District	Unconstrained Growth	Growth Minimum	Unconstrained Growth minus Growth Minimum	Constrained Growth
Mendocino-Lake CCD	-	23,523	-	-
Southwestern CCD	2,131,632	114,089	2,017,544	1,049,167
Victor Valley CCD	4,866,358	81,532	4,784,825	2,488,214

9. Growth Target Percentage

Represents each district's allocated percentage of growth, which serves as the basis for calculating the Growth Authority Value.

Growth Target Percentage

$$= ((\text{Growth Minimum} + \text{Constrained Growth}) \times \text{Statewide Scaling Factor}) \div \text{Prior Prior Year FTES Allocation}$$

		Statewide Scaling Factor	
		-6.73078%	
		Growth Minimum + Constrained Growth with Statewide Scaling Factor Applied.	
		Value used to calculated Growth Target Percentage	
District	Growth Minimum + Constrained Growth	Growth Minimum + Constrained Growth	2025-26 Growth Target Percentage
Mendocino-Lake CCD	23,523	21,940	0.1329%
Southwestern CCD	1,163,255	1,084,959	1.3551%
Victor Valley CCD	2,569,746	2,396,782	4.1890%

Scaling Factor: A proportional adjustment applied to ensure that total district Growth Authority Value does not exceed the statewide growth budget in the final calculation.

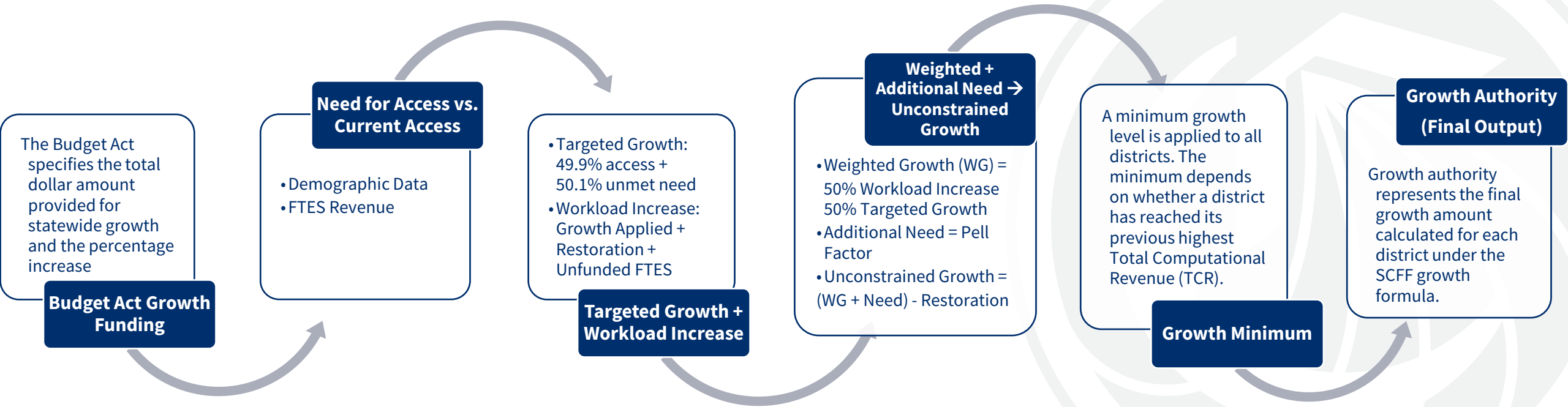
10. Growth Authority Value

Final calculation step that converts Growth Target Percentage into Growth Authority Value.

$$\text{Growth Authority Value} = (\text{PY Applied \#3 (FTES Base)} \times \text{Growth Target Percentage}) \times \text{FTES Rates}$$

District	2025-26 Growth Target Percentage	2024-25 R1 July 2025 Applied #3 Total FTES	2025-26 FTES Rates	2025-26 Growth Authority Value
Mendocino-Lake CCD	0.1329%	3,207.53	Vary by category	\$ 24,351
Southwestern CCD	1.3551%	16,154.16	Vary by category	\$ 1,198,298
Victor Valley CCD	4.1890%	11,868.42	Vary by category	\$ 2,784,090

SCFF Growth Formula



Applying Growth to SCFF Calculations

Growth Applied

- A district is eligible for growth funding when its reported FTES value exceeds its FTES base value, and available restoration authority is insufficient to fund all FTES increases.

Two step Process

1. Growth is applied up to each district's calculated growth authority.
2. Any remaining growth funding is distributed proportionally to districts with FTES increases exceeding their growth authority.

Not to exceed 10%

- When applying remaining growth funding, an additional constraint applies: the total growth applied to a district may not exceed 10% of the district's FTES base.

Additional Resources

- [Student Centered Funding Formula](#) – Contains SCFF-related FAQs, metric definitions, metric data, and other resources.
- [SCFF Dashboard Webpage](#) – Contains links to SCFF Dashboards: Prior formula comparison to SCFF, SCFF Data Trends and Insights, SCFF Resource Estimator.
- [Apportionment Reports](#) – All Chancellor’s Office apportionment exhibits are posted to this webpage, including the Exhibit C.
- Compendium of Allocations and Resources – Comprehensive information about funding allocations. Found on [Budget News](#) webpage.
- Department of Finance: [General Budget Timetable](#)

Thank you!

For questions regarding the SCFF please email
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