

## Student Centered Funding Formula Frequently Asked Questions

### **Question 1**

What FTES is used to calculate the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) at 2023-24 Advance?

**Answer:** Actual reported 2022-23 P2 FTES is used (excluding any 2022-23 COVID-19 Emergency Conditions Allowance (ECA)). The credit FTES three-year average consists of 2022-23 P2 actual reported FTES, 2022-23 Applied #3 (including any COVID-19 ECA), and 2021-22 Applied #3 (including any COVID-19 ECA). The 2022-23 P2 Applied #3 (including any COVID-19 ECA) is used as the base for the 2023-24 Advance.

### **Question 2**

What FTES is used to calculate the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) at 2023-24 First Principal Apportionment?

**Answer:** Actual reported 2023-24 P1 FTES is used. The credit FTES three-year average consists of 2023-24 P1 actual reported FTES, 2022-23 Applied #3 (including any COVID-19 ECA), and 2021-22 Applied #3 (including any COVID-19 ECA). The 2022-23 R1 Applied #3 (including any COVID-19 ECA) is used as the base at 2023-24 P1.

### **Question 3**

How is stability in the Basic Allocation determined post COVID-19 ECA?

**Answer:** The Basic Allocation is calculated using prior year (PY) college and center FTES. At 2023-24 P1, the Basic Allocation will be calculated based on actual reported 2022-23 R1 college and center FTES, and 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20 FTES data will be used to determine college and center stability (for fiscal years in which a district was opted-in to COVID-19 ECA, its PY college FTES is equal to its 2019-20 FTES level, and its PY center FTES is equal to its 2018-19 FTES level). The college or center will be funded at the largest size based on FTES among the aforementioned years.

Impact of COVID-19 ECA on college and center FTES:

<b>ECA Opt-in/out, Fiscal Year</b>	<b>College FTES</b>	<b>Center FTES</b>
Opt-in in FY 2020-21	2019-20 FTES = 2019-20 FTES level	2019-20 FTES = 2018-19 FTES level
Opt-in in FY 2021-22	2020-21 FTES = 2019-20 FTES level	2020-21 FTES = 2018-19 FTES level
Opt-in in FY 2022-23	2021-22 FTES = 2019-20 FTES level	2021-22 FTES = 2018-19 FTES level

FTES data used to calculate Basic Allocation in outyears:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Prior Year FTES Data for Calculations</b>	<b>FTES Data to Determine Stability</b>
FY 2023-24	2022-23 R1 reported FTES	2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20 FTES
FY 2024-25	2023-24 R1 reported FTES	2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21 FTES
FY 2025-26	2024-25 R1 reported FTES	2023-24, 2022-23, 2021-22 FTES
FY 2026-27	2025-26 R1 reported FTES	2024-25, 2023-24, 2022-23 FTES

#### **Question 4**

Will the 2023-24 credit FTES three-year average be based on actual reported FTES, or COVID-19 ECA FTES levels if a district was opted-in in previous years?

**Answer:** The 2023-24 credit FTES three-year average will consist of 2023-24 actual reported credit FTES, 2022-23 Applied #3 credit FTES (including any COVID-19 ECA), and 2021-22 Applied #3 credit FTES (including any COVID-19 ECA).

#### **Question 5**

Will TCR Stability protection still be available once the Hold Harmless sunsets and the Funding Floor begins in FY 2025-26?

**Answer:** Yes. There will still be three calculations to determine TCR: SCFF Calculated Revenue (TCR A), SCFF Stability (TCR B), and the new Funding Floor (TCR C). The primary difference is the Funding Floor will be a district's 2024-25 Max TCR and will not be augmented by COLA in any future years (whereas currently TCR C Hold Harmless is the 2017-18 TCR plus yearly COLAs).

#### **Question 6**

Will additional 2022-23 State General Apportionment dollars be distributed to close or reduce the SCFF revenue deficit at 2022-23 P2 due to the decrease in 2022-23 Education Protection Account (EPA) funding allocation in June 2023?

**Answer:** Yes. SB 117 Higher Education Trailer Bill, enacted July 2023, provides the general fund revenues needed to offset the June 2023 decrease in 2022-23 EPA funding. The additional 2022-23 general fund payments will be processed through an early 2022-23 Recalculation apportionment, estimated September or October 2023. Additional details are referenced in the [2022-23 Second Principal apportionment memo FS 23-03](#).

### **Question 7**

How is FTES restoration calculated post COVID-19 ECA, and how long are FTES restoration balances available for use?

**Answer:** Actual reported FTES is used to calculate the FTES allocation starting in FY 2023-24. If the reported 2023-24 FTES is less than the 2022-23 Applied #3\*, the value of the FTES decline will be stored as a restoration balance starting in FY 2024-25. Restoration balances are available to use for three years: FY 2024-25 = year 1, FY 2025-26 = year 2, FY 2026-27 = year 3.

\*If a district is opted-in to COVID-19 ECA in FY 2022-23, the 2022-23 Applied #3 is based on 2019-20 FTES. A district would have until FY 2026-27 to restore any FTES declines up to this level.

### **Question 8**

How do I request a login to utilize the SCFF Resource Estimator?

**Answer:** The CEO and/or CBO may request a login by sending an email to [SCFF@cccco.edu](mailto:SCFF@cccco.edu). Please include the name, job title, and email address of any staff members that would need access to the estimator.

For more information to obtain a user log-in to the SCFF resource estimator, please visit the following link: [Procedure for Obtaining User Log-Ins to the SCFF Resource Estimator](#).

### **Question 9**

How can I request training on how to use the SCFF Resource Estimator?

**Answer:** Reach out to [SCFF@cccco.edu](mailto:SCFF@cccco.edu) and request a training session.

### **Question 10**

How do I know who has access to the SCFF Resource Estimator in my district?

**Answer:** At the beginning of each Fiscal Year the Chancellor's Office will reach out to district CEOs/CBOs to confirm the district's SCFF Resource Estimator users and their status. If needed the CEO and/or CBO may at any time, request a list of users who have access to the SCFF Resource Estimator by sending the request to [SCFF@cccco.edu](mailto:SCFF@cccco.edu).

### **Important links regarding Student Centered Funding Formula**

- [Apportionment Reports](#)
- [Student Centered Funding Formula Dashboard](#)
- [Student Centered Funding Formula Resources](#)