



# BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 6, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

Board of Education Board Room  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, City CENTRE – Bakersfield, CA 93301

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## 1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to order time \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call	Present	Absent
Julie A. Beechinor, <i>Area 1</i>	_____	_____
Joe L. Marcano, <i>Area 2</i>	_____	_____
Mary M. Little, <i>Area 3</i>	_____	_____
Jose E. Gonzalez, Jr., <i>Area 4</i>	_____	_____
Paula E. Bray, <i>Area 5</i>	_____	_____
Daniel R. Giordano, <i>Area 6</i>	_____	_____
Lori J. Cisneros, <i>Area 7</i>	_____	_____
Dr. John G. Mendiburu, <i>Superintendent</i>	_____	_____

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

1.5 Approval of the Minutes from May 14, 2024.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

## 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Education appreciates comments from members of the public who have the opportunity to address the Board on agenda items (before the Board's consideration of the item) and on other matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

To move the meeting business along efficiently, individual speakers are allotted up to three minutes each, and the total time for comment on each agenda or other topic within the Board's jurisdiction will be limited to 20 minutes. All requests for public comment must be submitted prior to the start of the meeting. In exceptional circumstances, the Board President may, with Board consent, reduce or increase the amount of time allowed for public input and/or the time allotted for each speaker, when such adjustment is necessary to ensure full opportunity for public input within the time allotted. Any such adjustments shall be done in an equitable manner, so as to allow a diversity of viewpoints. The President may also ask members of the public with the same viewpoint to select a few individuals to address the Board regarding that viewpoint.

To allow the Board to organize the public comments, persons wishing to speak will need to complete a form before the board meeting begins, providing their name, contact information, and the agenda item or other topic on the Board's jurisdiction on which they wish to speak. Items not appearing on the agenda cannot, by law, be the subject of board action.

## 3.0 CLOSED SESSION

### 3.1 Expulsion Hearing – Appeal by Student A

*Pursuant to the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, it may be necessary for the Board to adjourn to closed session in order to prevent the disclosure of student records or personally identifiable information unless the student or representative consents to public session.*

## 4.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION TAKEN

### 4.1 Presentation – COE Annual Summary Report

### 4.2 Presentation – Review of Student Support Resources

## 5.0 ACTION ITEMS

All consent agenda items for the Kern County Board of Education are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item. Approval is recommended on all items listed.

### 5.1 Consent Agenda

#### 5.1.1 Approval of Graduation Diplomas.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

### 5.2 General Business

#### 5.2.1 Approval of the 2024-25 LCAP Budget Overview for Parents and the 2024-25 Local Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5.2.2 Approval of the 2023-24 Local Indicator Data.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

5.2.3 Approval of the 2024-27 Countywide Plan for Expelled Youth.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

5.2.4 Approval of the Court and Community Schools Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) Annual Evaluations.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

5.2.5 Approval of DELAC meeting minutes.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

5.2.6 Adoption of 2024-25 County School Service Fund (CSSF).

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

5.2.7 Resolution Approval – Establish Education Protection Account.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

## **6.0 REPORT OF COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS**

6.1 Members of the Board will report on various topics.

## **7.0 REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT**

7.1 The County Superintendent will report on various topics.

## **8.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

8.1 Items to be considered for the next agenda.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

9.1 Unless otherwise posted, the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

9.2 Time of adjournment \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.



# BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

Board of Education Board Room  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, City CENTRE – Bakersfield, CA 93301

## 1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present

Julie A. Beechinor  
 Paula E. Bray  
 Lori J. Cisneros  
 Daniel R. Giordano  
 Mary M. Little  
 Joe L. Marcano

Board Members Absent

Jose E. Gonzalez, Jr.

KCSOS Employees Present

Dr. John G. Mendiburu, *Superintendent*  
 Christian Shannon, *Deputy Superintendent*  
 Jonathon Medina, *Assistant Superintendent*  
 Steve Sanders, *Chief of Staff*  
 Merril Clanton, *Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent*

- 1.4 Agenda Issues
- 1.5 It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Cisneros to approve the minutes from April 9, 2024.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Bray, Ms. Cisneros, Mr. Giordano, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano  
 Nays: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: Mr. Gonzalez

## 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 2.1 Public Comments were heard from the following:
  - Wayne Wong
  - Meg Harwell
  - Toni Gonzalez



### 3.0 CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Closed Session was moved to 6.0.

### 4.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 4.1 Presentation - Pride Chamber of Kern
- 4.2 Presentation - How a Child's Mind Works
- 4.3 Presentation - Dr. Tiara King
- 4.4 Charter School Update

### 5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Consent Agenda

5.1.1 It was moved by Mr. Marcano, seconded by Ms. Bray to approve the list of graduation diplomas.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Bray, Ms. Cisneros, Mr. Giordano, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mr. Gonzalez

General Business

5.2.1 It was moved by Mr. Marcano, seconded by Ms. Beechinor to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Grow Public Schools.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Bray, Ms. Cisneros, Mr. Giordano, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mr. Gonzalez

Public Comments were heard from the following regarding item 5.2.2.

- Thomas Johnson
- Rev. Angelo Frazier
- Ofilia Curriel
- Dana Christensen
- Jesse Aguler
- Dawn Wilder
- Linda Willis
- Kimberely Rassmussen
- Allysa Jones
- Michael Pollack
- Shelia Henderson
- Lori Eskew
- Jeannette Beeson
- Jes Sanders

- Shelia Lake
- Pau Linfesty
- Jeanine Adams
- Dennis McLean
- Kori Hanners

5.2.2 It was moved by Ms. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Marcano to approve the third read and adoption of the following:

- BB 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Bray, Ms. Cisneros, Mr. Giordano, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Gonzalez

5.2.3 Public Hearing for the 2024-25 Local Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget Overview for Parents.

5.2.4 Public Hearing for the 2024-25 County School Service Fund (CSSF) Budget.

5.2.5 It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Beechinor to approve the Allocation of Forest Reserve Funds.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Bray, Ms. Cisneros, Mr. Giordano, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Gonzalez

5.2.6 It was moved by Mr. Marcano, seconded by Ms. Bray to approve the Art, Music, and Instructional Materials Block Grant Plan.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Bray, Ms. Cisneros, Mr. Giordano, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Gonzalez

5.2.7 It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Bray to approve the rescheduling of the June 11, 2024, Board Meeting to June 4, 2024.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Bray, Ms. Cisneros, Mr. Giordano, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Gonzalez

## **6.0 CLOSED SESSION**

### **6.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9)

Kern County Superior Court Case Number BVC-23-103771

## **7.0 REPORT OF COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS**

- 7.1 Ms. Cisneros read a letter she received from a constituent regarding Title IX. Ms. Cisneros also provided information about the Tehachapi Farmer's Market that will take place on Thursdays beginning in June. Ms. Cisneros commented that she had the opportunity to attend the VOCS Art Showcase and described many of the fabulous items that were on display. Ms. Cisneros requested a visit to REALMS and Wonderful in the future.
- 7.2 Ms. Bray read a fact sheet from the United States Department of Education detailing proposed changes to Title IX. Ms. Bray gave a historical overview of filmmaker George Lucas, who was born in the Central Valley and celebrated his birthday on this day, May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.3 Ms. Beechinor announced that she will not serve on the CSBA Delegate Assembly as a result of a tiebreaking decision with Tulare County. Ms. Beechinor asked Administration to please follow-up on a public comment regarding bullying. Additionally, Ms. Beechinor congratulated the Bakersfield College Rodeo Team for being voted the Best Rodeo Team of the Year by The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.
- 7.4 Ms. Little thanked the board for coming together to pass General Business Item 5.2.2. Ms. Little also congratulated her friend and KCSOS employee, Alan Button for being a recipient of the Kern County Education Champion of the Year. Ms. Little remarked that the program and event were wonderful, and that Mr. Button was very deserving of the recognition.
- 7.5 Mr. Marcano asked for information or policies regarding the prevention or suppression of bullying.

## **8.0 REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT**

- 8.1 Dr. Mendiburu introduced Merrill Clanton, Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and detailed her role in working with the Board. Dr. Mendiburu reported that the budget report that was detailed by Mr. Medina would be further discussed following the May Revision. Additionally, Dr. Mendiburu gave an administrative update on REALMS and Wonderful Charter Schools. Dr. Mendiburu distributed invitations inviting the Board to attend the June 1, 2024, Alternative Education Graduation and invited each member to speak at the commencement ceremony.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- 9.1 Unless otherwise posted, the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.2 The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

# LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name: Kern County Superintendent of Schools

CDS Code: 15 10157 0000000

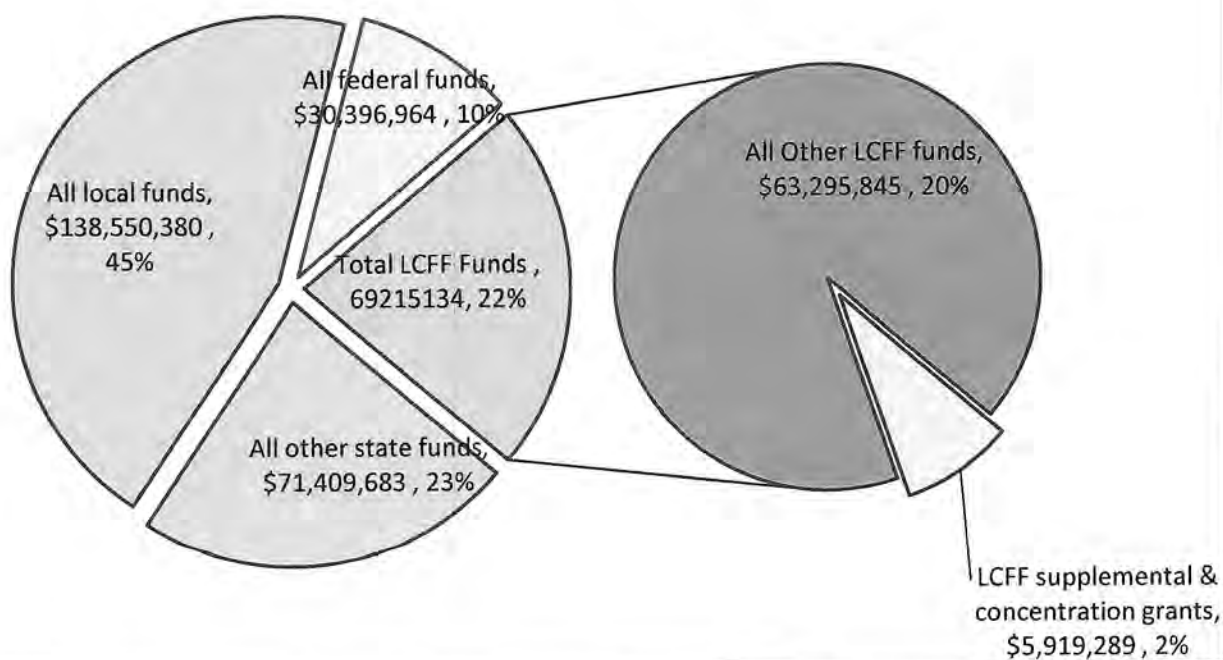
School Year: 2024-25

LEA contact information: Molly Mier (momier@kern.org)

School districts receive funding from different sources: state funds under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), other state funds, local funds, and federal funds. LCFF funds include a base level of funding for all LEAs and extra funding - called "supplemental and concentration" grants - to LEAs based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learners, and low-income students).

## Budget Overview for the 2024-25 School Year

### Projected Revenue by Fund Source

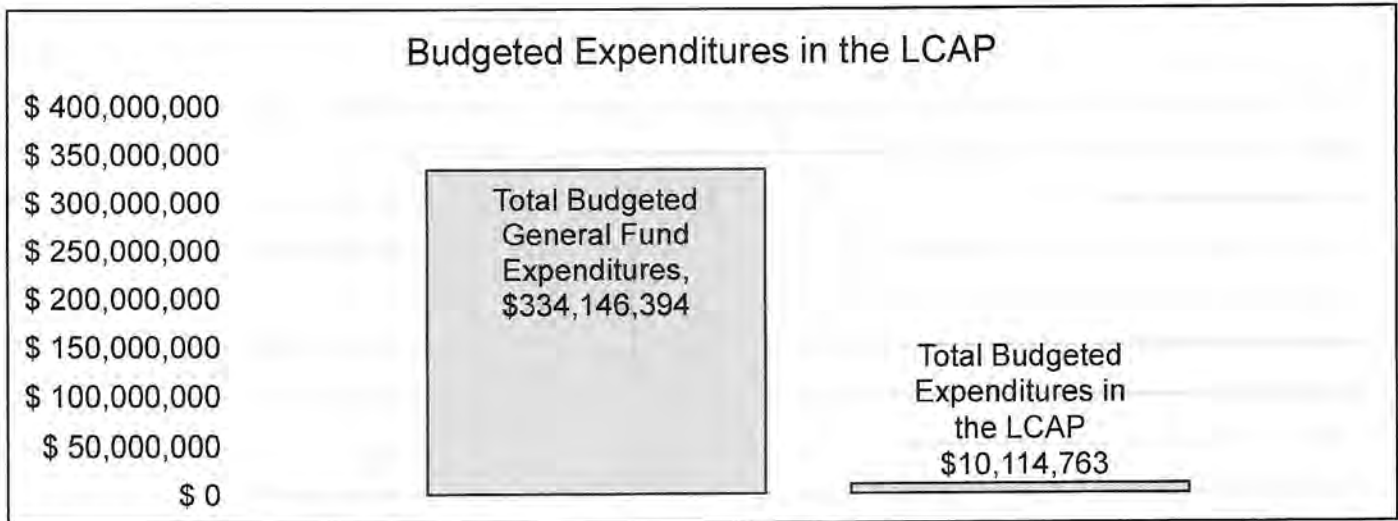


This chart shows the total general purpose revenue Kern County Superintendent of Schools expects to receive in the coming year from all sources.

The text description for the above chart is as follows: The total revenue projected for Kern County Superintendent of Schools is \$309,572,161.00, of which \$69,215,134.00 is Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), \$71,409,683.00 is other state funds, \$138,550,380.00 is local funds, and \$30,396,964.00 is federal funds. Of the \$69,215,134.00 in LCFF Funds, \$5,919,289.00 is generated based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learner, and low-income students).

# LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

The LCFF gives school districts more flexibility in deciding how to use state funds. In exchange, school districts must work with parents, educators, students, and the community to develop a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) that shows how they will use these funds to serve students.



This chart provides a quick summary of how much Kern County Superintendent of Schools plans to spend for 2024-25. It shows how much of the total is tied to planned actions and services in the LCAP.

The text description of the above chart is as follows: Kern County Superintendent of Schools plans to spend \$334,146,394.00 for the 2024-25 school year. Of that amount, \$10,114,763.00 is tied to actions/services in the LCAP and \$324,031,631.00 is not included in the LCAP. The budgeted expenditures that are not included in the LCAP will be used for the following:

KCSOS provides fiscal and instructional support services to 46 districts in Kern County; operates Alternative Education, Foster Youth, Special Education, and Child Development programs; supports transportation, technology, and human resources programs; and serves as administrative agent for the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, Self Insured Schools of California, and Schools Legal Service. Total General Fund Expenditures for the 2024-25 school year include salaries and operating expenditures as well as capital outlay for the entire KCSOS organization.

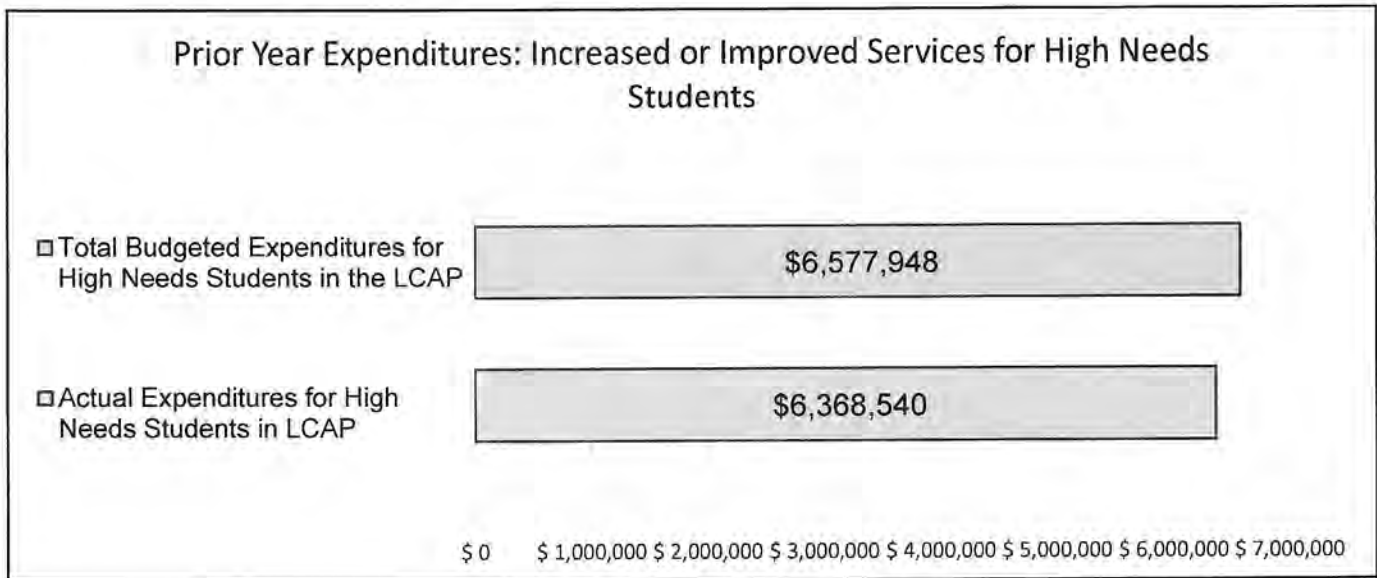
## Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in the LCAP for the 2024-25 School Year

In 2024-25, Kern County Superintendent of Schools is projecting it will receive \$5,919,289.00 based on the enrollment of foster youth, English learner, and low-income students. Kern County Superintendent of Schools must describe how it intends to increase or improve services for high needs students in the LCAP. Kern County Superintendent of Schools plans to spend \$6,903,198.00 towards meeting this requirement, as described in the LCAP.



# LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

## Update on Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in 2023-24



This chart compares what Kern County Superintendent of Schools budgeted last year in the LCAP for actions and services that contribute to increasing or improving services for high needs students with what Kern County Superintendent of Schools estimates it has spent on actions and services that contribute to increasing or improving services for high needs students in the current year.

The text description of the above chart is as follows: In 2023-24, Kern County Superintendent of Schools's LCAP budgeted \$6,577,948.00 for planned actions to increase or improve services for high needs students. Kern County Superintendent of Schools actually spent \$6,368,540.00 for actions to increase or improve services for high needs students in 2023-24. The difference between the budgeted and actual expenditures of \$209,408.00 had the following impact on Kern County Superintendent of Schools's ability to increase or improve services for high needs students:

Some actions required less funding to implement than were budgeted resulting in underexpenditure of supplemental and concentration grant funds. These funds are required to be carried forward and spent on unduplicated students in the following year. The 2024-25 LCAP includes the expenditure of the carryover funds as required by law.

# Local Control and Accountability Plan

The instructions for completing the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) follow the template.

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name	Contact Name and Title	Email and Phone
Kern County Superintendent of Schools	Molly Mier – Director	momier@kern.org; (661) 852-5570

## Plan Summary 2024-25 LCAP

### General Information

A description of the LEA, its schools, and its students in grades transitional kindergarten–12, as applicable to the LEA.

The Alternative Education program serves students in grades K-12 who are enrolled in Juvenile Court and Community School programs. The combined 2023-24 CBEDS enrollment was 619 students. However, the program expects to serve around 2,500 students during the 2023-24 school year, many with multiple enrollments throughout the year in the program's five Court and six Community School sites.

Juvenile Court School serves adjudicated, incarcerated, or neglected students from all over the county. The average length of enrollment in Court School during the 2022-23 school year was 49 days. Court School sites include Bridges Career Development Academy, Central School, Erwin Owen High School, Miriam Jamison Children's Center, and Redwood High School. The Court School program qualifies for Equity Multiplier funding.

Community School serves as an educational alternative for students from school districts in the county with campuses geographically located to serve the needs of Kern County districts, their students, and their families. Community School students are 1) expelled, 2) referred by the district School Attendance Review Board, 3) referred by a district with parent approval, or 4) probation approved. The average length of enrollment in Community School during the 2022-23 school year was 74 days. Community School sites include Community Learning Center, CLC Tech, East Kern Community School, Lake Isabella Community School, North Kern Community School, and West Kern Community School. The Community School program qualifies for Equity Multiplier funding.

Court and Community School sites operate year-round and are open-entry, open-exit, which serves to provide continuous educational services to any referred student during the year. Alternative Education collaborates with many other county agencies, such as local school districts, mental health, human services, and the probation department, to meet the needs of all students.

Alternative Education's student population consists of 15.2% English learners, 18.5% students with disabilities, and 96.7% are classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged. The majority of students are comprised from three ethnic groups: Hispanic (65.6%), African American (17.1%), and White (15.6%).

Kern County Superintendent of Schools provides a Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) to support a streamlined approach for foster youth educational services. The KCSOS FYSCP collaborates with Alternative Education administration and transition counselors, as well as the Kern County Probation Department and Child Welfare. FYSCP supports Alternative Education students by providing prompt enrollment and supporting Individualized Learning Plans. In addition, FYSCP communicates regularly with school district liaisons to coordinate educational placements and transitions of foster youth students. This includes monitoring the transfer of records to adhere to the two-day allotment in order for foster youth students to maintain a smooth educational transition.

The following required state metrics are not applicable to the Alternative Education program and are not included in the LCAP: CTE course completion (4C/4D), UC/CSU entrance course completion (4B/4D), AP course completion (4G), middle school dropout rate (5C), high school dropout rate (5D), and pupil expulsion rate (6B).

## Reflections: Annual Performance

A reflection on annual performance based on a review of the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) and local data.

### Successes

**College and Career Readiness:** According to program data, during the 2022-23 school year, 387 students completed industry-recognized certificates/credentials in the areas of Forklift Safety, OSHA-10 for Construction, CDC Occupational Safety Certificate, HeartSaver CPR, HeartSaver First Aid, BLS CPR for Healthcare, Stop the Bleed, and ServeSafe. In addition, 442 students were enrolled in career readiness or career exploration courses. Through the JobsPlus! program, 24 students participated in paid internships. The Alternative Education program has historically had low percentages on the College and Career Indicator (CCI). The 2023 Dashboard indicates 2.4% of Court School students and 7.3% of Community School students are considered "prepared." In order to be considered "prepared," students must meet certain qualifications, which can include scoring "Standard Met" or higher in both the English Language Arts and Mathematics CAASPP exams, achieving a specific score on Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams, completing college courses for credit, or meeting UC and CSU entrance requirements. The Kern County Office of Education 2023 Dashboard reflects English Learner, Foster Youth, Homeless, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, African American, Hispanic, and White student groups as having a performance level of very low. The Court School Dashboard reflects African American, Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, and Students with Disabilities student groups as having a performance level of very low while the Community School Dashboard indicates the English Learner, Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, and White student groups have a performance level of very low. Although not reflected on the Dashboard, the Alternative Education program offers a variety of ways for students to prepare for college and/or a career. During the 2023-24 school year, the Alternative Education program offered a variety of CTE pathways. CTE and a-g courses through *Edmentum*, and a job readiness/career exploration class to students. Of staff who completed the LCAP survey, 73.4% agreed with the statement, "My school is preparing students for future college and/or career paths," with an additional 13.3% being undecided. In response to this same statement, 66.4% of students agreed, with 21.1% being undecided. Utilizing predominantly grant funding, the Alternative Education program will continue to offer quality CTE programs for students.

**Local Assessment:** The Alternative Education program utilizes STAR Renaissance to assess student growth every 60 days in the areas of reading and mathematics. Data is used to inform instructional decisions and determine if interventions are needed. STAR data for the 2022-23 school year indicates Court School students showed an average growth of 8 months in reading and 10 months in math. During this same time frame, Community School students showed an average growth of 4 months in reading and 6 months in math. Data for the fall semester of 2023 indicates Court School students had an average growth of 8 months in reading and 6 months in math while Community School students showed an average growth of 3 months in both reading and math.

**English Learners:** According to the 2023 Dashboard, 53.3% of English learners in Court School and 41.1% of English learners in Community School were identified as making progress toward English language proficiency. Program data indicates that 57.1% of Court School students and 42.9% of Community School students increased their Overall performance on the ELPAC from 2022 to 2023. Educational partners who participated in the LCAP survey, including parents/guardians who identified their child as an English learner, responded to two questions related to EL instruction. In response to the statement, "All of the teachers at my school ensure that EL students are provided with and understand coursework that is appropriate for their grade level," 87.9% of EL parents/guardians agreed (3.0% undecided) and 71.7% of staff agreed (17.4% undecided). In response to the statement, "All of the teachers at my school ensure that EL students are provided with instruction that helps them better understand and use English to improve their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills," 90.9% of EL parents/guardians agreed (9.1% undecided) and 63.0% of staff agreed (15.3% undecided). The



Alternative Education program contracted with the county office's Instructional Services division for three years of professional learning and support related to ELD, which began in the 2022-23 school year.

**Graduation Rate:** According to the 2023 California School Dashboard, Court School's graduation rate was 28.3% with Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, and Students with Disabilities receiving a performance color of red. Community School's graduation rate was 34.6% with English Learner, Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, and White student groups receiving a performance color of red. The Kern County Office of Education 2023 Dashboard reflects English Learner, Foster Youth, Homeless, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, African American, Hispanic, and White student groups as having a performance level of red. Prior to 2022, alternative programs were allowed to use a one-year Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS) graduation rate for accountability purposes. Alternative programs are now held to the same graduation calculation rate as traditional schools statewide, even though they do not serve the traditional student population. The 2022 DASS graduation rate was 59.1% for Court School and 82.5% for Community School. (The 2023 DASS graduation rate is not yet available.) A recent analysis of students in the Alternative Education program determined the average high school student enrolls deficient 47 credits. Due to this, the majority of students in their fourth year of high school will not be eligible to graduate at the end of the year due to credit deficiencies. During the 2022-23 school year, 129 students completed their graduation requirements while enrolled with the program. The number of students who graduate from the Alternative Education program each year is dependent upon the number of seniors enrolled throughout the school year. The program will continue to offer a broad course of study in support of seniors completing the necessary credit requirements.

**Social Emotional Learning:** Since the spring of 2020, daily instruction in the Alternative Education program has included a social emotional component. Of students who participated in the LCAP survey, 75.6% agreed with the statement, "The social emotional skills that I'm learning at school have been helpful," with 13.3% being undecided. During the 2023-24 school year, all program staff participated in five trainings related to Restorative Justice Practices and four trainings related to de-escalation techniques. In addition, staff has continued to receive support related to the trauma informed practices trainings from previous years. The MTSS Coordinator works with school site MTSS teams to review data, analyze trends, and discuss best practices for student support. Both Court and Community Schools have CA MTSS grants. These grants support the program's efforts to build capacity for coaching and implementation of MTSS to improve outcomes for all students.

### **Challenges**

**Academic Performance:** The California School Dashboard only captures valid CAASPP scores. In order for a test score to be valid, the student must have been continuously enrolled from Fall Census Day (the first Wednesday in October) to the date of testing without a gap of more than 30 consecutive calendar days. If a student tests with the Alternative Education program but does not meet these parameters, the test is excluded. The Kern County Office of Education 2023 Dashboard reflects Socioeconomically Disadvantaged and Hispanic student groups as having a performance level of red on both CAASPP ELA and math assessments. The Kern County Special Education 2023 Dashboard reflects Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, and White student groups as having a performance level of red on the CAASPP ELA assessment and Students with Disabilities and White student groups as having a performance level of red on the CAASPP math assessment. Although Community School CAASPP tested 165 students in English Language Arts and 163 students in mathematics in the spring of 2023, the Dashboard only recognized 66 scores in English Language Arts and 68 scores in mathematics. The Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student group received a performance color of red in English Language Arts and mathematics. Court School CAASPP tested 53 students in English Language Arts and 51 in mathematics in the spring of 2023. The Court School Dashboard does not have an academic performance indicator due to the low number of valid scores, which are 15 in English Language Arts and 16 in mathematics. Data from Kern Integrated Data System (KIDS) indicates that in the fall of 2023, 76% of Alternative Education students successfully passed their courses with a grade of C or better. Action items included in the LCAP to support student academic success include utilizing paraprofessionals program wide and providing a variety of professional learning to instructional staff.

**Chronic Absenteeism:** A student is considered chronically absent if they are absent at least 10% of their enrolled instructional days. The 2023 Dashboard indicates that 77.7% of 112 eligible (students in grades K-8 who were enrolled for at least 31 instructional days) Community School students were chronically absent. Hispanic and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student groups received a performance color of red on both the Community School

Dashboard and the Kern County Office of Education Dashboard. The Court School Dashboard does not provide a performance color in this area due to low numbers but indicates that 6.1% of 33 eligible students were chronically absent. Current data from KIDS for the 2023-24 school year shows a chronic absenteeism rate of 51% in all grades and 72% for grades K-8 in Community School. In Court School, KIDS shows a current chronic absenteeism rate of 27% for all grades and 10% for grades K-8. In an attempt to serve local school districts throughout the entire county, the Alternative Education program has strategically located Community School sites. However, discussions with parents/guardians and referring school districts have indicated that transportation is a barrier to regular school attendance. Action items included in the LCAP to reduce truancy rates include continuing to employ School Social Workers and providing bus passes for students with transportation challenges.

**Suspension Rate:** An overall performance color of red was assigned to Community School for suspension rate on the 2023 Dashboard, with 10.1% of 1,194 eligible students suspended at least one day. English Learner, Hispanic, Homeless, and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student groups received a performance color of red. Court School had an overall performance color of red for suspension rate, with 4.1% of 1,183 eligible students suspended at least one day. The African American student group had a performance color of red. The Kern County Office of Education 2023 Dashboard reflects Homeless, Students with Disabilities, and African American student groups as having a performance level of red. The Kern County Special Education 2023 Dashboard reflects the African American student group had a performance color of red. Year to date data for the 2023-24 school year in KIDS indicates Court School's suspension rate is 8.9% and Community School's suspension rate is 10.7%. Action items included in the LCAP to support a reduction in suspension rates include maintaining a MTSS Program Specialist and utilizing social emotional curriculum.

## Reflections: Technical Assistance

As applicable, a summary of the work underway as part of technical assistance.

Kern County Superintendent of Schools has most recently qualified for Differentiated Assistance in the following areas, which includes a combination of the Alternative Education program and the county office Special Education program: Pupil Achievement – CAASPP scores (Hispanic and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student groups), Pupil Engagement – Chronic Absenteeism (Hispanic and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student groups), Pupil Engagement – Graduation Rate (African American, English Learner, Foster Youth, Hispanic, Homeless, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, and White student groups), School Climate – Suspension Rate (African American, Homeless, and Students with Disabilities student groups), and Outcomes in a Broad Course of Study – College and Career Indicator (African American, English Learner, Foster Youth, Hispanic, Homeless, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, and White student groups). KCSOS is collaborating with Fresno County Office of Education to continually work on the established Theory of Improvement related to chronic absenteeism, with a focus on Community School Hispanic and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student groups. The DA work group has implemented a practice of tracking students who have attendance issues and providing targeted intervention based on individual needs.

## Comprehensive Support and Improvement

An LEA with a school or schools eligible for comprehensive support and improvement must respond to the following prompts.

### Schools Identified

A list of the schools in the LEA that are eligible for comprehensive support and improvement.

Kern County Juvenile Court School  
Kern County Community School



## **Support for Identified Schools**

A description of how the LEA has or will support its eligible schools in developing comprehensive support and improvement plans.

Based on Court and Community School graduation rates, the Alternative Education program qualified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) funding in order to improve student outcomes. Upon prior CSI qualification, a needs assessment was conducted by participating in a Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) with three neighboring county offices of education. Participants included district administration, site administration, teachers, and paraprofessionals. Data reviewed by participants during this process came from the California School Dashboard and various pieces of local data, including LCAP survey input, enrollment information, STAR Renaissance results, PBIS implementation, and parent involvement. After reviewing data, the CIP team was able to determine where there were gaps in relation to what the program was striving to achieve.

The CIP process consisted of determining a problem of practice, doing a root cause analysis, and developing theories of action in order to support student outcomes. The CIP team established that the Alternative Education program should create consistent structures for instruction and best practices in addition to cultivating a growth mindset culture. Additional work completed by the CIP team indicated that chronic absenteeism is an area for additional support. In order to support these initiatives, the program is using CSI funds to employ a CTE Program Specialist, an Outreach and Engagement Facilitator, and a Teacher – Instructional Specialist.

Research shows that students who are engaged in their education have a higher likelihood of attending school and graduating. Due to high chronic absenteeism rates and low graduation rates in Court and Community Schools, engaging students in their education and providing them with a life skill is critical. The CTE Program Specialist will use evidence-based interventions to develop high-interest curriculum materials, design innovative and engaging programs, provide guidance for implementation, and be responsible for securing grants to continue implementing programs. In support of engaging instruction, The Teacher – Instructional Specialist will build the capacity of staff by providing professional development, supporting effective teaching practices, and analyzing data to make informed curriculum and instructional decisions. Securing family and community support and involvement is key in improving attendance rates and, therefore, graduation rates. The Outreach and Engagement Facilitator will support the Alternative Education program by integrating student supports, engaging families and the community, and building the capacity of staff. The Facilitator will provide onsite and coordination of school and community-based services, facilitate professional learning opportunities for educational partners, and work with external agencies to disseminate information.

The Alternative Education program believes that focusing on academic engagement, providing college and career readiness options, and participating in community outreach will lead to an increase in the number of students who attend school regularly while enrolled and complete graduation requirements, either with the Alternative Education program or their district of residence.

## **Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness**

A description of how the LEA will monitor and evaluate the plan to support student and school improvement.

**CTE Program Specialist:** The Alternative Education program will continue to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of its CTE pathways and courses. Students who participate in CTE programs are tracked in a student management system. This allows for real-time updates on the number of students participating in CTE programs. The Alternative Education program is able to analyze graduation rates and dropout rates for students who participate in CTE courses to determine if there is a positive correlation. In addition, the program is also able to track CTE data through Kern Integrated Data Systems (KIDS). In order to determine the success of implemented pathways and courses, the CTE Program Specialist will continue to seek feedback from educational partners, including staff, students, and community partners. In addition, educational partners are requested to provide feedback as plans develop for future CTE pathways and courses.

**Teacher – Instructional Specialist:** The program will monitor students' academic success by reviewing Aeries gradebooks and KIDS data. These systems show student data and progress in real time. An additional level of monitoring will come through the annual LCAP survey, where students and staff answer questions related to curriculum and instruction, including engagement, interest, rigor, and preparation for college and/or career.

**Outreach and Engagement Facilitator:** The Outreach and Engagement Facilitator will track parent and community attendance at various events to determine the number of students and families positively impacted. Annual Comprehensive Needs Assessments will demonstrate growth in this area in addition to a positive correlation to student attendance and achievement. An additional level of monitoring will come through the annual LCAP survey, where parents answer questions related to the school's parent engagement efforts.

The Court and Community School Site Councils each meet four times throughout the school year. The School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) is discussed at each meeting. Data is shared with School Site Council members pertaining to the strategies implemented with CSI funding.

## Engaging Educational Partners

A summary of the process used to engage educational partners in the development of the LCAP.

School districts and county offices of education must, at a minimum, consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units, parents, and students in the development of the LCAP.

Charter schools must, at a minimum, consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, parents, and students in the development of the LCAP.

An LEA receiving Equity Multiplier funds must also consult with educational partners at schools generating Equity Multiplier funds in the development of the LCAP, specifically, in the development of the required focus goal for each applicable school.

Educational Partner(s)	Process for Engagement
Parents/Guardians	Historically, the Alternative Education program hosted Town Hall events in the evening to solicit parent/guardian feedback. In an effort to increase attendance, school sites hosted meetings at various times, including before school and in the afternoons. A total of 8 parent/guardian meetings were held at school sites. At these meetings, parents/guardians were provided an update on the progress that has been made so far regarding action items in the 2023-24 LCAP. In addition, parents/guardians were asked to complete the LCAP survey if they had not done so already. A total of 73 parents/guardians completed the 2024 LCAP survey.
Certificated and Classified Staff	Between February 1, 2024, and March 1, 2024, certificated staff, including principals and other administrators, and classified staff were asked to complete the LCAP survey. A total of 49 staff completed the survey.
Students	In an effort to capture as many students as possible, the Alternative Education expanded from one survey window to two. Between October 2, 2023, and October 31, 2023, and again from February 1, 2024, to March 1, 2024, students were given the opportunity to participate in the LCAP survey. A total of 426 students completed the survey.

Educational Partner(s)	Process for Engagement
Community Partners	<p>Community members and partner agencies from the Kern County Probation Department, School Community Partnerships, School Wellness, mental health agencies, and various advocacy groups, including Dolores Huerta Foundation, Equal Justice Society, and NAACP, were invited to attend a Town Hall meeting on March 14, 2024. The focus of the meeting was to discuss progress made toward the 2023-24 LCAP goals and action items. A total of 31 community partners completed the LCAP survey.</p>
Advisory Committees	<p>The Court and Community School Site Councils and English Learner Advisory Committees serve as the program's District Advisory Committee for the purposes of the LCAP. The advisory committees met on the following dates at which time members reviewed various pieces of data, including state and local student academic assessment data, and progress made toward the 2023-24 LCAP goals and action items. These committees also served as the program's Parent Advisory Committee. The Court and Community School Site Councils were consulted at the March 2024 meetings to gather input related to the Equity Multiplier goal, metrics, and action items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court School Site Council: September 26, October 18, March 12, May 22</li> <li>• Community School Site Council: October 2, October 26, March 14, May 23</li> <li>• Court School ELAC: September 21, May 13</li> <li>• Community School ELAC: September 21, May 13</li> <li>• District ELAC: September 21, May 13</li> </ul> <p>On April 18, 2024, the Advisory Committees were provided information that reviewed the LCAP, learned about the trends in data and educational partner feedback, and discussed the need to continue to provide increased and/or improved services to the program's students. Participants were given the opportunity to ask any questions or provide comments related to the LCAP.</p>
Equity Multiplier Funds	<p>During their meetings in March of 2024, the Court and Community School Site Councils were presented with information related to Equity Multiplier funding, including how funding amounts are generated and results from the 2023 California School Dashboard. Discussions were held to determine the appropriate use of funds to support necessary student groups.</p>
SELPA	<p>The Alternative Education program collaborated with representatives from the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) during KCSOS LCAP trainings held on January 23, 2024, and February 6, 2024. Discussions were held related to how the program's LCAP intentionally provides for students with disabilities as a student group. The Alternative Education program will continue to engage students with disabilities and their families in the LCAP process, ensure LCAP action items support students with disabilities, and connect the LCAP to the Special Education Plan (SEP).</p>
Bargaining Units	<p>Representatives from Kern County Education Association (KCEA) and Superintendent of Schools Classified Association (SOSCA) were invited to attend a meeting on April 25, 2024, to review the LCAP draft. Topics discussed during the meeting included educational partner engagement and highlights of the LCAP, including Equity Multiplier funding.</p>

A description of how the adopted LCAP was influenced by the feedback provided by educational partners.

**Parents/Guardians**



The Alternative Education program will continue to invite parents/guardians to school events and to participate in advisory committee meetings to help support the academic needs of their children. Metrics and action items in the LCAP that speak to parent/guardian engagement include encouraging the use of Parent Portal by all parents/guardians and utilizing School Messenger as a way to quickly distribute information to families. Comments on the LCAP survey indicate that some parents/guardians would like their child to be more academically engaged. Instructional staff will continue to receive training related to *Edmentum*, the program's online curriculum, during the 2024-25 school year. At the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year, all instructional staff will have been trained in Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in order to support the diverse learning needs of students, improve accessibility to learning opportunities, and increase student success. Year two of Project Based Learning (PBL) will take place during the 2024-25 school year. PBL is an instructional approach in which students explore real-world problems and challenges and acquire transferable knowledge. In addition, administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals will receive additional training in 2024-25 related to supports for English learners.

### **Certificated and Classified Staff**

LCAP survey responses show an increase in the percentage of staff who indicate instruction at their school is rigorous, grade-level appropriate, aligned to the Common Core State Standards, and differentiated for the individual needs of students. Comments on the LCAP survey spoke to staff's desire to receive further ELD training, the need to utilize the services of an ELD teacher, and more resources for parents/guardians. Action items in the LCAP that speak to supporting instructional practices include professional learning for instructional staff and a Teacher – EL Specialist to provide support to staff and strengthen academic supports for English learners, the program will continue to employ a Teacher – EL Specialist to provide support to staff and students. The program has contracted with the Instructional Support Department of KCSOS for three years of ELD professional learning. Year one, which was the 2022-23 school year, focused on administrators in order to build educator capacity in delivering engaging curriculum that address English learner language development needs. Year three, which will be the 2024-25 school year, will engage paraprofessionals in the professional learning along with teachers and administrators. Through the California Community Schools Partnership Program, the program will continue to offer outreach to parents/guardians as well as community events.

### **Students**

While 65.1% of students who participated in the LCAP survey indicate they learn a lot in their classes, just 48.2% of students say their teachers make them excited about learning. Almost 73% of students surveyed indicate there is at least one adult at their school with whom they have a positive connection/relationship. Students continue to see the benefits of a daily social emotional lesson, with 75.6% of students surveyed indicating the social emotional skills they are learning at school have been helpful. LCAP survey responses indicate that 71.0% of students believe their school provides students with a safe place to learn. This is down from 77.7% the previous year and speaks to the higher level of behavior needs that program staff are seeing. Metrics and action items in the LCAP related to instructional engagement include renewing *Edmentum* licenses, Project Based Learning training, offering a variety of CTE pathways, and analyzing LCAP survey data. Although a large percentage of students believe the program is supporting their social emotional needs, the program will continue to build upon this success through LCAP action items such as utilizing a social emotional curriculum and maintaining a MTSS Program Specialist.

### **Community Partner Agencies**

Community Partner Agency responses to the LCAP survey indicate a positive working relationship between community partners and the Alternative Education program. The program will continue to collaborate with partner agencies to provide for students' academic and social emotional needs. LCAP action items related to coordinating support with community partners include contracting with the Kern County Probation Department and maintaining an Outreach and Engagement Facilitator.

### **Advisory Committees**

Members of the Advisory Committee who were in attendance at the LCAP Advisory Committee meeting did not provide additional input related to the goals, metrics, and action items in the LCAP.

### **Equity Multiplier Funds**

Discussions with educational partners at both Court and Community Schools revealed that college and career readiness skills are critical for Alternative Education students and actions supporting this work directly connects to many of the low performance levels on the Dashboard. Community School staff targeted chronic absenteeism as an area of high importance, indicating that if students attend school on a regular basis, there may be fewer low performing areas on the Dashboard. This correlates with the work of the Differentiated Assistance team. Action items in the LCAP that support the low performing areas on the Dashboard include providing professional development, expanding CTE opportunities for students, and various actions to target chronic absenteeism.

### **SELPA**

The Alternative Education program will continue to highlight students with disabilities as a student group, where appropriate, throughout the LCAP. The program will utilize the SEP to ensure actions that benefit students with disabilities are included in the LCAP.

### **Bargaining Units**

Representatives from the bargaining units were supportive of the goals, metrics, and action items included in the LCAP. No specific feedback was provided.



# Goals and Actions

## Goal

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
1	All students will demonstrate growth in their social emotional development as measured by an analysis of data relating to parent/guardian support and school climate and connectedness through action items that build students' capacity and skills in order for students to continue to grow in their social emotional development.	Broad Goal

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

- Priority 3 – Parental Involvement and Family Engagement
- Priority 5 – Student Engagement
- Priority 6 – School Climate

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Students who enroll in the Alternative Education program typically have a history of behavioral issues, substance abuse issues, and/or trauma. Due to this, the program has elected to continue to include a social emotional goal in the LCAP. According to 2024 LCAP survey results, 75.6% of students indicated the skills they have been learning in school through the use of RULER social emotional curriculum have been helpful, with an additional 13.3% being undecided. Providing students with social emotional supports can increase prosocial behaviors, improve academic achievement, and improve student attitudes toward school. Greater social emotional competence can increase the likelihood of high school graduation, readiness for postsecondary education, career success, positive work and family relationships, better mental health, and engaged citizenship. Social emotional learning provides a foundation for a positive learning environment and can enhance students' abilities to succeed in school. The metrics and action items included in Goal 1 will continue to build upon the progress the Alternative Education program has made by utilizing a tiered approach to help students become more connected to their social emotional development.

# Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
1.1	<b>Priority 3 – Parental Involvement and Family Engagement</b> 3A: Number of parents/guardians attending Court and Community School Back to School Night events Source: Sign-in Sheets	<u>2023-24 Data</u> Court: 106 parents/guardians attended 4 events Community: 54 parents/guardians attended 4 events			Court: 116 parents/guardians Community: 59 parents/guardians	
1.2	3A: Number of parents/guardians attending LCAP Town Hall meetings Source: Sign-in Sheets	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 30			35	
1.3	3A: Number of parents/guardians LCAP survey respondents Source: LCAP Survey	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 73			80	
1.4	3A: Percentage of parents/guardians who agree with the statement, "My school actively seeks parent/guardian input into decisions related to my student's education through surveys, IEP meetings, parent conferences, etc." Source: LCAP Survey	<u>2024 Survey Data</u> Agree: 87.1% (Undecided: 5.7%)			Agree: 95.0%	
1.5	3A: Percentage of parents/guardians who agree with the statement, "My school values parents/guardians as important partners in my student's education." Source: LCAP Survey	<u>2024 Survey Data</u> Agree: 91.6% (Undecided: 4.2%)			Agree: 95.0%	
1.6	<b>Priority 5 – Student Engagement</b> 5A: School Attendance Rate Source: KIDS/Aeries	<u>7/1/23 – 3/9/24</u> Court: 85.1% Community: 84.8%			Court: 88.1% Community: 87.8%	
1.7	5B: Chronic Absenteeism Rate Source: KIDS/California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> Court: 6.1% Community: 77.7%			Court: 4.6% Community: Less than 60%	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
1.8	5E: High School Graduation Rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> Court: 28.3% (2022 DASS Rate: 59.1%) Community: 34.6% (2022 DASS Rate: 82.5%)			Court: 29.8% Community: 36.1%	
1.9	<b>Priority 6 – School Climate</b> 6A: Suspension Rate Source: KIDS/California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> Court: 4.1% Community: 10.1%			Court: 2.6% Community: 8.6%	
1.10	6C: Percentage of students who agree with the statement, "My school provides students with a safe place to learn." Source: LCAP Survey	<u>2024 Survey Data</u> Agree: 71.0% (Undecided: 17.4%)			Agree: 72.5%	
1.11	6C: Percentage of students who agree with the statement, "The staff at this school cares about me." Source: LCAP Survey	<u>2024 Survey Data</u> Agree: 62.3% (Undecided: 22.4%)			Agree: 63.8%	
1.12	6C: Percentage of students who agree with the statement, "There is at least one adult at my school with whom I have a positive connection/relationship." Source: LCAP Survey	<u>2024 Survey Data</u> Agree: 72.8% (Undecided: 12.7%)			Agree: 74.3%	
1.13	6C: Percentage of students who agree with the statement, "The social emotional skills that I'm learning at school have been helpful." Source: LCAP Survey	<u>2024 Survey Data</u> Agree: 75.6% (Undecided: 13.3%)			Agree: 77.1%	

## Goal Analysis for 2023-24

An analysis of how this goal was carried out in the previous year.

A description of overall implementation, including any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions, and any relevant challenges and successes experienced with implementation.

To be completed with the development of the 2025-26 LCAP.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

To be completed with the development of the 2025-26 LCAP.

A description of the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions to date in making progress toward the goal.

To be completed with the development of the 2025-26 LCAP.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, target outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

To be completed with the development of the 2025-26 LCAP.

**A report of the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for last year's actions may be found in the Annual Update Table. A report of the Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services for last year's actions may be found in the Contributing Actions Annual Update Table.**

## **Actions**

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1.1	Professional Learning and Coaching	Professional learning will be provided to further advance staff's knowledge in a variety of areas, including Check-In Check-Out behavior intervention, Trauma Informed Skills for Educators (TISE), Restorative Justice Practices, de-escalation techniques, RULER social emotional curriculum, and threat assessments related to school culture and climate.	\$50,000	No
1.2	MTSS Program Specialist	The MTSS Program Specialist will assist schools with building MTSS supports on each campus, provide oversight for maintaining supports, and secure trainings for staff and students in the area of MTSS in order to support staff and students' social emotional well-being.	\$160,560	No
1.3	School Social Workers	Six School Social Workers will consult and collaborate with school personnel, promote a school environment that is responsive to the needs of students, and provide individual, group, and family counseling to support the needs of students and their families.	\$952,699	No
1.4	Contract with Kern County Probation Department	A contract with Kern County Probation Department will provide additional intensive intervention and educational support for court-ordered and probation referred students through transportation, re-engagement, and MTSS strategies.	\$350,000	Yes



Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1.5	Campus Supervisors	Four Campus Supervisors will support school culture and climate through regular classroom visits, building relationships with students, and helping to ensure campus safety.	\$385,175	Yes
1.6	Program Specialist – Behavior Emphasis	The Program-Specialist Behavior Emphasis will provide support related to behavior intervention methodology in meeting the identified educational goals of students and assist in the development of Behavior Intervention Plans for referred students.	\$185,867	Yes
1.7	Community Schools Outreach and Engagement Facilitator	The Community Schools Outreach and Engagement Facilitator will support the implementation of the California Community Schools Partnership Program by integrating student supports, engaging families and the community, and building the capacity of staff.	\$133,179	No
1.8	School Engagement	Students will be provided with opportunities for field trips to places such as museums, leadership conferences, and college campuses in order to increase student engagement.	\$5,000	Yes
1.9	School Connectedness	Students will be provided merchandise specific to each school site and its mascot to foster a sense of community among students.	\$10,000	Yes
1.10	Parent Engagement	Outreach opportunities and parenting classes will be offered to parents/guardians in order to increase parent/guardian engagement.	\$20,000	Yes
1.11	School Messenger	School Messenger will be utilized to increase and improve communication with parents/guardians.	\$5,000	Yes

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
2	All students will demonstrate growth in literacy and numeracy leading to college and career paths as measured by an analysis of data relating to the provision of basic services, implementation of Common Core State Standards, continued parent/guardian involvement, increased student academic achievement, increased student engagement, and access to a broad course of study through action items that support the academic achievement of all students.	Broad Goal

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Priority 1 – Basic Services

Priority 2 – Implementation of State Standards

Priority 4 – Student Achievement



- Priority 7 – Course Access
- Priority 8 – Pupil Outcomes
- Priority 9 – Coordination of Instruction of Expelled Pupils

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

The average high school student enrolls in the Alternative Education program deficient 47 credits and reading at a 5<sup>th</sup> grade level. Since the majority of the program's students have reading and mathematics ability levels below their actual grade levels, the program has placed an emphasis on providing high quality instruction in literacy and numeracy to improve students' understanding, comprehension, and ability levels. The gains acquired in these skill sets will prepare students for post-graduation education and career options. LCAP survey results indicate that of staff who participated in the survey, 73.4% agree with the statement, "My school is preparing students for future college and/or career paths," with 13.3% being undecided. In response to this same statement, 66.4% students agreed with 21.1% being undecided. The metrics and actions included in Goal 2 will support the academic needs of all students in order to prepare them for post-high school opportunities. This will be done through providing a low student-to-teacher ratio in all classes, ensuring additional academic support through the use of paraprofessionals, maintaining functioning technology to provide access to curriculum, and providing students with a variety of CTE options.

## Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
2.1	<p><b>Priority 1 – Basic Services</b></p> <p>1A: Percentage of teachers that are fully credentialed Source: California Commission on Teacher Credentialing</p>	<p><u>2023-24 Data</u></p> <p>97%</p>			100%	
2.2	<p><b>Priority 2 – Implementation of State Standards</b></p> <p>2A: Percentage of all certificated staff who agree with the statement, "Instruction at my school is grade-level appropriate and aligned to the Common Core State Standards." Source: LCAP Survey</p>	<p><u>2024 Survey Data</u></p> <p>Agree: 60.0% (Undecided: 30.0%)</p>			Agree: At least 70%	
2.3	<p>2A: Percentage of all certificated staff who agree with the statement, "Instruction at my school is rigorous." Source: LCAP Survey</p>	<p><u>2024 Survey Data</u></p> <p>Agree: 50.0% (Undecided: 30.0%)</p>			Agree: At least 70%	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
2.4	2A: Percentage of all certificated staff who agree with the statement, "Instruction at my school is differentiated for the individual needs of students." Source: LCAP Survey	<u>2024 Survey Data</u> Agree: 55.0% (Undecided: 35.0%)			Agree: At least 70%	
2.5	<b>Priority 4 – Student Achievement</b> 4A: Percentage of Court and Community School students who score Standard Met or Standard Exceeded Source: CAASPP ELA and Math	<u>2023 Results</u> Court English: 0% Math: 0% Community English: 7.36% Math: 0%			Court English: 1.5% Math: 1.5% Community English: 8.86% Math: 1.5%	
2.6	4B: Number of students earning academic credit in an a-g course Source: Aeries	<u>7/1/24 – 3/29/24</u> 27 students (2.8% of students enrolled for at least 30 days)			5% of enrolled students	
2.7	4E: Percentage of English learners making progress toward English language proficiency Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> Court: 53.3% Community: 41.4%			Court: At least 40% Community: At least 40%	
2.8	4F: English Learner Reclassification Rate Source: Program data	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 1.1%			1.1%	
2.9	4H: Percentage of students who score at the Standard Exceeded rate Source: CAASPP ELA and Math	<u>2023 Results</u> Court English: 0% Math: 0% Community English: 1.23% Math: 0%			Court English: 1.5% Math: 1.5% Community English: 2.73% Math: 1.5%	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
2.10	<b>Priority 7 – Course Access</b> 7C: Percentage of Students with Disabilities that are provided services based on Individualized need determined by assessment and reviewed at least annually by an IEP team, delivered in the least restrictive environment Source: SIFRAS	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 100%			100%	
2.11	7C: Percentage of Students with Disabilities that receive universal screening for emotionally related mental health services upon enrollment in residential Court School to determine additional social emotional support or service needs Source: SIFRAS/Program database	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 100%			100%	
2.12	<b>Priority 8 – Pupil Outcomes</b> STAR Renaissance Pre/Post average growth Source: STAR Renaissance	<u>Fall 2023 Data</u> Court Reading: 8 months Math: 6 months Community Reading: 3 months Math: 3 months			Court Reading: At least 5 months Math: At least 5 months Community Reading: At least 4 months Math: At least 4 months	
2.13	Percentage of staff who agree with the statement, "My school is preparing students for future college and/or career paths." Source: LCAP Survey	<u>2024 Survey Data</u> Agree: 73.4% (Undecided: 13.3%)			Agree: 74.9%	
2.14	Percentage of students who agree with the statement, "My school is preparing students for future college and/or career paths." Source: LCAP Survey	<u>2024 Survey Data</u> Agree: 66.4% (Undecided: 12.1%)			Agree: 67.9%	

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2.15	<b>Priority 9 – Coordination of Instruction of Expelled Pupils</b> Frequency of meetings held with superintendents of Kern County districts Source: Email invitations	<u>2023-24 Data</u> Monthly			Monthly	

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2.1	Teacher Staffing	A low student-to-teacher ratio will be maintained in order to continue to provide a safe and effective learning environment, allowing for specialized instruction, intervention, and support for Tier 3 students.	\$2,300,650	Yes
2.2	Paraprofessionals	Paraprofessionals will be utilized program wide in order to provide individual and small group instructional support to assist students in achieving academic success and to ensure student attendance and participation.	\$1,990,748	Yes
2.3	Outlying School Sites	Community School sites will be maintained in Lake Isabella and Taft to support the educational needs of students in outlying areas.	\$250,000	Yes
2.4	Edmentum Curriculum	Edmentum licenses will be renewed to provide students with engaging, grade-level appropriate, and standards-aligned curriculum and intervention to assist students with mastering academic content.	\$125,000	Yes
2.5	Project Based Learning	Instructional staff will be provided with Project Based Learning (PBL) training. PBL is a student-centered teaching method in which students learn by actively engaging in real-world and personally meaningful projects.	\$15,000	No
2.6	Teacher – Instructional Specialist	The Teacher – Instructional Specialist will build the capacity of staff by providing professional development, supporting effective teaching practices, and analyzing data to inform instructional decisions.	\$142,127	No
2.7	Educational Associates - Technology	Two Educational Associates – Technology will provide the necessary support in order to maintain instructional technology and troubleshoot technology issues as they arise to limit interruptions to instruction and learning.	\$295,650	Yes
2.8	Impero Contract	A contract with Impero will provide teachers with the ability to define which websites students can visit during instruction, ensuring a safe and secure teaching and learning environment.	\$20,000	Yes
2.9	Hardware Update	Hardware that is more than six years old will be updated to support teaching and learning practices.	\$200,000	Yes
2.10	CTE Building and Construction Trades	The CTE Building and Construction Trades teacher will provide instruction aligned with National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) and OSHA to prepare students for employment in this industry sector.	\$138,382	Yes



Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
2.11	Academic Associates	Four Academic Associates will create Education Plans to determine the academic standing of all students. Academic Associates will meet with students to ensure their understanding of credit needs and progress toward graduation.	\$397,703	Yes
2.12	Teacher – EL Specialist	The Teacher – EL Specialist will provide direct support to instructional staff, provide direct instruction to small groups of targeted students as needed, model quality lessons utilizing research-based instructional practices to help students develop mastery of the English language, and collaborate with instructional staff and administrators to coordinate the assessment and monitoring of student progress.	\$189,023	Yes
2.13	English Learner Professional Learning	Professional learning will be provided to administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals targeted to building capacity in delivering engaging curriculum that addresses the language development needs of English Learners and Long-Term English Learners using integrated and designated ELD instruction.	\$25,000	No
2.14	Transportation	Bus passes will be provided to students with extenuating transportation challenges to ensure regular school attendance.	\$5,000	Yes
2.15	Frontline	Frontline, the automated substitute placement and absence management system, will be utilized to provide qualified substitutes to deliver quality instruction.	\$10,000	Yes
2.16	Aeries	Aeries will be utilized as the program's student information system. Aeries allows school staff and parents/guardians to view student information such as attendance records, grades, and assignments.	\$20,000	Yes

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
3	<p>Over the course of the three-year LCAP cycle, specific student groups in the Court and Community School programs will demonstrate an annual increase in CAASPP scores, graduation rate, and college and career readiness and an annual decrease in chronic absenteeism and suspension rate as measured by an analysis of data relating to pupil achievement, pupil engagement, and school climate through action items that enhance instructional supports for teachers and staff, provide individualized strategies for improving student behavior and attendance, and increase opportunities for college and career preparedness through Career Technical Education.</p>	<p>Equity Multiplier Focus Goal</p>

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Priority 4 – Student Achievement
Priority 5 – Student Engagement
Priority 6 – School Climate
Priority 8 – Pupil Outcomes

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

<p>The Court and Community School programs are eligible for Equity Multiplier funding. Based on the results of the 2023 California School Dashboard, the following student groups and schools received the lowest performance level on the applicable state indicators:</p> <p><u>Kern County Office of Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chronic Absenteeism: Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</li> <li>- Suspension Rate: African American, Homeless, Students with Disabilities</li> <li>- Graduation Rate: African American, English Learner, Foster Youth, Hispanic, Homeless, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, White</li> <li>- CAASPP ELA: Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</li> <li>- CAASPP Math: Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</li> <li>- College and Career Indicator: African American, English Learner, Foster Youth, Hispanic, Homeless, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, White</li> </ul> <p><u>Court School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suspension Rate: African American</li> <li>- Graduation Rate: Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities</li> <li>- College and Career Indicator: African American, Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities</li> </ul> <p><u>Community School</u></p>
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- Suspension Rate: English Learner, Hispanic, Homeless, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
- Graduation Rate: English Learner, Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, White
- CAASPP ELA: Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
- CAASPP Math: Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
- College and Career Indicator: English Learner, Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, White

In discussions with educational partners in both Court and Community Schools, the Alternative Education program determined the aforementioned indicators can be positively impacted by focusing on supporting teachers, staff, and students in academic achievement, student engagement, and college and career preparedness.

The Alternative Education program will narrow its focus when analyzing metrics in the designated areas of need for student groups listed above in order to support identified gaps. Quarterly reviews of Kern Integrated Data System (KIDS) in the areas of chronic absenteeism, suspension rate, and academics based on specific student groups will allow the program to determine how much progress is being made in those areas. Given that socioeconomically disadvantaged students comprise 100% of the Court School population and 94.6% of the Community School population and are in the majority of the categories listed above, the Alternative Education program believes the quarterly review of metrics and implementation of actions will benefit all students, including the specific student groups that are supported by Goal 3.

## Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
3.1	<b>Priority 4 – Student Achievement</b> 4A: Community School Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student group CAASPP Standard Met/Standard Exceeded rate Source: CAASPP ELA and Math	<u>2023 Results</u> English: 6.85% Math: 0%			English: 8.35% Math: 1.5%	
3.2	<b>Priority 5 – Student Engagement</b> 5B: Community School Hispanic student group chronic absenteeism rate Source: KIDS/California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 76.1%			73.1%	
3.3	5B: Community School Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student group chronic absenteeism rate Source: KIDS/California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 78.5%			73.5%	
3.4	5E: Community School English Learner student group graduation rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 23.8%			31.8%	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
3.5	5E: Community School Hispanic student group graduation rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 29.3%			32.3%	
3.6	5E: Community School Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student group graduation rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 34.0%			37.0%	
3.7	5E: Community School Students with Disabilities student group graduation rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 21.2%			24.2%	
3.8	5E: Community School White student group graduation rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 48.7%			51.7%	
3.9	5E: Court School Hispanic student group graduation rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 34.9%			37.9%	
3.10	5E: Court School Socioeconomic Disadvantaged student group graduation rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 28.3%			31.3%	
3.11	5E: Court School Students with Disabilities student group graduation rate Source: California School Dashboard <b>Priority 6 – School Climate</b>	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 23.5%			26.5%	
3.12	6A: Community School English learner student group suspension rate Source: KIDS/California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 9.2%			6.2%	
3.13	6A: Community School Hispanic student group suspension rate Source: KIDS/California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 9.2%			6.2%	
3.14	6A: Community School Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student group suspension rate Source: KIDS/California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 10.2%			7.2%	
3.15	6A: Community School Homeless student group suspension rate Source: KIDS/California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 23.3%			20.3%	



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3.16	6A: Court School African American student group suspension rate Source: KIDS/California School Dashboard <b>Priority 8 – Pupil Outcomes</b>	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 5.8%			2.8%	
3.17	Community School English learner student group college and career readiness rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 0% prepared			1.5%	
3.18	Community School Hispanic student group college and career readiness rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 7.9% prepared			9.4%	
3.19	Community School Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student group college and career readiness rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 7.5% prepared			9.0%	
3.20	Community School Students with Disabilities student group college and career readiness rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 9.4% prepared			10.9%	
3.21	Community School White student group college and career readiness rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 2.6% prepared			4.1%	
3.22	Court School African American student group college and career readiness rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 0% prepared			1.5%	
3.23	Court School Hispanic student group college and career readiness rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 3.9% prepared			5.4%	
3.24	Court School Socioeconomically Disadvantaged student group college and career readiness rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 2.4% prepared			3.9%	
3.25	Court School Students with Disabilities student group college and career readiness rate Source: California School Dashboard	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 3.0% prepared			4.5%	

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3.1	Data Training	Data training will be provided to instructional school staff to equip staff to use data to understand and improve educational processes, practices, and outcomes.	\$25,000	No
3.2	Professional Learning Communities	Professional Learning Community (PLC) training will be provided to instructional staff. PLCs will allow instructional staff to share ideas to enhance their teaching practices and create a learning environment where all students can reach their fullest potential.	\$30,000	No

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
3.3	ELD Teachers	Three ELD teachers will provide designated EL instruction to the program's English learners and long-term English learners. Direct intervention instruction and services to targeted EL students will be provided based on the results of diagnostic assessments, including the ELPAC.	\$390,000	No
3.4	Instructional Assistant III – Behavior Emphasis	The Instructional Assistant will provide individualized applied behavioral and instructional support strategies and techniques to identified students.	\$65,000	No
3.5	CTE Multi-Use Space	A CTE multi-use space will be created to allow students from various schools in the Alternative Education program to participate in CTE activities.	\$750,000	No
3.6	CTE Teacher	A part time CTE teacher will provide theoretical and clinical learning experiences to prepare students for employment in the area of welding.	\$45,000	No
3.7	College and Career Fairs	Students will have opportunities to learn about various college and career options through attending educational fairs and bringing information, resources, and personnel to school sites.	Cost of this action is included as part of regular staff duties.	No
3.8	Differentiated Assistance Team	The DA team will continue to meet every 3-4 weeks to review the PDSA (Plan, Do, Study, Act) cycles related to targeting chronic absenteeism.	Cost of this action is included as part of regular staff duties.	No
3.9	Attention2Attendance	Attention2Attendance will be purchased. A2A is an attendance management software solution designed to help districts manage all attendance processes to include preventative methods, interventions, and recognitions that will significantly improve overall attendance and dramatically reduce chronic absenteeism.	\$40,000	No
3.10	Campus Supervisor Hours	A six-hour campus supervisor position will be increased by two hours as needed in order to support student attendance by providing oversite to the Attention2Attendance program and making home visits.	\$13,000	No

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
3.11	Campus Supervisor	A campus supervisor will be added to a Community School site in order to provide additional support related to school culture and climate through regular classroom visits, building relationships with students, and helping to ensure campus safety.	\$40,000	No
3.12	Vice Principal	The Vice Principal will provide support to the program's principals by organizing procedures for health, safety, discipline, and conduct of students at each campus to enable the principals to focus on instructional support and MTSS practices.	\$150,000	No
3.13	School Resource Officer	A contract with the Bakersfield Police Department will be established for a School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO will assist school administration in maintaining a safe and secure learning environment, provide informal mentoring and counseling to students, and use local partnerships with other public entities to bring safety resources to the program.	\$185,000	No

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
4	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program intends to maintain the coordination of foster youth services throughout Kern County by training, supporting, and collaborating with the county's 46 local education agencies, county office of education schools, charter schools, placement agencies, and communities to reduce and/or eliminate the unique educational barriers that foster youth may experience when enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school.	Maintenance of Progress Goal

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Priority 10 – Coordination of Services for Foster Youth

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Students in foster care face many barriers to educational success, such as frequent changes in home and school placements, inconsistent academic support and guidance, and, for many youth, the impact of trauma on learning and behavior. Together, these and other factors can lead to poor educational outcomes for foster youth, including higher absenteeism, suspension, and drop-out rates and lower achievement and graduation rates when compared to other at-risk groups. The actions in this goal work together to address the needs of foster youth students and assist in maintaining coordination of related services and supports for foster youth students served in the LEAs throughout Kern County.



# Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
4.1	<p><b>Priority 10(a) – Working with the county Child Welfare Agency to minimize changes in school placement</b></p> <p>Number of regional meetings, trainings, and technical assistance provided to child welfare and probation            Source: Foster Focus, service logs, sign-in sheets</p>	<p><u>2023-24 Data</u> 822</p>			1,022	
4.2	<p>Number of services provided to child welfare social workers and probation officers, including records requests, consultation, and Best Interest Determination meetings            Source: Foster Focus, service logs</p>	<p><u>2023-24 Data</u> 802</p>			882	
4.3	<p>Percentage reduction in gap between foster youth and non-foster youth students in school stability rates            Source: DataQuest</p>	<p><u>2022-23 Data</u> 34% gap Foster Youth: 56% Non-Foster Youth: 90%</p>			25% gap	
4.4	<p>Percentage reduction in gap between foster youth and non-foster youth students in suspension rates            Source: DataQuest</p>	<p><u>2022-23 Data</u> 12% gap Foster Youth: 16% Non-Foster Youth: 4%</p>			9% gap	
4.5	<p><b>Priority 10(b) – Providing educational-related information to the County Child Welfare Agency to assist in the delivery of services to foster youth, including court reports</b></p> <p>Number of bimonthly Foster Youth Education Network meetings hosted by FYSCP with LEA foster youth education liaisons, child welfare, and probation staff            Source: Foster Focus, sign-in sheets</p>	<p><u>2023-24 Data</u> 5</p>			5	

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4.6	Number of active Foster Focus user accounts with child welfare, probation, and school staff Source: Foster Focus	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 469			520	
4.7	Number of child welfare, probation, and school staff trained on identification and case management features of Foster Focus Source: Foster Focus, sign-in sheets	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 65			115	
4.8	Percentage reduction in gap between foster youth and non-foster youth students in chronic absenteeism rates Source: DataQuest	<u>2022-23 Data</u> 11% gap Foster Youth: 35% Non-Foster Youth: 24%			8% gap	
4.9	Percentage gap in CAASPP ELA proficiency scores between foster youth and non-foster youth students Source: DataQuest	<u>2023-23 Data</u> 19% gap Foster Youth: 19% Non-Foster Youth: 38%			13% gap	
4.10	Percentage gap in CAASPP Mathematics proficiency scores between foster youth and non-foster youth students Source: DataQuest	<u>2022-23 Data</u> 15% gap Foster Youth: 8% Non-Foster Youth: 23%			12% gap	
4.11	Percentage gap in dropout rates between foster youth and non-foster youth students Source: DataQuest	<u>2022-23</u> 17% gap Foster Youth: 26% Non-Foster Youth: 9%			11% gap	
4.12	Percentage gap in four-year graduation rate between foster youth and non-foster youth students Source: DataQuest	<u>2022-23</u> 29% gap Foster Youth: 56% Non-Foster Youth: 85%			20% gap	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
4.13	<b>Priority 10(c) – Responding to requests from the juvenile court for information and working with the juvenile court to ensure the delivery and coordination of educational services</b>  Number of meetings conducted by the Foster Youth Services Director in collaboration with the Juvenile Agencies Meeting (JAM) Source: Sign-in sheets	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 4			4	
4.14	Number of foster youth completing financial aid applications through the FYSCP College Navigator Program Source: Foster Focus	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 23			38	
4.15	Percentage of foster youth completing financial aid applications during their senior year Source: CSAC Web Grants	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 36%			43%	
4.16	<b>Priority 10(d) – Establishing a mechanism for the efficient expeditious transfer of health and education records and education passports</b>  Percentage of foster youth students with completed electronic school records and/or education rights holder information Source: Foster Focus	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 72%			93%	

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4.1	MOU with Child Welfare Services Agency	A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Child Welfare Services Agency will be continued and a data collection system (Foster Focus) will be maintained in order to maintain information related to foster youth, co-location of Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program at the Dream Center, and access to the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS).	\$6,500	N
4.2	Foster Youth Education Facilitators	Two Foster Youth Education Facilitators will continue to provide services and resources that support the educational needs of foster youth in collaboration with placement agencies, school districts, and caregivers.	\$251,529	N
4.3	Communication with Department of Human Services	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program will work closely with the Department of Human Services to ensure that records are transferred in a timely manner, foster youth educational needs are met, educational rights are fully understood, and appropriate educational placements are made. FYSCP will also hold quarterly meetings with the Department of Human Services and probation in addition to training and supporting their staff on Foster Focus.	Cost of this action is included as part of regular staff duties.	N



Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
4.4	Prevention Services Facilitator and Clerk	A Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program Services Facilitator and Clerk will be stationed at the Dream Center, working daily alongside the Department of Human Services social workers, an eligibility technician, a probation officer, the LCFE FYS, and a TAY clinician to ensure that youth who are preparing for or are in the midst of transitioning have the support necessary to be successful.	\$216,313	N
4.5	FAFSA	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program will ensure that high school seniors in foster care have the support, access, and resources to complete the FAFSA through educational case management, technical assistance, and collaboration with placement agencies, higher-education agencies, and school districts.	Cost of this action is included as part of regular staff duties.	N
4.6	FYSCP Research Specialist	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program will continue to fund a research specialist to help gather, interpret, and analyze data from student databases (i.e., Foster Focus, KIDS, Aeries, CALPADS).	\$148,661	N
4.7	FYSCP Clerk	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program will continue to fund a clerk to assure the fidelity of the data extracted from Foster Focus.	\$78,070	N
4.8	Student Voice Training	A Coordinator will lead training and student voice projects with foster youth students. Student voice projects are instrumental in ensuring student engagement and lowering rates of chronic absenteeism and high school dropout rates for high mobility students such as foster youth.	Cost of this action is included as part of regular staff duties.	N
4.9	YES! Conference	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program will oversee and host an annual conference for foster youth.	\$10,000	N
4.10	YES! School Site Organizations	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program will provide technical assistance to school districts in developing and supporting 26 Youth Empowering Success (YES!) school site organizations for Kern County foster youth students to promote their educational stability, increase graduation rates, assist with college/career transition, and help develop leadership skills.	Cost of this action is included as part of regular staff duties.	N
4.11	Peer Support Specialist	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program will continue to fund a Peer Support Specialist to assist individual foster youth students with completion of their financial aid applications through the College Navigator Program.	\$76,110	N

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
4.12	Partnership with Post-Secondary Institutions	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program will continue to coordinate post-secondary opportunities for foster youth by engaging with education partners including, but not limited to, child welfare, community colleges, four-year universities, career technical education, and workforce development providers.	Cost of this action is included as part of regular staff duties.	N

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
5	All students in Kern County Special Education programs will demonstrate improvements related to their functional and core academic skills in the areas of English Language Arts and mathematics by reducing the Distance from Standard (DFS) on state academic assessments, improving scores on local common formative assessments (CFA) ties to the program's adopted standards-based curriculum, receiving appropriate instruction and support to meet IEP goals, and reducing absenteeism and suspensions across all programs and student groups to ensure maximum student participation in their individualized programs.	Broad Goal

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

- Priority 2 – Implementation of State Standards
- Priority 4 – Student Achievement
- Priority 5 – Student Engagement
- Priority 6 – School Climate
- Priority 8 – Pupil Outcomes

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

The purpose of the Kern County Special Education program is to provide quality instruction to all students, to promote meaningful engagement with all educational partners, and to maintain stable, well-equipped instructional teams in order to develop and to foster lifelong learning for students with exceptional needs. Kern County Special Education serves students with the most extensive support needs in Kern County. Academic achievement, student participation, and school climate are areas of focus. In developing the goal for student success, a need for students to improve their academic outcomes and become full participants in their learning was identified. The 2023 California School Dashboard reported a performance level of red in English Language Arts and mathematics based upon CAASPP scores. Kern County Special Education will focus on Distance from Standard metric as it factors in participation on both the general and alternate forms of state assessments. The 2023 California School Dashboard also reported an increase in the suspension rate, especially for the African American student group. The special education program utilizes counseling services, program behavior specialists, low staff-to-student ratios, positive reinforcement systems, and individualized instruction to minimize all behaviors that might interfere with students' learning. The goal as a program is to replace students' interfering behaviors with behaviors that help all students fully participate in their

Instructional programs. This goal-development opportunity is being used to illustrate the program's efforts and desire to continuously improve programs and systems for the betterment of students.

## Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
5.1	<b>Priority 2 – Implementation of State Standards</b> 2A: Number of staff participating in at least one training on Core Curriculum and Instruction Source: Frontline Professional Learning Management System	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 353			450	
5.2	2A: Number of completed training hours for the purpose of improving specialized instruction Source: Frontline Professional Learning Management System	<u>2023-24 Data</u> 7,466			8,000	
5.3	2A: Percentage of ULS (ESN) teachers who logged on and used the program's adopted curriculum for ELA and/or math within the past month Source: New2You or other adopted ESN Core Curriculum Online Management System	<u>3/10/24 – 4/11/24</u> 46%			90%	
5.4	2A: Activity in SAAVAS ELA curriculum Source: SAVVAS or other adopted MMSN Core Curriculum Online Management System	<u>2023-24 Data</u> Active students: 41% Active days: 3 days per student Active teachers: 66%			Active students: 70% Active teachers: 90%	
5.5	<b>Priority 4 – Student Achievement</b> 4A: CAASPP ELA Distance from Standard Source: California School Dashboard; CAASPP score files	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 85.6 points			70 points	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
5.6	4A: CAASPP Math Distance from Standard Source: California School Dashboard; CAASPP score files	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 111 points			90 points	
5.7	4E: Percentage of English learners making progress toward English language proficiency Source: California School Dashboard; ELAC score files	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 37.8%			50%	
5.8	<b>Priority 5 – Student Engagement</b> 5B: Percentage of students enrolled for 30 or more days who are chronically absent Source: Aeries, KIDS, CALPADS	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 66.3%			50%	
5.9	<b>Priority 6 – School Climate</b> 6A: Suspension rate Source: Aeries, KIDS, CALPADS	<u>2023 Dashboard</u> 5.2%			2.5%	
5.10	6C: Percentage of students who participate in social emotional learning or PBIS activities at least once each week Source: SEL Programs' Online Management Systems	New metric – 0%			70%	

## Goal Analysis for 2023-24

An analysis of how this goal was carried out in the previous year.

A description of overall implementation, including any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions, and any relevant challenges and successes experienced with implementation.

To be completed with the development of the 2025-26 LCAP.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

To be completed with the development of the 2025-26 LCAP.

A description of the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions to date in making progress toward the goal.



To be completed with the development of the 2025-26 LCAP.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, target outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

To be completed with the development of the 2025-26 LCAP.

**A report of the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for last year's actions may be found in the Annual Update Table. A report of the Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services for last year's actions may be found in the Contributing Actions Annual Update Table.**

## Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
5.1	Core Curriculum Implementation by Teachers	All Kern County Special Education classroom staff will be trained and coached in utilizing adopted ELA, ELD, and Math curriculum in their classroom on a consistent basis. Staff will be trained and coached on strategies to maximize student engagement by incorporating appropriate accommodations, behavior supports, technology, and UDL strategies.	\$18,000	No
5.2	Social Emotional Learning (SEL)	Kern County Special Education will review and adopt appropriate SEL curriculum. Students with mild to moderate support needs (MMSN) will be provided with SEL instruction, class meetings, and schoolwide PBIS Rewards. Students with extensive supports needs (ESN) will be provided with SEL curriculum that incorporates social stories and other developmentally appropriate content along with classroom level and individualized positive behavior supports.	\$25,000	No
5.3	Crisis Intervention Programs	Kern County Special Education Program Specialists will provide training to staff on new and improved ways to prevent and mitigate escalations of students' behavior.	\$20,000	No
5.4	IEP Development Training	Kern County Special Education Program administrators, classroom teachers, and certificated service providers will receive training, coaching, and an IEP handbook to support the improvement of IEPs based upon the assessed needs of each student. Training will focus on connecting each student's unique present levels of performance to goal development, instructional settings, accommodations and modifications, assessments, and services.	\$12,000	No

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
5.5	Common Formative Assessment (CFA) Development	Kern County Special Education will form a committee to develop Common Formative Assessments (CFAs) for ELA, ELD, Math, and SEL to consistently assess and monitor the skill development of each student over time. The CFAs will be embedded in the program's core curriculum instructional cycle and connected to a student's IEP when determined appropriate by the IEP team.	\$5,000	No
5.6	Student Participation Handbook	Kern County Special Education administration will develop a Student Participation Handbook which will inform parents of the importance of regular school attendance. The handbook will also define consistent policies, procedures, and expectations related to attendance, absence reporting, behavior emergencies, and suspensions.	\$3,000	No

# Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students for 2024-25

Total Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants	Projected Additional 15 percent LCFF Concentration Grant		
\$5,919,289	The LEA did not receive additional concentration grant add-on funding.		
<b>Required Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the LCAP Year</b>			
Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year	LCFF Carryover — Percentage	LCFF Carryover — Dollar	Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year
48.395%	2.54%	\$209,408	50.935%

The Budgeted Expenditures for Actions Identified as Contributing may be found in the Contributing Actions Table.

## Required Descriptions

### *LEA-wide and Schoolwide Actions*

For each action being provided to an entire LEA or school, provide an explanation of (1) the unique identified need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) for whom the action is principally directed, (2) how the action is designed to address the identified need(s) and why it is being provided on an LEA or schoolwide basis, and (3) the metric(s) used to measure the effectiveness of the action in improving outcomes for the unduplicated student group(s).

Goal and Action #(s)	Identified Need(s)	How the Action(s) Address Need(s) and Why it is Provided on an LEA-wide or Schoolwide Basis	Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness
<p>Goal: 1</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>1.8</p> <p>1.9</p> <p>1.10</p> <p>1.11</p>	<p>The chronic absenteeism rate for foster youth in Community School is 79%, which is 28% higher than for all students (51%).</p> <p>The chronic absenteeism rate for socioeconomically disadvantaged students in Court School is 30%, which is higher than for all students (27%).</p>	<p>In order to engage and connect students to their school, the program will promote field trips and purchase school-specific merchandise. The program will continue to communicate and collaborate with parents/guardians regarding parent engagement opportunities. School Messenger will continue to be utilized to increase student daily attendance.</p> <p>These actions are being provided on an LEA-wide basis with the expectation that any student with truancy issues will benefit. Due to the higher chronic absenteeism rate of the program's foster youth and socioeconomically disadvantaged students, the chronic absenteeism rate for these student groups should decrease at a higher rate than the chronic absenteeism rate for all other students.</p>	<p>Metrics:</p> <p>1.1</p> <p>1.2</p> <p>1.3</p> <p>1.4</p> <p>1.5</p> <p>1.6</p> <p>1.7</p> <p>1.8</p>
<p>Goal: 1</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>1.4</p> <p>1.5</p> <p>1.6</p>	<p>The suspension rate for Community School foster youth (19.4%) and socioeconomically disadvantaged students (11.6%) is higher than the suspension rate for all students (10.8%).</p> <p>The suspension rate for socioeconomically disadvantaged students in Court School is 9.11%, which is higher than for all students (8.95%).</p>	<p>The Kern County Probation Department will provide intensive supervision and intervention. Campus supervisors will help to improve school climate and ensure campus safety. The Program Specialist – Behavior Emphasis will provide behavioral support to identified students.</p> <p>These actions are being provided on an LEA-wide basis with the expectation that all students will benefit from increased intervention and support. Due to a higher suspension rate among foster youth and socioeconomically disadvantaged students, the suspension rate among these student groups should decrease at a higher rate than the suspension rate for all students.</p>	<p>Metrics:</p> <p>1.9</p> <p>1.10</p>



<p>Community School 2023 CAASPP scores indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75.46% of all students did not meet standards in ELA</li> <li>95.05% of all students did not meet standards in mathematics</li> <li>83.87% of English learners did not meet standards in ELA</li> <li>100% of English learners did not meet standards in mathematics</li> <li>77.40% of socioeconomically disadvantaged students did not meet standards in ELA</li> <li>95.92% of socioeconomically disadvantaged students did not meet standards in mathematics</li> <li>CAASPP scores for foster youth are not available due to the low number of students tested</li> </ul> <p>Goal: 2 Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1</li> <li>2.2</li> <li>2.3</li> <li>2.4</li> <li>2.7</li> <li>2.8</li> <li>2.9</li> <li>2.10</li> <li>2.11</li> <li>2.15</li> <li>2.16</li> </ul>	<p>Court School 2023 CAASPP scores indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>92.31% of all students did not meet standards in ELA</li> <li>100% of all students did not meet standards in mathematics</li> <li>92.84% of socioeconomically disadvantaged students did not meet standards in ELA</li> <li>100% of socioeconomically disadvantaged students did not meet standards in mathematics</li> <li>CAASPP scores for English learners and foster youth are not available due to the low number of students tested</li> </ul> <p>According to the 2024 LCAP survey, 47.9% of students agree with the statement, "My teachers make me excited about learning." (23.5% undecided)</p> <p>According to the 2024 LCAP survey, 64.8% of students agree with the statement, "I learn a lot in my classes." (17.5% undecided)</p>	<p>Academic instruction will be supported by operating school sites in outlying locations to support the academic achievement of students in those areas, maintaining a low student-to-teacher ratio to support specialized instruction and intervention, utilizing paraprofessionals program-wide to provide individual and small group support, utilizing Academic Associates to create individualized education plans, and providing CTE and career-readiness instructional options for students.</p> <p>Curriculum supports include implementing a standards-based curriculum with built-in English and mathematics intervention, maintaining Educational Associates – Technology to ensure minimal interruptions to instruction and learning, contracting with Impero to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, and updating hardware as needed to support the academic process.</p> <p>Additional supports include utilizing an automated substitute system to ensure quality substitutes to deliver instruction and provide support and implementing a student information system to allow school staff and parents/guardians to view student information such as attendance records, grades, and assignments.</p> <p>The intent of these actions is to support the academic needs of socioeconomically disadvantaged students and English learners with the expectation that all students will benefit. The program expects to see a greater decrease in the percentage of socioeconomically disadvantaged students and English learners who are not meeting standards when compared to other student groups. The program also expects to see an increase in the percentage of all students who agree with the questions in the LCAP survey related to instruction.</p>	<p>Metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1</li> <li>2.2</li> <li>2.3</li> <li>2.4</li> <li>2.5</li> <li>2.6</li> <li>2.9</li> <li>2.10</li> <li>2.11</li> <li>2.12</li> <li>2.13</li> <li>2.14</li> <li>2.15</li> </ul>
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Goal and Action #(s)	Identified Need(s)	How the Action(s) Address Need(s) and Why it is Provided on an LEA-wide or Schoolwide Basis	Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness
Goal: 2 Actions: 2.14	<p>According to the 2024 LCAP survey, 54.2% of students agree with the statement, "Instruction at my school is challenging and interesting." (24.6% undecided)</p> <p>According to the 2024 LCAP survey, 66.6% of students agree with the statement, "My school is preparing students for future college and/or career paths." (21.0% undecided)</p> <p>The chronic absenteeism rate for foster youth in Community School is 79%, which is 28% higher than for all students (51%).</p>	<p>Students must attend school on a regular basis in order to receive the social emotional and academic supports needed. Students who have transportation challenges may receive a daily or monthly pass for the city's public transportation system.</p> <p>The intent of this action is to support the daily attendance of foster youth students with the expectation that all students will benefit. Due to the higher chronic absenteeism rate of the program's foster youth, the chronic absenteeism rate for this student group should decrease at a higher rate than the chronic absenteeism rate for all other students.</p>	2.5 2.9 2.12

**Limited Actions**

For each action being solely provided to one or more unduplicated student group(s), provide an explanation of (1) the unique identified need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) being served, (2) how the action is designed to address the identified need(s), and (3) how the effectiveness of the action in improving outcomes for the unduplicated student group(s) will be measured.

Goal and Action #	Identified Need(s)	How the Action(s) are Designed to Address Need(s)	Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness
<p>Goal: 2 Actions: 2.12</p>	<p>Community School 2023 CAASPP scores indicate that 3.23% of English learners met or exceeded standard in ELA and 0% of English learners met or exceeded standard in mathematics. (CAASPP scores are not available for Court School English learners due to the low number of students tested.)</p> <p>Community School 2023 CAASPP scores indicate that 7.14% of Long-Term English Learners (LTELs) met or exceeded standard in ELA and 9% of LTELs met or exceeded standard in mathematics. (CAASPP scores are not available for Court School LTELs due to the low number of students tested.)</p> <p>The 2023 California School Dashboard indicates that 41.4% of Community School English learners and 53.3% of Court School English learners are making progress toward English language proficiency.</p> <p>According to the 2024 LCAP survey, 57.9% of certificated staff agree with the statement, "All of the teachers at my school ensure that EL students are provided with and understand coursework that is appropriate for their grade level." (21.1% undecided)</p> <p>According to the 2024 LCAP survey, 52.6% of certificated staff agree with the statement, "All of the teachers at my school ensure that EL students are provided with instruction that helps them to better understand and use English to improve their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills." (21.1% undecided)</p>	<p>The Teacher – EL Specialist will provide support to teachers and administrators in all areas related to English learners, including lesson planning, small group instruction, and ELPAC training and administration.</p> <p>While not supported by LCAP funds, professional learning in the area of ELD continues to be a focus for the Alternative Education program. In the 2024-25 school year, the program will be in its final year of a three-year contract with the Instructional Support division of KCSOS for professional learning related to ELD supports. Professional learning will be provided to administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals to target building capacity in delivering engaging curriculum that addresses the language development needs of English Learners and Long-Term English Learners using integrated and designated ELD instruction.</p> <p>Expected outcomes due to the implementation of this action include an increase in the number of teachers who utilize integrated and designated EL strategies, an increase in the percentage of English learners who improve by at least one proficiency level over the previous ELPAC administration, an increase in the percentage of English learners and Long-Term English learners making progress toward English language proficiency, an increase in the percentage of English learners and Long-Term English learners who meet standards on ELA and mathematics CAASPP assessments, an increase in the number of teachers using EL supports during instruction, and an increase in the percentage of staff who indicate through the LCAP survey that the program for English learners provides support for these students to improve their English and make progress in achieving academic standards.</p>	<p>Metrics: 2.5 2.7 2.8</p>

For any limited action contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement that is associated with a Planned Percentage of Improved Services in the Contributing Summary Table rather than an expenditure of LCFF funds, describe the methodology that was used to determine the contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage, as applicable.

The LCAP does not consist any limited actions contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement that is associated with a Planned Percentage of Improved Services in the Contributing Summary Table rather than an expenditure of LCFF funds.

### **Additional Concentration Grant Funding**

A description of the plan for how the additional concentration grant add-on funding identified above will be used to increase the number of staff providing direct services to students at schools that have a high concentration (above 55 percent) of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students, as applicable.

The LEA did not receive additional concentration grant add-on funding.

<b>Staff-to-student ratios by type of school and concentration of unduplicated students</b>	Schools with a student concentration of 55 percent or less	Schools with a student concentration of greater than 55 percent
Staff-to-student ratio of classified staff providing direct services to students	N/A	N/A
Staff-to-student ratio of certificated staff providing direct services to students	N/A	N/A



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*For additional questions or technical assistance related to the completion of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) template, please contact the local county office of education (COE), or the California Department of Education's (CDE's) Local Agency Systems Support Office, by phone at 916-319-0809 or by email at [LCFF@cde.ca.gov](mailto:LCFF@cde.ca.gov).*

## Introduction and Instructions

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to engage their local educational partners in an annual planning process to evaluate their progress within eight state priority areas encompassing all statutory metrics (COEs have 10 state priorities). LEAs document the results of this planning process in the LCAP using the template adopted by the State Board of Education.

The LCAP development process serves three distinct, but related functions:

- **Comprehensive Strategic Planning:** The process of developing and annually updating the LCAP supports comprehensive strategic planning, particularly to address and reduce disparities in opportunities and outcomes between student groups indicated by the California School Dashboard (California *Education Code* [EC] Section 52064[e][1]). Strategic planning that is comprehensive connects budgetary decisions to teaching and learning performance data. LEAs should continually evaluate the hard choices they make about the use of limited resources to meet student and community needs to ensure opportunities and outcomes are improved for all students.
- **Meaningful Engagement of Educational Partners:** The LCAP development process should result in an LCAP that reflects decisions made through meaningful engagement (EC Section 52064[e][1]). Local educational partners possess valuable perspectives and insights about an LEA's programs and services. Effective strategic planning will incorporate these perspectives and insights in order to identify potential goals and actions to be included in the LCAP.
- **Accountability and Compliance:** The LCAP serves an important accountability function because the nature of some LCAP template sections require LEAs to show that they have complied with various requirements specified in the LCFF statutes and regulations, most notably:
  - Demonstrating that LEAs are increasing or improving services for foster youth, English learners, including long-term English learners, and low-income students in proportion to the amount of additional funding those students generate under LCFF (EC Section 52064[b][4-6]).

- o Establishing goals, supported by actions and related expenditures, that address the statutory priority areas and statutory metrics (EC sections 52064[b][1] and [2]).
  - **NOTE:** As specified in EC Section 62064(b)(1), the LCAP must provide a description of the annual goals, for all pupils and each subgroup of pupils identified pursuant to EC Section 52052, to be achieved for each of the state priorities. Beginning in 2023–24, EC Section 52052 identifies long-term English learners as a separate and distinct pupil subgroup with a numerical significance at 15 students.
- o Annually reviewing and updating the LCAP to reflect progress toward the goals (EC Section 52064[b][7]).
- o Ensuring that all increases attributable to supplemental and concentration grant calculations, including concentration grant add-on funding and/or LCFF carryover, are reflected in the LCAP (EC sections 52064[b][6], [8], and [11]).

The LCAP template, like each LEA's final adopted LCAP, is a document, not a process. LEAs must use the template to memorialize the outcome of their LCAP development process, which must: (a) reflect comprehensive strategic planning, particularly to address and reduce disparities in opportunities and outcomes between student groups indicated by the California School Dashboard (Dashboard), (b) through meaningful engagement with educational partners that (c) meets legal requirements, as reflected in the final adopted LCAP. The sections included within the LCAP template do not and cannot reflect the full development process, just as the LCAP template itself is not intended as a tool for engaging educational partners.

If a county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over a single school district, the county board of education and the governing board of the school district may adopt and file for review and approval a single LCAP consistent with the requirements in EC sections 52060, 52062, 52066, 52068, and 52070. The LCAP must clearly articulate to which entity's budget (school district or county superintendent of schools) all budgeted and actual expenditures are aligned.

The revised LCAP template for the 2024–25, 2025–26, and 2026–27 school years reflects statutory changes made through Senate Bill 114 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), Chapter 48, Statutes of 2023.

At its most basic, the adopted LCAP should attempt to distill not just what the LEA is doing for students in transitional kindergarten through grade twelve (TK–12), but also allow educational partners to understand why, and whether those strategies are leading to improved opportunities and outcomes for students. LEAs are strongly encouraged to use language and a level of detail in their adopted LCAPs intended to be meaningful and accessible for the LEA's diverse educational partners and the broader public.

In developing and finalizing the LCAP for adoption, LEAs are encouraged to keep the following overarching frame at the forefront of the strategic planning and educational partner engagement functions:

Given present performance across the state priorities and on indicators in the Dashboard, how is the LEA using its budgetary resources to respond to TK–12 student and community needs, and address any performance gaps, including by meeting its obligation to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students?

LEAs are encouraged to focus on a set of metrics and actions which, based on research, experience, and input gathered from educational partners, the LEA believes will have the biggest impact on behalf of its TK–12 students.

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These instructions address the requirements for each section of the LCAP, but may include information about effective practices when developing the LCAP and completing the LCAP document. Additionally, the beginning of each template section includes information emphasizing the purpose that section serves.

## Plan Summary

### Purpose

A well-developed Plan Summary section provides a meaningful context for the LCAP. This section provides information about an LEA's community as well as relevant information about student needs and performance. In order to present a meaningful context for the rest of the LCAP, the content of this section should be clearly and meaningfully related to the content included throughout each subsequent section of the LCAP.

## Requirements and Instructions

### General Information

A description of the LEA, its schools, and its students in grades transitional kindergarten–12, as applicable to the LEA.

Briefly describe the LEA, its schools, and its students in grades TK–12, as applicable to the LEA.

- For example, information about an LEA in terms of geography, enrollment, employment, the number and size of specific schools, recent community challenges, and other such information the LEA may wish to include can enable a reader to more fully understand the LEA's LCAP.
- As part of this response, identify all schools within the LEA receiving Equity Multiplier funding.

### Reflections: Annual Performance

A reflection on annual performance based on a review of the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) and local data.

Reflect on the LEA's annual performance on the Dashboard and local data. This may include both successes and challenges identified by the LEA during the development process.

LEAs are encouraged to highlight how they are addressing the identified needs of student groups, and/or schools within the LCAP as part of this response.

As part of this response, the LEA must identify the following, which will remain unchanged during the three-year LCAP cycle:

- Any school within the LEA that received the lowest performance level on one or more state indicators on the 2023 Dashboard;



- Any student group within the LEA that received the lowest performance level on one or more state indicators on the 2023 Dashboard; and/or
- Any student group within a school within the LEA that received the lowest performance level on one or more state indicators on the 2023 Dashboard.

### **Reflections: Technical Assistance**

As applicable, a summary of the work underway as part of technical assistance.

Annually identify the reason(s) the LEA is eligible for or has requested technical assistance consistent with EC sections 47607.3, 52071, 52071.5, 52072, or 52072.5, and provide a summary of the work underway as part of receiving technical assistance. The most common form of this technical assistance is frequently referred to as Differentiated Assistance, however this also includes LEAs that have requested technical assistance from their COE.

- If the LEA is not eligible for or receiving technical assistance, the LEA may respond to this prompt as "Not Applicable."

### **Comprehensive Support and Improvement**

An LEA with a school or schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI) under the Every Student Succeeds Act must respond to the following prompts:

#### **Schools Identified**

A list of the schools in the LEA that are eligible for comprehensive support and improvement.

- Identify the schools within the LEA that have been identified for CSI.

#### **Support for Identified Schools**

A description of how the LEA has or will support its eligible schools in developing comprehensive support and improvement plans.

- Describe how the LEA has or will support the identified schools in developing CSI plans that included a school-level needs assessment, evidence-based interventions, and the identification of any resource inequities to be addressed through the implementation of the CSI plan.

#### **Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness**

A description of how the LEA will monitor and evaluate the plan to support student and school improvement.

- Describe how the LEA will monitor and evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the CSI plan to support student and school improvement.

## **Engaging Educational Partners**



## Purpose

Significant and purposeful engagement of parents, students, educators, and other educational partners, including those representing the student groups identified by LCPF, is critical to the development of the LCAP and the budget process. Consistent with statute, such engagement should support comprehensive strategic planning, particularly to address and reduce disparities in opportunities and outcomes between student groups indicated by the Dashboard, accountability, and improvement across the state priorities and locally identified priorities (EC Section 52064[e][1]). Engagement of educational partners is an ongoing, annual process.

This section is designed to reflect how the engagement of educational partners influenced the decisions reflected in the adopted LCAP. The goal is to allow educational partners that participated in the LCAP development process and the broader public to understand how the LEA engaged educational partners and the impact of that engagement. LEAs are encouraged to keep this goal in the forefront when completing this section.

## Requirements

**School districts and COEs:** EC sections 52060(g) (California Legislative Information) and 52066(g) (California Legislative Information) specify the educational partners that must be consulted when developing the LCAP:

- Teachers,
- Principals,
- Administrators,
- Other school personnel,
- Local bargaining units of the LEA,
- Parents, and
- Students

A school district or COE receiving Equity Multiplier funds must also consult with educational partners at schools generating Equity Multiplier funds in the development of the LCAP, specifically, in the development of the required focus goal for each applicable school.

Before adopting the LCAP, school districts and COEs must share it with the applicable committees, as identified below under Requirements and Instructions. The superintendent is required by statute to respond in writing to the comments received from these committees. School districts and COEs must also consult with the special education local plan area administrator(s) when developing the LCAP.

**Charter schools:** EC Section 47606.5(d) (California Legislative Information) requires that the following educational partners be consulted with when developing the LCAP:

- Teachers,
- Principals,
- Administrators,
- Other school personnel,
- Parents, and

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- Students

A charter school receiving Equity Multiplier funds must also consult with educational partners at the school generating Equity Multiplier funds in the development of the LCAP, specifically, in the development of the required focus goal for the school.

The LCAP should also be shared with, and LEAs should request input from, schoolsite-level advisory groups, as applicable (e.g., schoolsite councils, English Learner Advisory Councils, student advisory groups, etc.), to facilitate alignment between schoolsite and district-level goals. Information and resources that support effective engagement, define student consultation, and provide the requirements for advisory group composition, can be found under Resources on the [CDE's LCAP webpage](#).

Before the governing board/body of an LEA considers the adoption of the LCAP, the LEA must meet the following legal requirements:

- For school districts, see [Education Code Section 52062 \(California Legislative Information\)](#);
  - **Note:** Charter schools using the LCAP as the School Plan for Student Achievement must meet the requirements of EC Section 52062(a).
- For COEs, see [Education Code Section 52068 \(California Legislative Information\)](#); and
- For charter schools, see [Education Code Section 47606.5 \(California Legislative Information\)](#).
- **NOTE:** As a reminder, the superintendent of a school district or COE must respond, in writing, to comments received by the applicable committees identified in the *Education Code* sections listed above. This includes the parent advisory committee and may include the English learner parent advisory committee and, as of July 1, 2024, the student advisory committee, as applicable.

## Instructions

### **Respond to the prompts as follows:**

A summary of the process used to engage educational partners in the development of the LCAP.

School districts and county offices of education must, at a minimum, consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units, parents, and students in the development of the LCAP.

Charter schools must, at a minimum, consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, parents, and students in the development of the LCAP.

An LEA receiving Equity Multiplier funds must also consult with educational partners at schools generating Equity Multiplier funds in the development of the LCAP, specifically, in the development of the required focus goal for each applicable school.

### **Complete the table as follows:**

Educational Partners

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Identify the applicable educational partner(s) or group(s) that were engaged in the development of the LCAP.

#### Process for Engagement

Describe the engagement process used by the LEA to involve the identified educational partner(s) in the development of the LCAP. At a minimum, the LEA must describe how it met its obligation to consult with all statutorily required educational partners, as applicable to the type of LEA.

- A sufficient response to this prompt must include general information about the timeline of the process and meetings or other engagement strategies with educational partners. A response may also include information about an LEA's philosophical approach to engaging its educational partners.

- An LEA receiving Equity Multiplier funds must also include a summary of how it consulted with educational partners at schools generating Equity Multiplier funds in the development of the LCAP, specifically, in the development of the required focus goal for each applicable school.

A description of how the adopted LCAP was influenced by the feedback provided by educational partners.

Describe any goals, metrics, actions, or budgeted expenditures in the LCAP that were influenced by or developed in response to the educational partner feedback.

- A sufficient response to this prompt will provide educational partners and the public with clear, specific information about how the engagement process influenced the development of the LCAP. This may include a description of how the LEA prioritized requests of educational partners within the context of the budgetary resources available or otherwise prioritized areas of focus within the LCAP.
- An LEA receiving Equity Multiplier funds must include a description of how the consultation with educational partners at schools generating Equity Multiplier funds influenced the development of the adopted LCAP.
- For the purposes of this prompt, this may also include, but is not necessarily limited to:
  - Inclusion of a goal or decision to pursue a Focus Goal (as described below)
  - Inclusion of metrics other than the statutorily required metrics
  - Determination of the target outcome on one or more metrics
  - Inclusion of performance by one or more student groups in the Measuring and Reporting Results subsection
  - Inclusion of action(s) or a group of actions
  - Elimination of action(s) or group of actions
  - Changes to the level of proposed expenditures for one or more actions
  - Inclusion of action(s) as contributing to increased or improved services for unduplicated students
  - Analysis of effectiveness of the specific actions to achieve the goal
  - Analysis of material differences in expenditures
  - Analysis of changes made to a goal for the ensuing LCAP year based on the annual update process



- Analysis of challenges or successes in the implementation of actions

## Goals and Actions

### Purpose

Well-developed goals will clearly communicate to educational partners what the LEA plans to accomplish, what the LEA plans to do in order to accomplish the goal, and how the LEA will know when it has accomplished the goal. A goal statement, associated metrics and expected outcomes, and the actions included in the goal must be in alignment. The explanation for why the LEA included a goal is an opportunity for LEAs to clearly communicate to educational partners and the public why, among the various strengths and areas for improvement highlighted by performance data and strategies and actions that could be pursued, the LEA decided to pursue this goal, and the related metrics, expected outcomes, actions, and expenditures.

A well-developed goal can be focused on the performance relative to a metric or metrics for all students, a specific student group(s), narrowing performance gaps, or implementing programs or strategies expected to impact outcomes. LEAs should assess the performance of their student groups when developing goals and the related actions to achieve such goals.

### Requirements and Instructions

LEAs should prioritize the goals, specific actions, and related expenditures included within the LCAP within one or more state priorities. LEAs must consider performance on the state and local indicators, including their locally collected and reported data for the local indicators that are included in the Dashboard, in determining whether and how to prioritize its goals within the LCAP. As previously stated, strategic planning that is comprehensive connects budgetary decisions to teaching and learning performance data. LEAs should continually evaluate the hard choices they make about the use of limited resources to meet student and community needs to ensure opportunities and outcomes are improved for all students, and to address and reduce disparities in opportunities and outcomes between student groups indicated by the Dashboard.

In order to support prioritization of goals, the LCAP template provides LEAs with the option of developing three different kinds of goals:

- Focus Goal: A Focus Goal is relatively more concentrated in scope and may focus on a fewer number of metrics to measure improvement. A Focus Goal statement will be time bound and make clear how the goal is to be measured.
  - All Equity Multiplier goals must be developed as focus goals. For additional information, see Required Focus Goal(s) for LEAs Receiving Equity Multiplier Funding below.
- Broad Goal: A Broad Goal is relatively less concentrated in its scope and may focus on improving performance across a wide range of metrics.
- Maintenance of Progress Goal: A Maintenance of Progress Goal includes actions that may be ongoing without significant changes and allows an LEA to track performance on any metrics not addressed in the other goals of the LCAP.

### Requirement to Address the LCFF State Priorities

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At a minimum, the LCAP must address all LCFE priorities and associated metrics articulated in EC sections 52060(d) and 52066(d), as applicable to the LEA. The LCFF State Priorities Summary provides a summary of EC sections 52060(d) and 52066(d) to aid in the development of the LCAP.

Respond to the following prompts, as applicable:

### **Focus Goal(s)**

#### Description

The description provided for a Focus Goal must be specific, measurable, and time bound.

- An LEA develops a Focus Goal to address areas of need that may require or benefit from a more specific and data intensive approach.
- The Focus Goal can explicitly reference the metric(s) by which achievement of the goal will be measured and the time frame according to which the LEA expects to achieve the goal.

#### Type of Goal

Identify the type of goal being implemented as a Focus Goal.

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Identify each of the state priorities that this goal is intended to address.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Explain why the LEA has chosen to prioritize this goal.

- An explanation must be based on Dashboard data or other locally collected data.
- LEAs must describe how the LEA identified this goal for focused attention, including relevant consultation with educational partners.
- LEAs are encouraged to promote transparency and understanding around the decision to pursue a focus goal.

### **Required Focus Goal(s) for LEAs Receiving Equity Multiplier Funding**

#### Description

LEAs receiving Equity Multiplier funding must include one or more focus goals for each school generating Equity Multiplier funding. In addition to addressing the focus goal requirements described above, LEAs must adhere to the following requirements.

Focus goals for Equity Multiplier schoolsites must address the following:

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(A) All student groups that have the lowest performance level on one or more state indicators on the Dashboard, and

(B) Any underlying issues in the credentialing, subject matter preparation, and retention of the school's educators, if applicable.

- Focus Goals for each and every Equity Multiplier schoolsite must identify specific metrics for each identified student group, as applicable.
- An LEA may create a single goal for multiple Equity Multiplier schoolsites if those schoolsites have the same student group(s) performing at the lowest performance level on one or more state indicators on the Dashboard or, experience similar issues in the credentialing, subject matter preparation, and retention of the school's educators.
  - When creating a single goal for multiple Equity Multiplier schoolsites, the goal must identify the student groups and the performance levels on the Dashboard that the Focus Goal is addressing; or,
  - The common issues the schoolsites are experiencing in credentialing, subject matter preparation, and retention of the school's educators, if applicable.

#### Type of Goal

Identify the type of goal being implemented as an Equity Multiplier Focus Goal.

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Identify each of the state priorities that this goal is intended to address.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Explain why the LEA has chosen to prioritize this goal.

- An explanation must be based on Dashboard data or other locally collected data.
- LEAs must describe how the LEA identified this goal for focused attention, including relevant consultation with educational partners.
- LEAs are encouraged to promote transparency and understanding around the decision to pursue a focus goal.
- In addition to this information, the LEA must also identify:
  - The school or schools to which the goal applies

LEAs are encouraged to approach an Equity Multiplier goal from a wholistic standpoint, considering how the goal might maximize student outcomes through the use of LCFF and other funding in addition to Equity Multiplier funds.

- Equity Multiplier funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, funding provided to Equity Multiplier school sites for purposes of the LCFF, the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P), the Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists (LCRS) Grant Program, and/or the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP).

- This means that Equity Multiplier funds must not be used to replace funding that an Equity Multiplier school site would otherwise receive to implement LEA-wide actions identified in the LCAP or that an Equity Multiplier school site would otherwise receive to implement provisions of the ELO-P, the LCRS, and/or the CCSP.

**Note:** EC Section 42238.024(b)(1) (California Legislative Information) requires that Equity Multiplier funds be used for the provision of evidence-based services and supports for students. Evidence-based services and supports are based on objective evidence that has informed the design of the service or support and/or guides the modification of those services and supports. Evidence-based supports and strategies are most commonly based on educational research and/or metrics of LEA, school, and/or student performance.

**Broad Goal**

Description

Describe what the LEA plans to achieve through the actions included in the goal.

- The description of a broad goal will be clearly aligned with the expected measurable outcomes included for the goal.
- The goal description organizes the actions and expected outcomes in a cohesive and consistent manner.
- A goal description is specific enough to be measurable in either quantitative or qualitative terms. A broad goal is not as specific as a focus goal. While it is specific enough to be measurable, there are many different metrics for measuring progress toward the goal.

Type of Goal

Identify the type of goal being implemented as a Broad Goal.

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Identify each of the state priorities that this goal is intended to address.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Explain why the LEA developed this goal and how the actions and metrics grouped together will help achieve the goal.

**Maintenance of Progress Goal**

Description

Describe how the LEA intends to maintain the progress made in the LCFF State Priorities not addressed by the other goals in the LCAP.

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- Use this type of goal to address the state priorities and applicable metrics not addressed within the other goals in the LCAP.
- The state priorities and metrics to be addressed in this section are those for which the LEA, in consultation with educational partners, has determined to maintain actions and monitor progress while focusing implementation efforts on the actions covered by other goals in the LCAP.

#### Type of Goal

Identify the type of goal being implemented as a Maintenance of Progress Goal.

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Identify each of the state priorities that this goal is intended to address.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Explain how the actions will sustain the progress exemplified by the related metrics.

#### ***Measuring and Reporting Results:***

For each LCAP year, identify the metric(s) that the LEA will use to track progress toward the expected outcomes.

- LEAs must identify metrics for specific student groups, as appropriate, including expected outcomes that address and reduce disparities in outcomes between student groups.
- The metrics may be quantitative or qualitative; but at minimum, an LEA's LCAP must include goals that are measured using all of the applicable metrics for the related state priorities, in each LCAP year, as applicable to the type of LEA.
- To the extent a state priority does not specify one or more metrics (e.g., implementation of state academic content and performance standards), the LEA must identify a metric to use within the LCAP. For these state priorities, LEAs are encouraged to use metrics based on or reported through the relevant local indicator self-reflection tools within the Dashboard.
- **Required metrics for LEA-wide actions:** For each action identified as 1) contributing towards the requirement to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, including long-term English learners, and low-income students and 2) being provided on an LEA-wide basis, the LEA must identify one or more metrics to monitor the effectiveness of the action and its budgeted expenditures.
  - These required metrics may be identified within the action description or the first prompt in the increased or improved services section, however the description must clearly identify the metric(s) being used to monitor the effectiveness of the action and the action(s) that the metric(s) apply to.
- **Required metrics for Equity Multiplier goals:** For each Equity Multiplier goal, the LEA must identify:



- The specific metrics for each identified student group at each specific school/site, as applicable, to measure the progress toward the goal, and/or
- The specific metrics used to measure progress in meeting the goal related to credentialing, subject matter preparation, or educator retention at each specific school/site.

Complete the table as follows:

Metric #

- Enter the metric number.

Metric

- Identify the standard of measure being used to determine progress towards the goal and/or to measure the effectiveness of one or more actions associated with the goal.

Baseline

- Enter the baseline when completing the LCAP for 2024–25.
  - Use the most recent data associated with the metric available at the time of adoption of the LCAP for the first year of the three-year plan. LEAs may use data as reported on the 2023 Dashboard for the baseline of a metric only if that data represents the most recent available data (e.g., high school graduation rate).
  - Using the most recent data available may involve reviewing data the LEA is preparing for submission to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) or data that the LEA has recently submitted to CALPADS.
  - Indicate the school year to which the baseline data applies.
  - The baseline data must remain unchanged throughout the three-year LCAP.
    - This requirement is not intended to prevent LEAs from revising the baseline data if it is necessary to do so. For example, if an LEA identifies that its data collection practices for a particular metric are leading to inaccurate data and revises its practice to obtain accurate data, it would also be appropriate for the LEA to revise the baseline data to align with the more accurate data process and report its results using the accurate data.
    - If an LEA chooses to revise its baseline data, then, at a minimum, it must clearly identify the change as part of its response to the description of changes prompt in the Goal Analysis for the goal. LEAs are also strongly encouraged to involve their educational partners in the decision of whether or not to revise a baseline and to communicate the proposed change to their educational partners.

- Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one- or two-year LCAP may identify a new baseline each year, as applicable.

#### Year 1 Outcome

- When completing the LCAP for 2025–26, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies.
  - Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one-year LCAP may provide the Year 1 Outcome when completing the LCAP for both 2025–26 and 2026–27 or may provide the Year 1 Outcome for 2025–26 and provide the Year 2 Outcome for 2026–27.

#### Year 2 Outcome

- When completing the LCAP for 2026–27, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies.
  - Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one-year LCAP may identify the Year 2 Outcome as not applicable when completing the LCAP for 2026–27 or may provide the Year 2 Outcome for 2026–27.

#### Target for Year 3 Outcome

- When completing the first year of the LCAP, enter the target outcome for the relevant metric the LEA expects to achieve by the end of the three-year LCAP cycle.
  - Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one- or two-year LCAP may identify a Target for Year 1 or Target for Year 2, as applicable.

#### Current Difference from Baseline

- When completing the LCAP for 2025–26 and 2026–27, enter the current difference between the baseline and the yearly outcome, as applicable.
  - Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one- or two-year LCAP will identify the current difference between the baseline and the yearly outcome for Year 1 and/or the current difference between the baseline and the yearly outcome for Year 2, as applicable.

Timeline for school districts and COEs for completing the "Measuring and Reporting Results" part of the Goal.

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2024–25</b> or when adding a new metric.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2024–25</b> or when adding a new metric.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2025–26</b> . Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2026–27</b> . Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2024–25</b> or when adding a new metric.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2025–26</b> and <b>2026–27</b> . Leave blank until then.

**Goal Analysis:**

Enter the LCAP Year.

Using actual annual measurable outcome data, including data from the Dashboard, analyze whether the planned actions were effective towards achieving the goal. "Effective" means the degree to which the planned actions were successful in producing the target result. Respond to the prompts as instructed.

**Note:** When completing the 2024–25 LCAP, use the 2023–24 Local Control and Accountability Plan Annual Update template to complete the Goal Analysis and identify the Goal Analysis prompts in the 2024–25 LCAP as "Not Applicable."

A description of overall implementation, including any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions, and any relevant challenges and successes experienced with implementation.

- Describe the overall implementation of the actions to achieve the articulated goal, including relevant challenges and successes experienced with implementation.
  - Include a discussion of relevant challenges and successes experienced with the implementation process.
  - This discussion must include any instance where the LEA did not implement a planned action or implemented a planned action in a manner that differs substantively from how it was described in the adopted LCAP.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

- Explain material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and between the Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services, as applicable. Minor variances in expenditures or percentages do not need to be addressed, and a dollar-for-dollar accounting is not required.

A description of the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions to date in making progress toward the goal.

- Describe the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions to date in making progress toward the goal. “Effectiveness” means the degree to which the actions were successful in producing the target result and “ineffectiveness” means that the actions did not produce any significant or targeted result.
  - In some cases, not all actions in a goal will be intended to improve performance on all of the metrics associated with the goal.
  - When responding to this prompt, LEAs may assess the effectiveness of a single action or group of actions within the goal in the context of performance on a single metric or group of specific metrics within the goal that are applicable to the action(s). Grouping actions with metrics will allow for more robust analysis of whether the strategy the LEA is using to impact a specified set of metrics is working and increase transparency for educational partners. LEAs are encouraged to use such an approach when goals include multiple actions and metrics that are not closely associated.

- Beginning with the development of the 2024–25 LCAP, the LEA must change actions that have not proven effective over a three-year period.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, target outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

- Describe any changes made to this goal, expected outcomes, metrics, or actions to achieve this goal as a result of this analysis and analysis of the data provided in the Dashboard or other local data, as applicable.
  - As noted above, beginning with the development of the 2024–25 LCAP, the LEA must change actions that have not proven effective over a three-year period. For actions that have been identified as ineffective, the LEA must identify the ineffective action and must include a description of the following:
    - The reasons for the ineffectiveness, and
    - How changes to the action will result in a new or strengthened approach.

**Actions:**

Complete the table as follows. Add additional rows as necessary.

Action #

- Enter the action number.

Title

- Provide a short title for the action. This title will also appear in the action tables.



## Description

- Provide a brief description of the action.
  - For actions that contribute to meeting the increased or improved services requirement, the LEA may include an explanation of how each action is principally directed towards and effective in meeting the LEA's goals for unduplicated students, as described in the instructions for the Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students section.
  - As previously noted, for each action identified as 1) contributing towards the requirement to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, including long-term English learners, and low-income students and 2) being provided on an LEA-wide basis, the LEA must identify one or more metrics to monitor the effectiveness of the action and its budgeted expenditures.
  - These required metrics may be identified within the action description or the first prompt in the increased or improved services section; however, the description must clearly identify the metric(s) being used to monitor the effectiveness of the action and the action(s) that the metric(s) apply to.

## Total Funds

- Enter the total amount of expenditures associated with this action. Budgeted expenditures from specific fund sources will be provided in the action tables.

## Contributing

- Indicate whether the action contributes to meeting the increased or improved services requirement as described in the Increased or Improved Services section using a "Y" for Yes or an "N" for No.
  - **Note:** for each such contributing action, the LEA will need to provide additional information in the Increased or Improved Services section to address the requirements in *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5 [5 CCR] Section 15496 in the Increased or Improved Services section of the LCAP.

**Actions for Foster Youth:** School districts, COEs, and charter schools that have a numerically significant foster youth student subgroup are encouraged to include specific actions in the LCAP designed to meet needs specific to foster youth students.

## Required Actions

- LEAs with 30 or more English learners and/or 15 or more long-term English learners must include specific actions in the LCAP related to, at a minimum:
  - Language acquisition programs, as defined in EC Section 306, provided to students, and
  - Professional development for teachers.

- If an LEA has both 30 or more English learners and 15 or more long-term English learners, the LEA must include actions for both English learners and long-term English learners.
- LEAs eligible for technical assistance pursuant to *EC* sections 47607.3, 52071, 52071.5, 52072, or 52072.5, must include specific actions within the LCAP related to its implementation of the work underway as part of technical assistance. The most common form of this technical assistance is frequently referred to as Differentiated Assistance.
- LEAs that have Red Dashboard indicators for (1) a school within the LEA, (2) a student group within the LEA, and/or (3) a student group within any school within the LEA must include one or more specific actions within the LCAP:
  - The specific action(s) must be directed towards the identified student group(s) and/or school(s) and must address the identified state indicator(s) for which the student group or school received the lowest performance level on the 2023 Dashboard. Each student group and/or school that receives the lowest performance level on the 2023 Dashboard must be addressed by one or more actions.
  - These required actions will be effective for the three-year LCAP cycle.

## **Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students**

### **Purpose**

A well-written Increased or Improved Services section provides educational partners with a comprehensive description, within a single dedicated section, of how an LEA plans to increase or improve services for its unduplicated students as defined in *EC* Section 42238.02 in grades TK–12 as compared to all students in grades TK–12, as applicable, and how LEA-wide or schoolwide actions identified for this purpose meet regulatory requirements. Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broader understanding of educational partners to facilitate their ability to provide input. An LEA's description in this section must align with the actions included in the Goals and Actions section as contributing.

Please Note: For the purpose of meeting the Increased or Improved Services requirement and consistent with *EC* Section 42238.02, long-term English learners are included in the English learner student group.

### **Statutory Requirements**

An LEA is required to demonstrate in its LCAP how it is increasing or improving services for its students who are foster youth, English learners, and/or low-income, collectively referred to as unduplicated students, as compared to the services provided to all students in proportion to the increase in funding it receives based on the number and concentration of unduplicated students in the LEA (*EC* Section 42238.07[a][1], *EC* Section 52064[b][8][B]; 5 *CCR* Section 15496[a]). This proportionality percentage is also known as the "minimum proportionality percentage" or "MPP." The manner in which an LEA demonstrates it is meeting its MPP is two-fold: (1) through the expenditure of LCFF funds or through the

identification of a Planned Percentage of Improved Services as documented in the Contributing Actions Table, and (2) through the explanations provided in the Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students section.

To improve services means to grow services in quality and to increase services means to grow services in quantity. Services are increased or improved by those actions in the LCAP that are identified in the Goals and Actions section as contributing to the increased or improved services requirement, whether they are provided across the entire LEA (LEA-wide action), provided to an entire school (Schoolwide action), or solely provided to one or more unduplicated student group(s) (Limited action).

Therefore, for any action contributing to meet the increased or improved services requirement, the LEA must include an explanation of:

- How the action is increasing or improving services for the unduplicated student group(s) (Identified Needs and Action Design), and
- How the action meets the LEA's goals for its unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priority areas (Measurement of Effectiveness).

### ***LEA-wide and Schoolwide Actions***

In addition to the above required explanations, LEAs must provide a justification for why an LEA-wide or Schoolwide action is being provided to all students and how the action is intended to improve outcomes for unduplicated student group(s) as compared to all students.

- Conclusory statements that a service will help achieve an expected outcome for the goal, without an explicit connection or further explanation as to how, are not sufficient.
- Further, simply stating that an LEA has a high enrollment percentage of a specific student group or groups does not meet the increased or improved services standard because enrolling students is not the same as serving students.

### ***For School Districts Only***

Actions provided on an LEA-wide basis at school districts with an unduplicated pupil percentage of less than 55 percent must also include a description of how the actions are the most effective use of the funds to meet the district's goals for its unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priority areas. The description must provide the basis for this determination, including any alternatives considered, supporting research, experience, or educational theory.

Actions provided on a Schoolwide basis for schools with less than 40 percent enrollment of unduplicated pupils must also include a description of how these actions are the most effective use of the funds to meet the district's goals for its unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priority areas. The description must provide the basis for this determination, including any alternatives considered, supporting research, experience, or educational theory.

## **Requirements and Instructions**

Complete the tables as follows:

Total Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants

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- Specify the amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grant funds the LEA estimates it will receive in the coming year based on the number and concentration of foster youth, English learner, and low-income students. This amount includes the Additional 15 percent LCFF Concentration Grant.

**Projected Additional 15 percent LCFF Concentration Grant**

- Specify the amount of additional LCFF concentration grant add-on funding, as described in EC Section 42238.02, that the LEA estimates it will receive in the coming year.

**Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year**

- Specify the estimated percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all students in the LCAP year as calculated pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(7).

**LCFF Carryover — Percentage**

- Specify the LCFF Carryover — Percentage identified in the LCFF Carryover Table. If a carryover percentage is not identified in the LCFF Carryover Table, specify a percentage of zero (0.00%).

**LCFF Carryover — Dollar**

- Specify the LCFF Carryover — Dollar amount identified in the LCFF Carryover Table. If a carryover amount is not identified in the LCFF Carryover Table, specify an amount of zero (\$0).

**Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year**

- Add the Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year and the Proportional LCFF Required Carryover Percentage and specify the percentage. This is the LEA's percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all students in the LCAP year, as calculated pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(7).

**Required Descriptions:**

***LEA-wide and Schoolwide Actions***

For each action being provided to an entire LEA or school, provide an explanation of (1) the unique identified need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) for whom the action is principally directed, (2) how the action is designed to address the identified need(s) and why it is being provided on an LEA or schoolwide basis, and (3) the metric(s) used to measure the effectiveness of the action in improving outcomes for the unduplicated student group(s).

If the LEA has provided this required description in the Action Descriptions, state as such within the table.



Complete the table as follows:

**Identified Need(s)**

Provide an explanation of the unique identified need(s) of the LEA's unduplicated student group(s) for whom the action is principally directed.

An LEA demonstrates how an action is principally directed towards an unduplicated student group(s) when the LEA explains the need(s), condition(s), or circumstance(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) identified through a needs assessment and how the action addresses them. A meaningful needs assessment includes, at a minimum, analysis of applicable student achievement data and educational partner feedback.

**How the Action(s) are Designed to Address Need(s) and Why it is Provided on an LEA-wide or Schoolwide Basis**

Provide an explanation of how the action as designed will address the unique identified need(s) of the LEA's unduplicated student group(s) for whom the action is principally directed and the rationale for why the action is being provided on an LEA-wide or schoolwide basis.

- As stated above, conclusory statements that a service will help achieve an expected outcome for the goal, without an explicit connection or further explanation as to how, are not sufficient.
- Further, simply stating that an LEA has a high enrollment percentage of a specific student group or groups does not meet the increased or improved services standard because enrolling students is not the same as serving students.

**Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness**

Identify the metric(s) being used to measure the progress and effectiveness of the action(s).

**Note for COEs and Charter Schools:** In the case of COEs and charter schools, schoolwide and LEA-wide are considered to be synonymous.

**Limited Actions**

For each action being solely provided to one or more unduplicated student group(s), provide an explanation of (1) the unique identified need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) being served, (2) how the action is designed to address the identified need(s), and (3) how the effectiveness of the action in improving outcomes for the unduplicated student group(s) will be measured.

If the LEA has provided the required descriptions in the Action Descriptions, state as such.

Complete the table as follows:

**Identified Need(s)**

Provide an explanation of the unique need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) being served identified through the LEA's needs assessment. A meaningful needs assessment includes, at a minimum, analysis of applicable student achievement data and educational partner feedback.

### **How the Action(s) are Designed to Address Need(s)**

Provide an explanation of how the action is designed to address the unique identified need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) being served.

### **Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness**

Identify the metric(s) being used to measure the progress and effectiveness of the action(s).

For any limited action contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement that is associated with a Planned Percentage of Improved Services in the Contributing Summary Table rather than an expenditure of LCFF funds, describe the methodology that was used to determine the contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage, as applicable.

- For each action with an identified Planned Percentage of Improved Services, identify the goal and action number and describe the methodology that was used.
- When identifying a Planned Percentage of Improved Services, the LEA must describe the methodology that it used to determine the contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage. The percentage of improved services for an action corresponds to the amount of LCFF funding that the LEA estimates it would expend to implement the action if it were funded.
- For example, an LEA determines that there is a need to analyze data to ensure that instructional aides and expanded learning providers know what targeted supports to provide to students who are foster youth. The LEA could implement this action by hiring additional staff to collect and analyze data and to coordinate supports for students, which, based on the LEA's current pay scale, the LEA estimates would cost \$165,000. Instead, the LEA chooses to utilize a portion of existing staff time to analyze data relating to students who are foster youth. This analysis will then be shared with site principals who will use the data to coordinate services provided by instructional assistants and expanded learning providers to target support to students. In this example, the LEA would divide the estimated cost of \$165,000 by the amount of LCFF Funding identified in the Total Planned Expenditures Table and then convert the quotient to a percentage. This percentage is the Planned Percentage of Improved Services for the action.

### **Additional Concentration Grant Funding**

A description of the plan for how the additional concentration grant add-on funding identified above will be used to increase the number of staff providing direct services to students at schools that have a high concentration (above 55 percent) of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students, as applicable.

An LEA that receives the additional concentration grant add-on described in *EC* Section 42238.02 is required to demonstrate how it is using these funds to increase the number of staff who provide direct services to students at schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent as compared to the number of staff who provide direct services to students at schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is equal to or less than 55 percent. The staff who provide direct services to students must be certificated staff and/or classified staff employed by the LEA; classified staff includes custodial staff.

Provide the following descriptions, as applicable to the LEA:

- An LEA that does not receive a concentration grant or the concentration grant add-on must indicate that a response to this prompt is not applicable.
- Identify the goal and action numbers of the actions in the LCAP that the LEA is implementing to meet the requirement to increase the number of staff who provide direct services to students at schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent.
- An LEA that does not have comparison schools from which to describe how it is using the concentration grant add-on funds, such as a single-school LEA or an LEA that only has schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, must describe how it is using the funds to increase the number of credentialed staff, classified staff, or both, including custodial staff, who provide direct services to students at selected schools and the criteria used to determine which schools require additional staffing support.
- In the event that an additional concentration grant add-on is not sufficient to increase staff providing direct services to students at a school with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, the LEA must describe how it is using the funds to retain staff providing direct services to students at a school with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent.

Complete the table as follows:

- Provide the staff-to-student ratio of classified staff providing direct services to students with a concentration of unduplicated students that is 55 percent or less and the staff-to-student ratio of classified staff providing direct services to students at schools with a concentration of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, as applicable to the LEA.
  - The LEA may group its schools by grade span (Elementary, Middle/Junior High, and High Schools), as applicable to the LEA.
  - The staff-to-student ratio must be based on the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff and the number of enrolled students as counted on the first Wednesday in October of each year.
- Provide the staff-to-student ratio of certificated staff providing direct services to students at schools with a concentration of unduplicated students that is 55 percent or less and the staff-to-student ratio of certificated staff providing direct services to students at schools with a concentration of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, as applicable to the LEA.
  - The LEA may group its schools by grade span (Elementary, Middle/Junior High, and High Schools), as applicable to the LEA.
  - The staff-to-student ratio must be based on the number of FTE staff and the number of enrolled students as counted on the first Wednesday in October of each year.

## Action Tables



Complete the Total Planned Expenditures Table for each action in the LCAP. The information entered into this table will automatically populate the other Action Tables. Information is only entered into the Total Planned Expenditures Table, the Annual Update Table, the Contributing Actions Annual Update Table, and the LCFF Carryover Table. The word "input" has been added to column headers to aid in identifying the column(s) where information will be entered. Information is not entered on the remaining Action tables.

The following tables are required to be included as part of the LCAP adopted by the local governing board or governing body:

- Table 1: Total Planned Expenditures Table (for the coming LCAP Year)
- Table 2: Contributing Actions Table (for the coming LCAP Year)
- Table 3: Annual Update Table (for the current LCAP Year)
- Table 4: Contributing Actions Annual Update Table (for the current LCAP Year)
- Table 5: LCFF Carryover Table (for the current LCAP Year)

Note: The coming LCAP Year is the year that is being planned for, while the current LCAP year is the current year of implementation. For example, when developing the 2024–25 LCAP, 2024–25 will be the coming LCAP Year and 2023–24 will be the current LCAP Year.

## Total Planned Expenditures Table

In the Total Planned Expenditures Table, input the following information for each action in the LCAP for that applicable LCAP year:

- **LCAP Year:** Identify the applicable LCAP Year.
- **1. Projected LCFF Base Grant:** Provide the total amount estimated LCFF entitlement for the coming school year, excluding the supplemental and concentration grants and the add-ons for the Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant program, the former Home-to-School Transportation program, and the Small School District Transportation program, pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8). Note that the LCFF Base Grant for purposes of the LCAP also includes the Necessary Small Schools and Economic Recovery Target allowances for school districts, and County Operations Grant for COEs.  
See EC sections 2574 (for COEs) and 42238.02 (for school districts and charter schools), as applicable, for LCFF entitlement calculations.
- **2. Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants:** Provide the total amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grants estimated on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated students for the coming school year.
- **3. Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year:** This percentage will not be entered; it is calculated based on the Projected LCFF Base Grant and the Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants, pursuant to 5



CCR Section 15496(a)(8). This is the percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all students in the coming LCAP year.

- **LCFF Carryover — Percentage:** Specify the LCFF Carryover — Percentage identified in the LCFF Carryover Table from the prior LCAP year. If a carryover percentage is not identified in the LCFF Carryover Table, specify a percentage of zero (0.00%).
- **Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year:** This percentage will not be entered; it is calculated based on the Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year and the LCFF Carryover — Percentage. *This is the percentage by which the LEA must increase or improve services for unduplicated pupils as compared to the services provided to all students in the coming LCAP year.*
- **Goal #:** Enter the LCAP Goal number for the action.
- **Action #:** Enter the action's number as indicated in the LCAP Goal.
- **Action Title:** Provide a title of the action.
- **Student Group(s):** Indicate the student group or groups who will be the primary beneficiary of the action by entering "All," or by entering a specific student group or groups.
- **Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?:** Type "Yes" if the action is included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement; OR, type "No" if the action is not included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement.
- If "Yes" is entered into the Contributing column, then complete the following columns:
  - **Scope:** The scope of an action may be LEA-wide (i.e., districtwide, countywide, or charterwide), schoolwide, or limited. An action that is LEA-wide in scope upgrades the entire educational program of the LEA. An action that is schoolwide in scope upgrades the entire educational program of a single school. An action that is limited in its scope is an action that serves only one or more unduplicated student groups.
  - **Unduplicated Student Group(s):** Regardless of scope, contributing actions serve one or more unduplicated student groups. Indicate one or more unduplicated student groups for whom services are being increased or improved as compared to what all students receive.
  - **Location:** Identify the location where the action will be provided. If the action is provided to all schools within the LEA, the LEA must indicate "All Schools." If the action is provided to specific schools within the LEA or specific grade spans only, the LEA must enter "Specific Schools" or "Specific Grade Spans." Identify the individual school or a subset of schools or grade spans (e.g., all high schools or grades transitional kindergarten through grade five), as appropriate.

- **Time Span:** Enter "ongoing" if the action will be implemented for an indeterminate period of time. Otherwise, indicate the span of time for which the action will be implemented. For example, an LEA might enter "1 Year," or "2 Years," or "6 Months."
- **Total Personnel:** Enter the total amount of personnel expenditures utilized to implement this action.
- **Total Non-Personnel:** This amount will be automatically calculated based on information provided in the Total Personnel column and the Total Funds column.
- **LCFF Funds:** Enter the total amount of LCFF funds utilized to implement this action, if any. LCFF funds include all funds that make up an LEA's total LCFF target (i.e., base grant, grade span adjustment, supplemental grant, concentration grant, Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant, and Home-To-School Transportation).
  - **Note:** For an action to contribute towards meeting the increased or improved services requirement, it must include some measure of LCFF funding. The action may also include funding from other sources, however the extent to which an action contributes to meeting the increased or improved services requirement is based on the LCFF funding being used to implement the action.
- **Other State Funds:** Enter the total amount of Other State Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
  - **Note:** Equity Multiplier funds must be included in the "Other State Funds" category, not in the "LCFF Funds" category. As a reminder, Equity Multiplier funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, funding provided to Equity Multiplier schoolsites for purposes of the LCFF, the ELO-P, the LCRS, and/or the CCSSP. This means that Equity Multiplier funds must not be used to replace funding that an Equity Multiplier schoolsite would otherwise receive to implement LEA-wide actions identified in the LEA's LCAP or that an Equity Multiplier schoolsite would otherwise receive to implement provisions of the ELO-P, the LCRS, and/or the CCSSP.
- **Local Funds:** Enter the total amount of Local Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
- **Federal Funds:** Enter the total amount of Federal Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
- **Total Funds:** This amount is automatically calculated based on amounts entered in the previous four columns.
- **Planned Percentage of Improved Services:** For any action identified as contributing, being provided on a limited basis to unduplicated students, and that does not have funding associated with the action, enter the planned quality improvement anticipated for the action as a percentage rounded to the nearest hundredth (0.00%). A limited action is an action that only serves foster youth, English learners, and/or low-income students.
  - As noted in the instructions for the Increased or Improved Services section, when identifying a Planned Percentage of Improved Services, the LEA must describe the methodology that it used to determine the contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage. The percentage of improved services for an action corresponds to the amount of LCFF funding that the LEA estimates it would expend to implement the action if it were funded.

For example, an LEA determines that there is a need to analyze data to ensure that instructional aides and expanded learning providers know what targeted supports to provide to students who are foster youth. The LEA could implement this action by hiring additional staff to collect and analyze data and to coordinate supports for students, which, based on the LEA's current pay scale, the LEA estimates would cost \$165,000. Instead, the LEA chooses to utilize a portion of existing staff time to analyze data relating to students who are foster youth. This analysis will then be shared with site principals who will use the data to coordinate services provided by instructional assistants and expanded learning providers to target support to students. In this example, the LEA would divide the estimated cost of \$165,000 by the amount of LCFF Funding identified in the Data Entry Table and then convert the quotient to a percentage. This percentage is the Planned Percentage of Improved Services for the action.

## Contributing Actions Table

As noted above, information will not be entered in the Contributing Actions Table; however, the 'Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?' column will need to be checked to ensure that only actions with a "Yes" are displaying. If actions with a "No" are displayed or if actions that are contributing are not displaying in the column, use the drop-down menu in the column header to filter only the "Yes" responses.

## Annual Update Table

In the Annual Update Table, provide the following information for each action in the LCAP for the relevant LCAP year:

- **Estimated Actual Expenditures:** Enter the total estimated actual expenditures to implement this action, if any.

## Contributing Actions Annual Update Table

In the Contributing Actions Annual Update Table, check the 'Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?' column to ensure that only actions with a "Yes" are displaying. If actions with a "No" are displayed or if actions that are contributing are not displaying in the column, use the drop-down menu in the column header to filter only the "Yes" responses. Provide the following information for each contributing action in the LCAP for the relevant LCAP year:

- **6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants:** Provide the total amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grants estimated based on the number and concentration of unduplicated students in the current school year.
- **Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions:** Enter the total estimated actual expenditure of LCFF funds used to implement this action, if any.
- **Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services:** For any action identified as contributing, being provided on a limited basis only to unduplicated students, and that does not have funding associated with the action, enter the total estimated actual quality improvement anticipated for the action as a percentage rounded to the nearest hundredth (0.00%).
  - Building on the example provided above for calculating the Planned Percentage of Improved Services, the LEA in the example implements the action. As part of the annual update process, the LEA reviews implementation and student outcome data and



determines that the action was implemented with fidelity and that outcomes for foster youth students improved. The LEA reviews the original estimated cost for the action and determines that had it hired additional staff to collect and analyze data and to coordinate supports for students that estimated actual cost would have been \$169,500 due to a cost of living adjustment. The LEA would divide the estimated actual cost of \$169,500 by the amount of LCFF Funding identified in the Data Entry Table and then convert the quotient to a percentage. This percentage is the Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services for the action.

## LCFF Carryover Table

- **9. Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant:** Provide the total amount of estimated LCFF Target Entitlement for the current school year, excluding the supplemental and concentration grants and the add-ons for the Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant program, the former Home-to-School Transportation program, and the Small School District Transportation program, pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8). Note that the LCFF Base Grant for purposes of the LCAP also includes the Necessary Small Schools and Economic Recovery Target allowances for school districts, and County Operations Grant for COEs. See EC sections 2574 (for COEs) and 42238.02 (for school districts and charter schools), as applicable, for LCFF entitlement calculations.
- **10. Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Current School Year:** This percentage will not be entered. The percentage is calculated based on the amounts of the Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (9) and the Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (6), pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8), plus the LCFF Carryover – Percentage from the prior year. This is the percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all students in the current LCAP year.

## Calculations in the Action Tables

To reduce the duplication of effort of LEAs, the Action Tables include functionality such as pre-population of fields and cells based on the information provided in the Data Entry Table, the Annual Update Summary Table, and the Contributing Actions Table. For transparency, the functionality and calculations used are provided below.

### Contributing Actions Table

- **4. Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)**
  - This amount is the total of the Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds) column.
- **5. Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services**
  - This percentage is the total of the Planned Percentage of Improved Services column.
- **Planned Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the coming school year (4 divided by 1, plus 5)**
  - This percentage is calculated by dividing the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4) by the Projected LCFF Base Grant (1), converting the quotient to a percentage, and adding it to the Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (5).



## ***Contributing Actions Annual Update Table***

Pursuant to EC Section 42238.07(c)(2), if the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4) is less than the Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and Concentration Grants (6), the LEA is required to calculate the difference between the Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (5) and the Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (7). If the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4) is equal to or greater than the Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and Concentration Grants (6), the Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services will display "Not Required."

- **6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and Concentration Grants**
  - This is the total amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grants the LEA estimates it will actually receive based on of the number and concentration of unduplicated students in the current school year.
- **4. Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)**
  - This amount is the total of the Last Year's Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds).
- **7. Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions**
  - This amount is the total of the Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds).
- **Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (Subtract 7 from 4)**
  - This amount is the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (7) subtracted from the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4).
- **5. Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (%)**
  - This amount is the total of the Planned Percentage of Improved Services column.
- **8. Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (%)**
  - This amount is the total of the Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services column.
- **Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (Subtract 5 from 8)**
  - This amount is the Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (5) subtracted from the Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (8).

## ***LCFF Carryover Table***

- **10. Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Current School Year (6 divided by 9 plus Carryover %)**

- This percentage is the Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (6) divided by the Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (9) plus the LCFF Carryover – Percentage from the prior year.
- **11. Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (7 divided by 9, plus 8)**
  - This percentage is the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (7) divided by the LCFF Funding (9), then converting the quotient to a percentage and adding the Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (8).
- **12. LCFF Carryover — Dollar Amount LCFF Carryover (Subtract 11 from 10 and multiply by 9)**
  - If the Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (11) is less than the Estimated Actual Percentage to Increase or Improve Services (10), the LEA is required to carry over LCFF funds.  
The amount of LCFF funds is calculated by subtracting the Estimated Actual Percentage to Increase or Improve Services (11) from the Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (10) and then multiplying by the Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (9). This amount is the amount of LCFF funds that is required to be carried over to the coming year.
- **13. LCFF Carryover — Percentage (12 divided by 9)**
  - This percentage is the unmet portion of the Percentage to Increase or Improve Services that the LEA must carry over into the coming LCAP year. The percentage is calculated by dividing the LCFF Carryover (12) by the LCFF Funding (9).

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Report to the Kern County Office of Education Board of Trustees  
Progress Report on Local Indicators  
June 6, 2024

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) identifies ten state priorities for county offices of education. Five priorities are monitored by the state and seven priorities are monitored through "local indicators," with two of the priorities overlapping. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to report local indicator progress to their governing boards and upload results to the California School Dashboard.

The local indicators include:

- **Priority 1:** Basic Services
- **Priority 2:** Implementation of State Standards
- **Priority 3:** Parent Involvement and Family Engagement
- **Priority 6:** School Climate (also monitored by the state)
- **Priority 7:** Course Access (also monitored by the state)
- **Priority 9:** Coordination of Services for Expelled Youth
- **Priority 10:** Coordination of Services for Foster Youth

For each of the local indicators, LEAs must utilize self-reflection tools to describe progress and assess whether the standard has been Met, Not Met, or Not Met for Two or More Years. Selecting "Met" indicates the task has been completed and the results have been reported to the governing board at a regularly scheduled meeting and to educational partners through the California School Dashboard.

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**Priority 1: Basic Services – MET**

- Number/percentage of misassignments of teachers of English Learners, total teacher misassignments, and vacant teacher positions: 0
- Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at school and at home: 0
- Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the "good repair" standards (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies): 0

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**Priority 2: Implementation of State Academic Standards – MET**

The Alternative Education administrative team used the Priority 2 Self-Reflection Tool to rate progress in each of the following areas:

**Progress in providing professional learning for teaching to the recently adopted academic standards and/or curriculum frameworks identified below.**

1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

Content Area	1	2	3	4	5
ELA – CCSS for ELA				X	
ELD (Aligned to ELA)				X	

Math – CCSS for Math					X
Next Generation Science Standards				X	
History Social Science				X	

**Progress in making instructional materials that are aligned to the recently adopted academic standards and/or curriculum frameworks identified below available in all classrooms where the subject is taught.**

1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

Content Area	1	2	3	4	5
ELA – CCSS for ELA					X
ELD (Aligned to ELA)				X	
Math – CCSS for Math					X
Next Generation Science Standards					X
History Social Science					X

**Progress in implementing policies or programs to support staff in identifying areas where they can improve in delivering instruction aligned to the recently adopted academic standards and/or curriculum frameworks identified below (e.g., collaborative time, focused classroom walkthroughs, teacher pairing).**

1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

Content Area	1	2	3	4	5
ELA – CCSS for ELA			X		
ELD (Aligned to ELA)			X		
Math – CCSS for Math			X		
Next Generation Science Standards			X		
History Social Science			X		

**Progress implementing each of the following academic standards adopted by the State Board of Education for all students.**

1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

Content Area	1	2	3	4	5
Career Technical Education				X	
Health Education Content Standards			X		
Phys. Ed. Model Content Standards			X		
Visual and Performing Arts		X			
World Language		X			



**Success at engaging in the following activities with teachers and school administrators during the prior school year, including the summer preceding the prior school year.**

1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

Content Area	1	2	3	4	5
Identifying the professional learning needs of groups of teachers or staff as a whole					X
Identifying the professional learning needs of individual teachers					X
Providing support for teachers on the standards they have not yet mastered				X	

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**Priority 3: Parent Involvement and Family Engagement – MET**

The Court and Community School Site Councils, which consist of staff, students, and parent/community members, completed the self-reflection tool related to Priority 3. The data reviewed to determine ratings included parent/guardian responses on the 2024 LCAP Survey, parent/guardian attendance at Back to School Night and Town Hall events, and parent/guardian participation in Parent Project and other offered trainings.

1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

Building Relationships	1	2	3	4	5
Rate the program’s success in developing the capacity of staff (administrators, teachers, and classified staff) to build trusting and respectful relationships with families.				X	
Rate the program’s progress in creating welcoming environments for all families in the community.					X
Rate the program’s progress in supporting staff to learn about each family’s strengths, cultures, languages, and goals for their children.			X		
Rate the program’s progress in developing multiple opportunities for the program to engage in two-way communication between families and educators using language that is understandable and accessible to families.					X

**Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the program’s current strengths and progress in Building Relationships Between School Staff and Families.**

The Alternative Education program believes that building relationships with students and their families is the foundation for students’ educational success. Program staff regularly connect with parents/guardians through phone calls and strive to make families feel welcome during each visit to campus. Due to short enrollment periods in Community School, creating long-term and lasting relationships with families can be challenging. Court School restrictions typically limit access to parents/guardians outside of events such as Back to School Night and various meetings.

**Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the program’s focus area(s) for improvement in Building Relationships Between School Staff and Families.**

The Alternative Education program is committed to continuing to foster positive relationships with families through regular communication and invitations to school events. A continued focus in this area is securing parents/guardians to participate in various advisory committee meetings, including Court and Community School Site Councils and Court and Community English Learner Advisory Committees. As part of the California Community Schools Partnership Program, the Outreach and Engagement Facilitator leads much of the work in establishing positive relationships between the school and families.

**Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe how the program will improve engagement of underrepresented families identified during the self-reflection process in relation to Building Relationships Between School Staff and Families.**

As mentioned in a previous prompt, due to the short enrollment periods of students and the lack of ability to engage with most Court School parents/guardians, securing parent/guardian involvement in the Alternative Education program is a challenge. With services provided through the California Community Schools Partnership Program, a program goal is to increase and improve the engagement of all families, including those that are underrepresented.

<b>Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Rate the program’s progress in providing professional learning and support to teachers and principals to improve a school’s capacity to partner with families.				X	
Rate the program’s progress in providing families with information and resources to support student learning and development in the home.			X		
Rate the program’s progress in implementing policies or programs for teachers to meet with families and students to discuss student progress and ways to work together to support improved student outcomes.				X	
Rate the program’s progress in supporting families to understand and exercise their legal rights and advocate for their own students and all students.				X	

**Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the program’s current strengths and progress in Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes.**

According to the 2024 LCAP survey, 91.6% of parents/guardians who participated in the survey agreed with the statement, “My school values parents/guardians as important partners in their student’s education.” Each Community School site has an open-door policy related to meeting with parents/guardians to discuss student progress and determine ways to work together to support student success, both behaviorally and academically. Administrators schedule meetings with the families of students who are struggling in order to determine any barriers to success and what the school can do to support the student and their family.

**Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the program’s focus area(s) for improvement in Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes.**

Through the California Community Schools Partnership Program, the Alternative Education program supports staff in their efforts to partner with parents/guardians to improve the social emotional and academic well-being of their children. Through surveys, focus groups, and parent workshops, the

program determines what parents/ guardians indicate is needed for them to appropriately support their children academically.

**Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe how the program will improve engagement of underrepresented families identified during the self-reflection process in relation to Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes.**

The Alternative Education program will continue to build on the work that is already in place to ensure that the program is building partnerships to benefit student outcomes, including with those families that are considered underrepresented. These measures include invitations to all school events and communication through Parent Portal and School Messenger. In addition, the positive impacts of participating in the California Community Schools Partnership Program will further support these efforts.

<b>Seeking Input for Decision Making</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Rate the program's progress in building the capacity of and supporting principals and staff to effectively engage families in advisory groups with decision making.			X		
Rate the program's progress in building capacity of and supporting family members to effectively engage in advisory groups and decision making.				X	
Rate the program's progress in providing all families with opportunities to provide input on policies and programs, and implementing strategies to reach and seek input from any underrepresented groups in the school community.				X	
Rate the program's progress in providing opportunities to have families, teachers, principals, and district administrators work together to plan, design, implement, and evaluate family engagement activities at school and district levels.			X		

**Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the program's current strengths and progress in Seeking Input for Decision Making.**

The Alternative Education program encourages parents/guardians to participate in committees in order to help the program make decisions that impact students. The program actively recruits parents/guardians to participate in the Court and Community School Site Councils and the Court and Community English Learner Advisory Committees. Parents/guardians are invited to attend annual Town Hall meetings where the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) survey is made available for parents/guardians to provide input. Parents/guardians of students who receive Special Education services are invited to attend and actively participate in all IEP meetings. Results from the 2024 LCAP survey indicate that 87.2% of parents/guardians surveyed agreed with the statement, "My school actively seeks parent/guardian input into decisions related to their student's education through surveys, IEP meetings, parent conferences, etc." The high turnover rate in both Court and Community Schools makes it challenging to have continuous parent/guardian involvement.

**Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the program's focus area (s) for improvement in Seeking Input for Decision Making.**

Through parent/guardian conferences, IEP meetings, School Site Council meetings, and school-based events, the Alternative Education program intends to continue to encourage parents/guardians to become involved in the decision-making process for their child's school. The outreach that takes place through the California Community Schools Partnership Program also supports these efforts.

**Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe how the program will improve engagement of underrepresented families identified during the self-reflection process in relation to Seeking Input for Decision Making.**

All actions the Alternative Education program takes to improve parent/guardian engagement will include the engagement of underrepresented families. Due to the program's highly transient population and the limited access the program has to Court School parents/guardians, ensuring parents/guardians understand the critical importance of their involvement in decision making can be challenging. However, the program will continue to make every effort to involve parents/guardians in the schools' decision-making processes.

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**Priority 6: School Climate – MET**

*LEAs will provide a narrative summary of the local administration as analysis of a local climate survey that captures a valid measure of student perceptions of school safety and connectedness in at least one grade span (e.g., K-5, 6-8, 9-12). This summary may also include an analysis of a subset of specific items on a local survey that are particularly relevant to school safety and connectedness.*

The Alternative Education program annually administers the LCAP survey in order to capture students' sense of school safety and connectedness.

Results from the 2024 LCAP survey:

- 70.92% of students believe their school provides students with a safe place to learn, with an additional 17.35% being undecided.
- 62.00% of students indicated the staff at their school site cares about them, with 22.80% being undecided.
- 72.49% of students reported there is at least one adult at their school with whom they have a positive connection/relationship, with 13.16% being undecided.
- 49.74% of students indicated they look forward to attending school each day, with 23.47% being undecided.

When compared to the 2023 LCAP survey, the 2024 LCAP survey shows similar results for questions related to school culture and climate. Over the last several years, the Alternative Education program has made great progress in its MTSS implementation. Staff have been trained in Trauma Informed Skills for Educators (TISE) and Restorative Practices. MTSS site leadership teams receive ongoing coaching in this area. Both Court and Community Schools received CA MTSS grants to support this ongoing work. Under the direction of the MTSS Program Specialist, the Alternative Education program will continue to make MTSS a focus in order to support the social emotional needs of students and create a positive school culture and climate.

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**Priority 7: Course Access – MET**

*LEAs provide a narrative summary of the extent to which all students have access to and are enrolled in a broad course of study by addressing, at a minimum, the four following prompts:*



**Briefly identify the locally selected measures or tools that the LEA is using to track the extent to which all students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study, based on grade spans, unduplicated student groups, and individuals with exceptional needs served.**

The Alternative Education program utilizes Aeries as its student management system. Aeries allows for the program to track which courses students are enrolled in, what classes they have received academic credit for, and what specific services students qualify for, such as English learner supports or Special Education services. Students are assigned courses and curriculum based on grade level and credit needs in addition to any specific services for which they may qualify.

**Using the locally selected measures or tools, summarize the extent to which all students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study. The summary should identify any differences across school sites and student groups in access to, and enrollment in, a broad course of study. LEAs may describe progress over time in the extent to which all students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study.**

Any student who is enrolled in the Alternative Education program participates in a broad course of study. In addition, students at any school site earn academic credit in a variety of courses utilizing *Edmentum*, the program's online curriculum, which offers CTE and a-g approved courses. The program currently offers the following CTE programs and pathways:

- Culinary Bootcamps
- Gardens and Hydroponics
- Construction Classes
- EV Automotive
- Welding
- HVAC Trades Workshops
- Automotive

In addition, students can participate in the JobsPlus! work-based learning program.

Students who are English learners receive integrated and designated ELD instruction during the course of the school day. Reclassified students are monitored biannually to ensure correct classification, placement, and additional support, if needed. Students who receive Special Education services receive support from a Special Education teacher and paraprofessional to help meet the goals identified in their IEPs.

**Given the results of the tool or locally selected measures, identify the barriers preventing the LEA from providing access to a broad course of study for all students.**

Through Common Core State Standards-aligned curriculum, which includes a-g approved courses and various CTE courses, students have access to several options to help meet their individual educational needs. The program ensures that while enrolled in the Alternative Education program, students are utilizing curriculum that aligns to their grade level and credit needs. A challenge the program faces in this area is the short enrollment periods in both Court and Community Schools, which can hinder students from being able to take advantage of the full scope of educational options the program has to offer.

**In response to the results of the tool or locally selected measures, what revisions, decisions, or new actions will the LEA implement, or has the LEA implemented, to ensure a broad course of study for all students?**

Through *Edmentum*, all students have access to standards-aligned curriculum that is updated annually. The Alternative Education program utilizes *RULER* curriculum to support the social emotional needs of students. Additional CTE pathway programs have been proposed for implementation in the coming years, pending approval of grant funding.

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**Priority 9: Coordination of Services for Expelled Students – MET**

Assess the degree of implementation of the progress in coordinating instruction for expelled youth in your county.

1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

	1	2	3	4	5
Assessing status of triennial plan for providing educational services to all expelled students in the county, including: a) Review of required data.					X
b) Identifying existing educational alternatives for expelled pupils, gaps in educational services to expelled pupils, and strategies for filling those service gaps.					X
c) Identifying alternative placements for pupils who are expelled and placed in district community day school programs, but who fail to meet the terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan or who pose a danger to other district pupils.					X
Coordinating on development and implementation of triennial plan with all local educational agencies within the county.					X
Establishing ongoing collaboration and policy development for transparent referral process for local educational agencies within the county to the county office of education or other program options, including dissemination to all local educational agencies within the county a menu of available continuum of services for expelled students.					X
Developing memorandum of understanding regarding the coordination of partial credit polices between district of residence and county office of education.		X			

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**Priority 10: Coordination of Services for Foster Youth – MET**

Assess the degree of implementation of the progress in coordinating instruction for foster youth in your county.

1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

	1	2	3	4	5
Establishing ongoing collaboration and supporting policy development, including establishing formalized information sharing agreements with child welfare, probation, location educational agencies, the courts, and other organizations to support determining the proper educational placement of foster youth (e.g. school of origin versus current residence, comprehensive versus alternative school, and regular versus special education).					X
Building capacity with local education agency, probation, child welfare, and other organizations for purposes of implementing school-based support infrastructure for foster youth intended to improve educational outcomes (e.g., provide regular professional development with the Foster Youth Liaisons to facilitate adequate transportation services for foster youth.)					X
Providing information and assistance to local educational agencies regarding the educational needs of foster youth in order to improve educational outcomes.					X
Providing direct educational services for foster youth in location educational agency or county-operated programs provided the school district has certified that specified services cannot be provided or funded using other sources including, but not limited to, Local Control Funding Formula and federal, state, or local funding.					X
Establishing ongoing collaboration and supporting development of policies and procedures that facilitate expeditious transfer of records, transcripts, and other relevant educational information.					X
Facilitating the coordination of post-secondary opportunities for youth by engaging with systems partners including, but not limited to, child welfare transition planning and independent living services, community colleges or universities, career technical education, and workforce development providers.					X
Developing strategies to prioritize the needs of foster youth in the community using community-wide assessments that consider age group, geographical area, and identification of highest needs students based on academic needs and placement type.					X
Engaging in the process of reviewing plan deliverables and of collecting and analyzing local educational agency and county office of education level outcome data for purposes of evaluation effectiveness of support services for foster youth and whether the investment in services contributes to improved educational outcomes for foster youth.					X



**Kern County Plan for Providing  
Educational Services to Expelled Students**

**July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027**

**Approved by the  
Kern County Board of Education  
June 6, 2024**

**John G. Mendiburu, Ed.D.  
Kern County Superintendent of Schools**



**Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Students  
between the Kern County Superintendent of Schools  
and the following Kern County School Districts**

Arvin Union	Maricopa Unified
Bakersfield City	McFarland Unified
Beardsley	McKittrick
Blake	Midway
Buttonwillow Union	Mojave Unified
Caliente Union	Muroc Joint Unified
Delano Joint Union	Norris
Delano Union Elementary	Panama-Buena Vista
Di Giorgio	Pond
Edison	Richland
El Tejon Unified	Rio Bravo-Greeley Union
Elk Hills	Rosedale Union
Fairfax	Semitropic
Fruitvale	Sierra Sands
General Shafter	Southern Kern
Greenfield Union	South Fork Union
Kern High	Standard
Kernville Union	Taft City
Lakeside Union	Taft Union
Lamont	Tehachapi
Linns Valley-Poso Flat Union	Vineland
Lost Hills Union	Wasco Joint Union
Maple	Wasco Union

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## Overview

The Kern County Superintendent of Schools, in conjunction with school districts in Kern County, developed the Countywide Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Students pursuant to Education Code 48926. The plan was adopted by the governing board of each school district and the County Board of Education.

The plan enumerates existing educational alternatives for expelled students, identifies gaps in educational services to expelled students, and strategies for filling those gaps. The plan also identifies alternative placements for students who are expelled and placed in district Community Day School programs, but who fail to meet the terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan or who pose a danger to other district students, as determined by the governing board.

Pursuant to Education Code 48926, each county superintendent of schools, in conjunction with the superintendents of the local school districts, shall submit a triennial update to the plan to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by June 30th. Collaborating on the triennial update provides all districts and the county office an opportunity to review the current status of its educational offerings for this targeted population.

Kern County school district governing boards will refer each expelled student to an appropriate educational placement for the period of expulsion. The educational placement will be determined on an individual basis by the school district's governing board based on the seriousness of the offense, the available educational alternatives, the individual needs of students, and any other related factors.

County level alternatives for expelled students remain available to all expelled students unless such placement is determined not to be the most appropriate placement in the least restrictive environment for a student with disabilities. District-level alternatives for expelled students, if district-level alternatives exist, will vary from one district to the next, depending on the characteristics of that district.

The approval of the Kern County Board of Education and submission of the plan to the Superintendent of Public Instruction prior to June 30, 2024, shall satisfy requirements associated with the Countywide Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Students. In addition, this plan shall be posted on the Kern County Superintendent of Schools website ([www.kern.org](http://www.kern.org)) and distributed to every district superintendent in Kern County prior to the 2024-2025 school year.

## **Current Educational Alternatives Available for Expelled Students and Strategies for Improvement During the Next Three Years**

### District Level Educational Alternatives

The governing board of each school district will determine which educational alternatives are appropriate and available. Educational alternatives offered at the district level include the following:

- Suspension of expulsion
- Referral to county Community School
- Expulsion held in abeyance with Independent Study
- District Continuation or Opportunity Schools
- District Independent Study program
- Alternative to expulsion classroom
- District operated Community Day School
- Formal Restorative Justice conference
- Parental request to transfer schools
- Parental request to attend a charter school

### County Level Educational Alternatives

The mission of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Alternative Education program is to meet the unique educational, social, and emotional needs of our diverse student population in a safe and nurturing environment to encourage students to develop an enthusiasm for lifelong learning and pursue post-high school opportunities. Alternative Education is a student-centered option that supports and embraces the varying needs of students by providing an alternative method of delivering instruction and monitoring academic success. Rigorous curricula, intervention programs, career exploration, industry recognized certifications, and safe environments are characteristics of the Alternative Education program. Collaboration with partner agencies and school districts is integral to providing available resources to the students of Kern County.

Kern County Superintendent of Schools provides educational alternatives to expelled students through its Community School. Kern County students who have been expelled from district programs may be referred to the county operated Community School when the district board of education determines this to be the most appropriate placement. In order to refer a student to the county operated Community School program, a referral must be completed by the student's referring school district or agency. The most current Community School Referral can be found at <https://kern.org/alted/documents/>. Mandatory information on the referral or to accompany the referral includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Reason for expulsion with relevant paperwork, including any stipulated expulsion or suspended enforcement agreements
- Attendance records from the current school year and previous school year
- Discipline records from the current school year and previous school year
- Information regarding the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan with relevant paperwork including, but not limited to, the current IEP or Section 504 plan, all assessment reports for assessments conducted over the past three years, progress reports for the past year, and all manifestation determination documentation related to the incident that is resulting in the referral to the county operated Community School program.
- The date on which the student will be eligible to return to the district of residence.

Referring districts are responsible for completing all sections of the Community School Referral, including parent/guardian and student signatures. Incomplete referrals will not be accepted.

#### County Level Educational Alternatives for Students with Disabilities

The spectrum of needs of students with disabilities are vast. To address this issue, students with an IEP that are referred to the county operated Community School program go through a thorough review to ensure that placement in the program is the most appropriate placement in the least restrictive environment and will meet the unique identified needs of each student. The review process also ensures that all procedural safeguards have been met regarding the discipline of students with disabilities including, but not limited to, a procedurally and substantively appropriate manifestation determination meeting.

Students with disabilities may be referred to the county operated Community School program when the referring district or agency has complied with all legal requirements regarding the education of students with disabilities. This includes meeting all procedural timelines regarding annual and triennial reviews and assessments.

An IEP meeting is held within the first 30 days of enrollment in the county operated Community School program to which a representative from the referring district can be in attendance. In most cases, the Community School is able to meet the needs of students with disabilities. In those rare cases in which the IEP team determines that the student's needs would best be met in another placement, the IEP team will collaborate with the referring district to identify such placement to ensure a meaningful opportunity to progress in the student's IEP goals as well as access and progress in the general education curriculum, as appropriate. The county operated Community School program employs a Special Education Director to oversee and monitor the daily operations of Special Education supports and services to ensure each student's IEP needs continue to be met during their transition to and from the county operated Community School programs.

The county operated Community School may not be the most appropriate placement in the least restrictive environment for some students with disabilities, even if they are expelled from their district. Some students may continue to require intensive services as provided by their district of residence due to the severity of their disability. In such cases, it is the programmatic and fiscal responsibility of the district of residence to continue to provide the intensive services and support. If placement is appropriate for the student with disabilities, but additional services and support, including transportation, are needed for student success, it will be the responsibility of the district of special education accountability.

#### County Operated Community Schools

County level educational alternatives are available at the following Community School sites:

##### **Community Learning Center – CLC Tech**

300 E. Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93305  
Phone: (661) 852-5600  
Fax: (661) 852-5696

##### **Lake Isabella Community School**

6504 Lake Isabella Boulevard  
Lake Isabella, CA 93240  
Phone: (661) 824-3111  
Fax: (661) 546-8789

##### **Community Learning Center - CLC**

330 E. Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93305

##### **North Kern Community School**

1915 Cecil Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93215



Phone: (661) 852-5500

Fax: (661) 324-0922

**East Kern Community School**

15926 K Street

Mojave, CA 93501

Phone: (661) 824-3111

Fax: (661) 546-8789

Phone: (661) 721-2130

Fax: (661) 721-8618

**West Kern Community School**

301 North Street

Taft, CA 93268

Phone: (661) 763-3612

Fax: (661) 763-3648

District Reported Best Practices of Behavioral Intervention Approaches and Options Used to Minimize the Number of Suspensions Leading to Expulsion, Expulsion Orders, and Support for Students Returning from Expulsion

- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Restorative practices
- Alternatives to suspension
- Independent Studies program
- Check In Check Out
- Parent partnerships
- Parent volunteers
- Behavior Specialist
- Intervention Specialist
- School Social Worker
- In School Intervention
- Student Study Teams
- Trauma informed classrooms
- Professional development
- Social skills groups
- Skill based instruction
- Behavior Intervention/Support Plans
- Student incentives
- Schoolwide engagement activities
- Mentoring services
- Counseling services
- Relationship building
- Universal screening of students' social emotional health
- Recognition awards
- Field trip rewards
- Community support
- Substance abuse counseling
- Boys to Men program
- Additional staffing
- Student Affairs Specialist
- Behavior contracts
- Success plans

For students with an IEP or 504 plan, the following can be implemented in addition to the behavior interventions listed above:

- Completion of a Functional Behavior Analysis and implementation of Behavior Intervention Plans
- Employ Behavior Staff to support behavior interventions
- Make appropriate referrals to Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS)

#### How Best Practices Relate to Disproportionate Minority Representation in Expulsion Data

Kern County enrollment data during the 2022-23 school year as reported by the California Department of Education indicates students are 68.0% Hispanic, 19.5% White, and 5.1% African American. Best practices include evidence-based intervention strategies and, through the divisions of Instructional Support and School Wellness, training is provided geared toward educating instructional staff on cultural and socio-economic factors that impact minority students. Districts provide their boards with an analysis of disaggregated data to be reviewed on an annual basis and all possible options are explored for a student prior to recommending expulsion.

#### **Gaps in Educational Services**

##### Service Gaps Identified in the 2021-2024 Plan

###### 1. Geographic Area, District Size, and Rural Challenges

Kern County encompasses nearly 8,200 square miles. The average district enrollment in Kern County is approximately one third the state average. The large geographic area, smaller district size, and rural characteristics of the county continue to make it operationally and financially challenging to offer the range of alternatives often found in larger urban districts. The strategy for addressing this problem is to maintain a county operated Community School program that is committed to providing educational services to all 46 school districts in the county. Kern County Superintendent of Schools will continue to collaborate with referring districts to best determine how to serve all students in need of a county operated Community School setting.

###### 2. Transportation

County operated Community School programs do not receive funding for transportation. Geographic obstacles continue to be a concern for referring districts and the county operated Community School program. Strategies for addressing this problem continue to include school sites strategically located around the county to serve the highest number of students possible. Kern County Superintendent of Schools operates Community School sites in Bakersfield, Delano, Lake Isabella, Mojave, and Taft. When families communicate they are experiencing a short-term transportation barrier, the county operated Community School program will continue to temporarily provide public transportation passes.

###### 3. Lack of Social Emotional Education

The Alternative Education program has made the social emotional well being of students a priority. Staff have been trained in Trauma Informed Skills for Educators (TISE) and continue to receive training related to trauma informed practices. Training has also been provided in the areas of Restorative Justice Practices and de-escalation techniques. The program employs a MTSS Program Specialist to lead MTSS efforts, which includes school site MTSS leadership teams. The program employs six School Social Workers, four of which support county operated Community Schools, and contracts yearly for additional support through AmeriCorps mentors. For the past several years, Alternative Education has used RULER as its social emotional curriculum. On the 2023 LCAP survey,

83.3% of Community School students agreed with the statement, "The social emotional skills that I'm learning at school have been helpful," with 10.6% of students disagreeing and 6.1% of students being undecided.

#### Identified Gaps in Educational Services to Expelled Students and Strategies for Supporting Gaps in the 2024-2027 Plan

##### 1. Geographic Area, District Size, and Rural Challenges

Due to the size of Kern County, the number of small districts, and the rural characteristics of the county, it is challenging to offer educational alternatives that are compatible for all districts. Small school districts often lack the funding and space to operate their own community day programs and, therefore, must rely on the county operated Community School program.

Strategies for supporting this gap:

- Utilizing charter schools
- Smaller districts to form collaborative for alternative educational services

##### 2. Transportation

Given the absence of transportation funding and the size of the county, it is not feasible for the county operated Community School program to provide transportation for students to and from school. The county operated Community School program provides students with public transportation passes when a parent/guardian expresses a need.

Strategies for supporting this gap:

- Utilizing charter schools
- Providing public transportation passes

#### **Alternative Placements for Students Who Fail to Meet the Terms of Rehabilitation Plan in District Community Day School Placements**

The Community School program operated by Kern County Superintendent of Schools maintains a standing policy of accepting all students who have been expelled from their district of residence unless such placement is determined not to be the most appropriate placement for a student with a disability. If an initial placement is made to a district operated community day school and the student commits an expulsion offense or otherwise fails to meet the terms of the rehabilitation plan or program, the school district board of education will review the plan of rehabilitation that was established at the time of expulsion and make any necessary adjustments. If there is no educational alternative in the school district, the student may be referred to the county operated Community School program.

#### **Coordinated Efforts Between School Districts and Kern County Superintendent of Schools**

In Kern County, discussions between district and county office staff related to educational services for expelled students happen on an ongoing basis for the entire three-year period between triennial updates of this plan. The topics of these discussions include district and county offerings, progress in addressing the needs of students, and ongoing or emerging gaps in services. The topics of these discussions have been integrated into the structure of the current revision of the Countywide Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Students. On February 7, 2024, the triennial update process was reviewed with the superintendents of Kern County districts at the monthly Superintendent's Meeting. Superintendents were also provided a survey designed for their input on the key components required in the plan. On February 16, 2024, an optional meeting was offered for superintendents/designees to review information gathered from the survey. The updated plan was shared with superintendents of Kern County districts. The language contained in the 2024-2027 triennial update represents the coordinated effort of the county superintendent, in conjunction with the

superintendents of the school districts in Kern County. This document was taken to the Kern County Superintendent of Schools on June 6, 2024, for approval.



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**Alternative Education  
2023-24 Community School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)  
Annual Evaluation**

**Goal 1: All students will demonstrate growth in their social and emotional development.**

Metric	Expected Outcome	Actual Outcome	Growth Target Met
School attendance data, as measured by Aeries	81.7%	As of 5/1/24 84.2%	Yes
Percentage of Community School students who agree with the statement, "My school provides students with a safe place to learn," as measured by the LCAP survey	Agree: 83.1%	Agree: 75.8% Disagree: 5.7% Undecided: 18.5%	No
Percentage of Community School students who agree with the statement, "The staff at this school cares about me," as measured by the LCAP survey	Agree: 78.7%	Agree: 69.1% Disagree: 9.9% Undecided: 21.0%	No
Percentage of Community School students who agree with the statement, "There is at least one adult at my school with whom I have a positive connection/relationship," as measured by the LCAP survey	Agree: 74.4%	Agree: 72.0% Disagree: 11.6% Undecided: 16.4%	No
Percentage of Community School students who agree with the statement, "Students look forward to attending school each day," as measured by the LCAP survey	Agree: 46.1%	Agree: 48.8% Disagree: 25.6% Undecided: 25.6%	Yes
Percentage of Community School students who agree with the statement, "The social emotional skills that I'm learning at school have been helpful," as measured by the LCAP survey	Agree: 85.3%	Agree: 82.1% Disagree: 5.3% Undecided: 12.6%	No

**Goal 1 Actions**

School Social Workers will consult and collaborate with school personnel to promote a school environment responsive to the needs of students; provide counseling and supports; provide crisis intervention and risk/threat assessments; and identify and develop programs and activities to address situations adversely affecting the personal, socio-emotional, and academic development of the students. (Title I, Part A)

- This action was fully implemented.

The MTSS Program Specialist will provide training and technical assistance to Court School staff and students in order to develop and maintain MTSS systems throughout the program. (Title I, Part A)

- This action was fully implemented.

The Community School Grant Outreach and Engagement Facilitator will provide support to the California Community Schools Partnership Program by building the capacity of staff and partnering with stakeholders to increase outreach and engagement in support of students. (CSI Funds)

- This action was fully implemented.

**Analysis**

**Describe the overall implementation of the strategies/activities and the overall effectiveness of the strategies/activities to achieve the articulated goal.**

The action items in Goal 1 of the Community School Plan for Student Achievement were implemented and effective. School Social Workers provided social emotional supports to students and families. The MTSS Program Specialist worked with school sites to continue to strengthen their MTSS teams and implement MTSS practices. These teams reflected on aggregated data, reviewed school-wide trends, problem-solved around tiered supports, monitored student progress, and addressed student needs. The Outreach and Engagement Facilitator supported the California Community Schools Partnership Program by collaborating with community partners to support students and families.

**Briefly describe any major differences between the intended implementation and/or the budgeted expenditures to implement the strategies/activities to meet the articulated goal.**

The action items in Goal 1 were implemented as planned. Due to higher than anticipated salary and benefit costs, Title I expenditures in Goal 1 were approximately \$7,500 higher than expected.

**Describe any changes that will be made to this goal, the annual outcomes, metrics, or strategies/activities to achieve this goal as a result of this analysis. Identify where those changes can be found in the SPSA.**

The metrics and action items associated with Goal 1 support students' social emotional well-being by measuring data related to attendance, school safety, and a positive school culture and climate. The Alternative Education program intends to continue with the same goal, metrics, and action items for the 2024-25 school year.

**Goal 2: All students will demonstrate growth in literacy and numeracy leading to college and career paths.**

Metric	Expected Outcome	Actual Outcome	Growth Target Met
Percentage of Community School students who Meet or Exceed Standard in ELA/Literacy, as measured by CAASPP	7.41%	7.36%	No
Percentage of Community School students who Meet or Exceed Standards in Mathematics, as measured by CAASPP	0.5%	0%	No
Community School student growth on STAR Renaissance Pre-Post Test, as measured by STAR Renaissance every 60 days	Reading: At least 4 months growth Math: At least 4 months growth	Fall 2023 Data Reading: 3 months growth Math: 3 months growth	No

Percentage of Community School students who increase their Overall performance on the ELPAC by one or more levels from 2023 to 2024, as measured by the ELPAC	Between 35% and 55%	ELPAC assessment scores will not be available until summer of 2024.	N/A
Percentage of Community School students who agree with the statement, "Instruction at my school is challenging and interesting," as measured by the LCAP survey	Agree: 51.1%	Agree: 55.2 % Disagree: 19.7% Undecided: 25.1%	Yes
Percentage of Community School students who agree with the statement, "I learn a lot in my classes," as measured by the LCAP survey	Agree: 73.3%	Agree: 70.2% Disagree: 14.0% Undecided: 15.8%	No
Percentage of Community School students who agree with the statement, "My teachers make me excited about learning," as measured by the LCAP survey	Agree: 49.8%	Agree: 49.8% Disagree: 26.2% Undecided: 24.0%	Yes
Percentage of Community School students who agree with the statement, "My school is preparing students for future college and/or career paths," as measured by the LCAP survey	Agree: 64.5%	Agree: 65.9% Disagree: 8.9% Undecided: 25.2%	Yes

**Goal 2 Actions**

The Teacher – EL Specialist will provide direct support to instructional staff, assist in the identification and implementation of appropriate English learner language development curriculum, provide direct instruction to small groups of targeted students as needed, model quality lessons utilizing research-based practices to help students develop mastery of the English language, collaborate with instructional staff and site level administrators to coordinate the assessment and monitoring of student progress. (70% Title I, Part A)

- This action was fully implemented.

The Teacher – Technology Specialist will provide direct support to instructional staff, assist in the identification and implementation of appropriate technology resources to meet the instructional needs of the program, provide individual or small group support to instructional staff to increase their expertise in using technology as an instructional tool, model Common Core-aligned lessons in which technology is effectively infused into daily instruction, and collaborate with instructional staff and site level administrators to evaluate and monitor the implementation and effectiveness of technology. (70% Title I, Part A)

- This action was fully implemented.

The CTE Program Specialist will develop curriculum materials, design innovative programs, and provide guidance for implementation of CTE programs. (CSI Funds)

- This action was fully implemented.

A Teacher on Special Assignment will support online curriculum implementation by creating courses, providing supplemental activities, and providing coaching to instructional staff. (CSI Funds)

- This action was not implemented due to not being able to fill the position with a qualified candidate. A candidate was selected in March of 2024 and will start in July of 2024.

#### Analysis

**Describe the overall implementation of the strategies/activities and the overall effectiveness of the strategies/activities to achieve the articulated goal.**

The action items in Goal 2 of the Community School Plan for Student Achievement were implemented and effective. Teacher Specialists in the areas of English learner development and technology provided direct support to instructional staff, assisted in the identification and implementation of curriculum and technology resources, and collaborated with instructional staff and administrators to coordinate the assessment and monitoring of student progress. The CTE Program Specialist supported the implementation of CTE pathways and wrote grants to secure funding for future CTE programs.

**Briefly describe any major differences between the intended implementation and/or the budgeted expenditures to implement the strategies/activities to meet the articulated goal.**

The action items in Goal 2 were implemented as planned. Due to higher than anticipated salary and benefit costs, Title I expenditures in Goal 2 were approximately \$2,500 higher than expected. CSI costs were approximately \$82,000 less than anticipated due to the vacancy of the TOSA position.

**Describe any changes that will be made to this goal, the annual outcomes, metrics, or strategies/activities to achieve this goal as a result of this analysis. Identify where those changes can be found in the SPSSA.**

The metrics and action items associated with Goal 2 support students' academic needs by measuring data related to assessment results, reviewing survey perception data, and providing direct support to students and instructional staff. The Alternative Education program intends to continue with the same goal, metrics, and action items for the 2024-25 school year.



**KCSOS Alternative Education  
District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC)  
Minutes  
December 1, 2023**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:51 p.m.

**II. Roll call of members**

Present: Sal Arias (Community), Amanda Thomas (Court), Delia Torres (Community)

Absent: Christopher Giltner (Court), Erik Perez (Community)

Guests: Maria Gomez, Michelle Kammeraad, Molly Mier, Monica Toro (Interpreter)

**III. Call for any additions/deletions of agenda items**

There were none.

**IV. Reading of the Minutes from previous DELAC meeting**

Tabled until next meeting.

**V. Reports of officers, standing, and special committees**

There were none.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

There was none.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Parent Engagement Funds**

Molly explained that Court and Community Schools receive federal and state money and that schools are required to set aside 1% of their Title I funds for parent engagement activities. For us for 2023-24, that amounts to approximately \$13,000. We've typically used this money for postage, marketing, and production of materials related to events such as back to school nights and LCAP Town Halls. She then asked for suggestions for other things that we might be able to do. Monica and Ms. Torres spoke to how different high school transcripts are in Mexico and whether that might be a useful training for parents, but then it was noted that almost all of our students are long-term ELs so that might not be as needed. Ms. Torres and Ms. Gomez then spoke at length about their students being afraid to come to school sometimes due to fear of other students. Molly noted that safety concerns don't fall under parent engagement activities, but that it was an issue that she was grateful to be made aware of. Ms. Torres stated that most parents don't want to get involved. Ms. Gomez suggested home tutoring and more counseling at school. Monica mentioned that there are some parent

trainings held on occasion, a recent one being on human trafficking. Other suggestions for possible topics were how to apply for scholarships, parent education (for parents wanting to go back to school), tours of BC and CSUB, and providing transportation to school-based and/or community events for parents.

**B. Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Policies and Procedures**

Molly told the committee that all schools are required to make it clear that we do not tolerate harassment, discrimination, bullying, etc. and that this applies to both staff and students. She then went on to explain that, if anyone has a complaint, there are procedures in place for filing, investigating, and resolving them. UCP information is provided to parents in enrollment packets, is posted in every classroom, and provided digitally and on paper to staff.

**VIII. Upcoming Events/Announcements**

There will be a Town Hall at CLC Tech on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Public Comment**

There was none.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Michelle Kammeraad  
December 4, 2023

KCSOS Alternative Education  
District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC)  
Minutes  
May 13, 2024

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:44 p.m.

**II. Roll call of members**

Present: Sal Arias (Community), Imelda Davalos (Community), Christopher Giltner (Court), Amanda Thomas (Court)

Absent: none

Guests: Monica Espinoza, Beth Gallego, Michelle Kammeraad, Joy Klopfenstein, Maria Ramirez, Monica Toro, German Vindel, Kathleen Yniguez

**III. Call for any additions/deletions of agenda items**

There were none.

**IV. Reading of the Minutes from previous DELAC meeting (September 21, 2023 and December 1, 2023)**

The Minutes were approved as written.

**V. Reports of officers, standing, and special committees**

There were none.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

There was none.

**VII. New Business**

**A. 2024-25 Needs Assessment Results**

Michelle explained that ELACs are charged with conducting a parent survey to gather information from the parents of English learners about ELD, the program that their children are involved in while with us, etc. and that the most effective means of doing this over the years has been to embed our needs assessment into the LCAP survey. In the survey, EL students and parents and our staff respond to three items

and are given an opportunity to provide suggestions on how to improve our EL program. She then shared the responses to the survey.

**B. 2024-25 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

Michelle shared that the draft of next year's LCAP was shared at the advisory committee meeting that the ELACs were invited to on April 18<sup>th</sup> and noted that the most significant addition to the plan relative to the EL program is the addition of 3 Designated ELD teachers who will support North Kern, CLC and Tech, and Central and Redwood.

**C. English Learner Master Plan**

Michelle directed attendees to the page in their packets that addresses EL Authorization for teachers. She noted that the office makes every effort to hire staff who have the appropriate authorization. When new teachers are hired who do not hold EL authorization, Michelle works with Cherie Anderson and the site admins to ensure that these staff are supported and provided with information regarding their coursework and exam options and to monitor their progress in completing the steps necessary to obtain full authorization.

**D. EL Roadmap Policy**

Michelle explained that the California EL Roadmap Policy is a guidance document that is intended to support LEAs in providing quality programming for their English learners. She then reviewed the four principles and reviewed the elements that have been addressed during the 2023-24 school year by the ELD, restorative justice, and de-escalation trainings. Michelle commented that impact in these areas will be looked for in ELPAC scores, Star scores, and the various LCAP items regarding EL students being provided with appropriate coursework and effective instruction, school being a safe place to learn, whether we value parents/guardians as important partners and actively seek their involvement and input.

**E. Reclassification Procedures**

Michelle reviewed the steps that are taken when a student earns an Overall Level 4 on their most recent ELPAC and shared a redacted Reclassification Recommendation form for a student who was reclassified at North Kern Community School in February. Michelle also shared the OPTEL and noted that it is available, but not required for reclassification at this time. Michelle said that she may invite members of the ELAC to a meeting this summer to discuss how Alternative Education might incorporate the OPTEL into their reclassification criteria.

**F. 2024-25 Application for Funding**

Michelle explained that we will soon be applying for federal funding through what is called the Consolidated Application, or ConApp. This is an annual process. She said that we will be applying for the following:



- Title I, Parts A and D. Title I funds will be used primarily to cover the salaries and benefits of the transition counselors and various teachers and paraprofessionals who provide intervention and support for students.
- Title II. These funds address teacher quality and are used for trainings and conferences.
- Title IV. There is a lot of flexibility with Title IV and these funds will be added to those we receive from Title I.

Amanda made a motion to apply for the funds as outlined. Sal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **VIII. Upcoming Events/Announcements**

- ❖ Graduation is on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Valley Oaks Charter School.
- ❖ The LCAP, which includes the ELD teacher positions, will be brought before the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

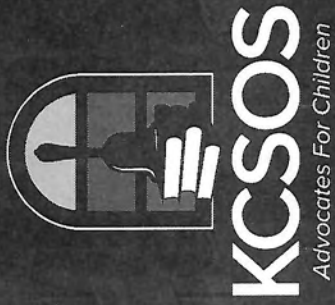
#### **IX. Public Comment**

Monica commented that of vital importance to our English learners who have the potential to be reclassified if their having access to CTE and electives when they are in high school. Michelle agreed and said that she explains to students that she meets with how ELD classes will interfere with access to these electives and a-g courses as a way to encourage them to make their best effort when taking the ELPAC.

#### **X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Michelle Kammeraad  
May 14, 2024



# 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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# General Fund - Revenues

	2023-24 Estimated Actuals	2024-25 Proposed Budget
LCFF Sources	\$70,310,666	\$69,215,134
Federal Revenue	\$45,016,071	\$30,396,964
Other State Revenue	\$104,687,866	\$71,409,683
Other Local Revenue	\$141,357,715	\$138,550,380
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$361,372,318</b>	<b>\$309,572,161</b>

# General Fund - Expenditures

	2023-24 Estimated Actuals	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Alternative Education	\$18,153,263	\$16,889,764
Special Education & SELPA	\$183,367,287	\$186,223,405
Administrative Agencies	\$52,146,042	\$50,421,211
County Operated	\$96,840,784	\$80,612,014
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$350,507,376</b>	<b>\$334,146,394</b>



# Other Funds - Revenues

	2023-24 Estimated Actuals	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Charter School Fund	\$13,823,847	\$13,742,588
Child Development Fund	\$145,699,765	\$124,395,532
Cafeteria Fund	\$2,706,807	\$3,104,543

# Other Funds - Expenditures

	2023-24 Estimated Actuals	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Charter School Fund	\$13,742,003	\$13,389,289
Child Development Fund	\$145,774,765	\$124,563,186
Cafeteria Fund	\$3,034,808	\$3,170,244

## Summary

- Reflects the expenditure of one-time COVID funds
- Result of an organization wide & collaborative effort
- Aligned to LCAP, grants, and operational plans
- Compliant with all state standards
- Ensures the organization is fiscally stable
- Positions the organization well to adapt to the State budget

Thank you !

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**KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH )  
EDUCATION PROTECTION ACCOUNT )  
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WHEREAS, the voters approved Proposition 30 on November 6, 2012;

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 added Article XIII, Section 36 to the California Constitution effective November 7, 2012;

WHEREAS, the provisions of Article XIII, Section 36(e) create in the state General Fund an Education Protection Account to receive and disburse the revenues derived from the incremental increases in taxes imposed by Article XIII, Section 36(f);

WHEREAS, before June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, the Director of Finance shall estimate the total amount of additional revenues, less refunds that will be derived from the incremental increases in tax rates made pursuant to Article XIII, Section 36(f) that will be available for transfer into the Education Protection Account during the next fiscal year;

WHEREAS, if the sum determined by the State Controller is positive, the State Controller shall transfer the amount calculated into the Education Protection Account within ten days preceding the end of the fiscal year;

WHEREAS, all monies in the Education Protection Account are hereby continuously appropriated for the support of school districts, county offices of education, charter schools and community college districts;

WHEREAS, monies deposited in the Education Protection Account shall not be used to pay any costs incurred by the Legislature, the Governor or any agency of state government;

WHEREAS, a community college district, county office of education, school district, or charter school shall have the sole authority to determine how the monies received from the Education Protection Account are spent in the school or schools within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the governing board of the district shall make the spending determinations with respect to monies received from the Education Protection Account in open session of a public meeting of the governing board;

WHEREAS, the monies received from the Education Protection Account shall not be used for salaries or benefits for administrators or any other administrative cost;

WHEREAS, each community college district, county office of education, school district and charter school shall annually publish on its Internet website an accounting of how much money was received from the Education Protection Account and how that money was spent;

WHEREAS, the annual independent financial and compliance audit required of community college districts, county offices of education, school districts and charter schools shall ascertain and verify whether the funds provided from the Education Protection Account have been properly disbursed and expended as required by Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution;

WHEREAS, expenses incurred by community college districts, county offices of education, school districts and charter schools to comply with the additional audit requirements of Article XIII, Section 36 may be paid with funding from the Education Protection Act and shall not be considered administrative costs for purposes of Article XIII, Section 36.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The monies received from the Education Protection Account shall be spent as required by Article XIII, Section 36 and the spending determinations on how the money will be spent shall be made in open session of a public meeting of the Kern County Board of Education on May 14, 2024;
2. In compliance with Article XIII, Section 36(e), with the California Constitution, the Kern County Board of Education has determined to spend the monies received from the Education Protection Act as attached.

June 6, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
John G. Mendiburu, Ed.D.  
Ex Officio Secretary  
Kern County Superintendent of Schools

Kern County Superintendent of Schools  
Expenditures through: June 30, 2025  
For Fund 01, Resource 1400 Education Protection Account

Description	Object Codes	Amount
<b>AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR</b>		
Adjusted Beginning Fund Balance	9791-9795	0.00
Revenue Limit Sources	8010-8099	143,234.00
Federal Revenue	8100-8299	0.00
Other State Revenue	8300-8599	0.00
Other Local Revenue	8600-8799	0.00
All Other Financing Sources and Contributions	8900-8999	0.00
Deferred Revenue	9650	0.00
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>		<b>143,234.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>		
<b>(Objects 1000-7999)</b>		
Instruction	1000-1999	143,234.00
Instruction-Related Services		
Instructional Supervision and Administration	2100-2150	0.00
AU of a Multidistrict SELPA	2200	0.00
Instructional Library, Media, and Technology	2420	0.00
Other Instructional Resources	2490-2495	0.00
School Administration	2700	0.00
Pupil Services		
Guidance and Counseling Services	3110	0.00
Psychological Services	3120	0.00
Attendance and Social Work Services	3130	0.00
Health Services	3140	0.00
Speech Pathology and Audiology Services	3150	0.00
Pupil Testing Services	3160	0.00
Pupil Transportation	3600	0.00
Food Services	3700	0.00
Other Pupil Services	3900	0.00
Ancillary Services	4000-4999	0.00
Community Services	5000-5999	0.00
Enterprise	6000-6999	0.00
General Administration (Goal 8600) - For COEs only	7000-7999	0.00
Plant Services	8000-8999	0.00
Other Outgo	9000-9999	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>		<b>143,234.00</b>
<b>BALANCE (Total Available minus Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses)</b>		<b>0.00</b>