

Local Control and Accountability Plan

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

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Plan Summary [2021-22]

General Information

A description of the LEA, its schools, and its students.

The Classical Academies is an organization of award-winning, tuition-free California public charter schools that have been serving North San Diego County since 1999.

The goal of The Classical Academies has always been to partner with families to inspire each student to think critically, communicate effectively, and achieve excellence by providing academic choice. Our vision is to passionately serve, respectfully communicate, and joyfully partner for student success.

The key to the organization’s success is the partnership and collaboration between parents and teachers to create the best personalized learning program possible for each student. It is a core belief at The Classical Academies that every parent partnership starts with trust, builds on collaboration, and culminates with accountability. The partnership with parents is the cornerstone of everything we do and one that we have come to rely on in helping all students become thinkers, communicators and achievers.

Each campus offers a flexible, personalized educational environment that blends the best of independent study and the traditional classroom experience. Options range from blended in-seat and independent study programs to full-time independent study programs. These hybrid programs are uniquely designed to encourage students to explore their interests, accommodate their learning style and reach their maximum potential. This distinctive and flexible approach allows students to learn at their own pace while participating in workshops, electives, campus activities, and field trips. We are named The Classical Academies because our founding charters set forth the ideal that we inspire excellence by holding forth examples of classic literature, primary source documents, music, and art, which have stood the test of time and been widely recognized as the very best. Our teachers emphasize mastering the "basics" and encourage discussion and debate.

There are seven campus locations that serve an estimated 5780 students in grades Tk-12 in Escondido, Vista, and Oceanside in 2021-22.

The Classical Academy, Escondido – TK-8

Coastal Academy, Oceanside – TK-12

The Classical Academy, Vista – TK-8

Classical Academy Middle School – 7-8

Classical Academy High School Studio Campus – 9-12

Classical Academy High School Personalized Learning Campus - 9-12

The Classical Academies have the following Support Teams to help facilitate student success, including a Board of Directors, Community Development, Curriculum Writers, Facilities, Finance, Human Resources, Operations, Safety & Security, Special Education, and Technology. The Classical Academies offer an innovative, progressive, and personalized approach to learning.

Reflections: Successes

A description of successes and/or progress based on a review of the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) and local data.

As an independent study charter with hybrid in-school and home learning options, we were in a unique position to support our stakeholders very effectively during a challenging and non-traditional year. We found quite a bit of success even in the midst of distance learning. The pandemic certainly has required us to think outside the box and consider new ways of content delivery and new ways to use technology to effectively meet the needs of our students.

School days were a blend of synchronous classes, on Zoom or on campus once we were able to return, and asynchronous work assigned through our Learning Management System. Each week targeted support was offered. Most of this support was offered in a synchronous format. Some aspects of meeting virtually were actually more successful than in person methods, as was the case with the increase in attendance for our RTI intervention sessions with our math and literacy specialists. Each week intentional time during synchronous learning was devoted to building community and making student connections.

The PLC process, as well as the SST process, are actively monitored for increased student progress and to close achievement gaps. Referrals to Math and Literacy Specialists are made for additional intervention and support, as well as use of other supplemental support materials. Our Leadership Team supports implementation of PLC collaboration and data tracking. Parent training and communication with parents takes place every 6 weeks to increase effectiveness and team focus, virtually as well as in-person.

As students returned to campus, teachers spent classroom time to connect students with their peers through group activities, student groups, clubs, etc. Teachers also worked on building community between students physically in the classroom and those zooming into the classroom. Before students returned to campus, school counselors provided social/emotional support, including videos, resources, and presentations to school personnel, as student connections are not only with classroom teachers.

In conclusion, despite the unprecedented school year, we have found that our distance learning programming has been positively received. Our annual parent survey was conducted in March. With the following results: Overall satisfaction rate - 89%, Distance Learning rate - 68.4%, Instructional Support rating - 85.3%. Our families know that regardless of what local and state requirements look like moving forward, they have options that they can depend on for quality education with The Classical Academies.

Reflections: Identified Need

A description of any areas that need significant improvement based on a review of Dashboard and local data, including any areas of low performance and significant performance gaps among student groups on Dashboard indicators, and any steps taken to address those areas.

Overall academic indicators remain strong. However, Classical Academy High School is aware there are areas that need improvement and has established additional supports based on the fact that some subgroups are not growing academically at the same rate as overall peers. In ELA, overall students performed in the green band with a decrease of 10 points over the previous year. Socioeconomically Disadvantaged performed in the yellow band with a decrease of 37.5 points compared to the previous year.

In the area of mathematics Classical Academy’s students overall performed in the green band with a decrease of 4.8 points over the previous year. We had two subgroups in the yellow band. Hispanic students decreased 20.7 points. Socioeconomically Disadvantaged students decreased 57.7 points. While all subgroups continue to outperform State averages, we need to continue to provide targeted supports and interventions to improve the overall percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards.

The graduation rate was 99.3% which was a 5.7% increase over the previous year. The suspension rate was 0.3% which was a decline of 1.4%. We will continue to implement curriculum from elementary through secondary for social emotional learning to support students as well as develop strategies used by teachers to enhance the learning environment and increase student connectedness at school.

LCAP Highlights

A brief overview of the LCAP, including any key features that should be emphasized.

The 2021-22 LCAP includes Actions and Services to address a variety of needs identified by stakeholder groups and to achieve the LCAP goals. These include:

a. Core Learning -

Teachers will use formative and summative assessments, such as SBAC, Interim, STAR Assessments, to monitor achievement for all students relative to the grade level standards. The PLC process will be used to identify where each student is achieving in relation to the grade level standards. Identified achievement gaps will be addressed through our Response to Intervention process which may include referrals to specialists for additional intervention and support.

b. Social-Emotional Learning Support -

We will be addressing social-emotional needs in person and continuing our support of students in this area through classroom support, brief strategic counseling and restorative practices.

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.

Our LEA does not have any schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement.

Support for Identified Schools

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

Our LEA does not have any schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement.

Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness

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

Our LEA does not have any schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement.

Stakeholder Engagement

A summary of the stakeholder process and how the stakeholder engagement was considered before finalizing the LCAP.

We have included two years of stakeholder feedback as we had collected input prior to closing our schools during the 2019-20 school year due to the pandemic. We made a commitment to our stakeholders to include last year's stakeholder input in addition to this year's stakeholder input. The District used the following process for stakeholder input:

1. Reviewed parent input from annual surveys
 2. Developed an LCAP Executive Summary for sharing with stakeholder groups and seeking input on the Annual Update
 3. Provided a link on the Classical Academy website for submitting stakeholder input through email throughout development of the LCAP Annual Update, as well as announcements in the Monday News.
 4. School Principals discussed the LCAP with their teams in early 2020 and in 2021.
 5. School Principals and the cabinet reviewed qualitative and quantitative data on teacher credentialing, facilities conditions, instructional materials availability, test scores, student attendance, suspension and expulsion rates, parent participation on committees, volunteerism, school connectedness surveys, and the California Dashboard (metrics addressing all of the eight state priority areas).
 6. Categorized stakeholder input into themes and analyzed for possible LCAP revisions. The following themes emerged as "High Value" for stakeholders:
 - a. Core Learning
 - b. Social-Emotional Learning Support
 7. Provided a draft of our 2021 LCAP on the district website for all stakeholders to review prior to all public comment meetings
- 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan
10. Announced and conducted a public hearing to seek input on the LCAP Annual Update on May 11, 2021
 11. Adopted the LCAP Annual Update at the Governing Board meeting on May 18, 2021
 12. Announced and conducted a public hearing to seek input on the 2021-22 LCAP on Friday, June 11, 2021
 13. Adopted the 2021-22 LCAP at the Governing Board meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021.

A summary of the feedback provided by specific stakeholder groups.

Stakeholder input was categorized into the areas of Conditions of Learning, Pupil Outcomes, and Engagement. This data was analyzed to identify themes for suggested changes to the LCAP. The following general themes were identified for consideration:

1. CORE LEARNING: Employ Response to intervention (RTI) teachers and math and reading foundations/specialists to close academic gaps with all students including all student subgroups.
2. SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT: On-site counseling services, increase mental health support, focused and intentional implementation of the social-emotional learning curriculum

A description of the aspects of the LCAP that were influenced by specific stakeholder input.

Stakeholder input was categorized into the areas of Conditions of Learning, Pupil Outcomes, and Engagement. This data was analyzed to identify themes for suggested changes to the LCAP. The following general themes were identified for consideration by Classical Academy:

- Core learning in the areas of math and English Language Arts
- Social-emotional development and learning support

Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal # 1	Description
[Goal # 1]	Ensure students demonstrate academic growth and proficiencies so they leave ready for college or career.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

This goal supports our vision, mission, and student profile identified as part of our strategic action planning process engaged in prior to the LCAP 2021-24 cycle. Our stakeholder groups identified the importance of the following areas when considering the development of learning focused goal:

1. Assure the highest level of educational achievement through implementation of the California Standards in ELA/ELD, mathematics, and all content areas.
2. Increase the annual rate of reclassification of English Learner students to English Proficient and improve our reclassification rate and continue the implementation of the California English Learner Roadmap.
3. Continue to see an increase in state and local student assessment data, especially in the area of literacy across all content areas.
4. Increase support and improve learning outcomes for students with disabilities.
5. 100% fully credentialed teachers in appropriate assignments as measured by credential audits and review of appropriate assignments pursuant to Education Code section 44258.9.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
CAASPP English Language Arts Percent of students standard met or exceeded	2018-19 62.46% met or Exceeded Standard as measured by the CAASPP SBAC English Language Arts assessment				66.00% met or Exceeded Standard as measured by the CAASPP SBAC English Language Arts assessment
CAASPP Mathematics	2018-19 52.29% met or Exceeded				56.00% Meet or Exceed Standard as

Percent of students standard met or exceeded	Standard as measured by the CAASPP SBAC Mathematics assessment				measured by the CAASPP SBAC Mathematics assessment
CAASPP Science (CAST) Percent of students standard met or exceeded	2018-19 38.94% Meet or Exceed Standard as measured by the CAASPP Science (CAST) assessment				43.00% Meet or Exceed Standard as measured by the CAASPP Science (CAST) assessment
Credentialed Teacher Rate	2019-20 100.0% of teachers credentialed				100.0% of teachers credentialed

Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1				
[Action #1-1]	Core Program	Provide a core program consisting of the following: Sufficient, standards aligned, instructional materials and resources for students to acquire knowledge necessary for achieving proficiency in Common Core State Standards	\$57,000	[Y/N]
[Action #1-2]	RTI Specialists	RTI Specialists will provide curricular support in English Language Arts and Mathematics to meet the needs of students with academic gaps, including unduplicated count students and students with disabilities.	\$480,000	[Y/N]

Goal Analysis [LCAP Year]

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

A description of any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions.

Analysis of the 2021-22 goals will occur during the 2022-23 update cycle.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures.

Analysis of the 2021-22 goals will occur during the 2022-23 update cycle.

An explanation of how effective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal.

Analysis of the 2021-22 goals will occur during the 2022-23 update cycle.

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

Analysis of the 2021-22 goals will occur during the 2022-23 update cycle.

Goal

Goal # 2	Description
[Goal # 2]	Engage parents and community partners through education, communication, and collaboration to promote student social emotional success.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

This goal supports our vision, mission, and student profile identified as part of our strategic action planning process engaged in prior to the LCAP 2021-24 cycle. Our stakeholder groups identified the importance of the following areas when considering the development of learning goal with a focus on the whole child:

1. Increase percentage of students that report a sense of safety and school connectedness
2. Decrease chronic absenteeism
3. Maintain or increase the support for mental health services and counseling services.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Suspension Rate: Percent of students	2018-19: All students: 0.3% Student Groups eligible for a Performance Level: Asian: 0% Hispanic: 0.9%				All students: 0.2% Student Groups eligible for a Performance Level: Asian: 0% Hispanic: 0.6%

	Two or More Races: 0.7% Socioeconomically disadvantaged: 0% Students with disability: 2.6% White: 0.1%				Two or More Races: 0.4% Socioeconomically disadvantaged: 0% Students with disability: 1.9% White: 0.1%
Needs Assessment	6% Participation rate				Increase participation rate to 60%

Actions

Action #2	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
[Action #2-1]	School site counselors	School counselors/school psychologists will use academic and behavioral supports to address the social and emotional learning needs of students and to work with unduplicated count students, students with disabilities, and parents toward College and Career Readiness.	\$151,000	[Y/N]
[Action #2-2]	Social emotional curriculum	Conduct an annual student survey to determine the level of safety and connectedness felt by students. Explore and potentially adopt a social emotional curriculum.	\$12,000	[Y/N]

Goal Analysis [LCAP Year]

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

A description of any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions.

Analysis of the 2021-22 goals will occur during the 2022-23 update cycle.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures.

Analysis of the 2021-22 goals will occur during the 2022-23 update cycle.

An explanation of how effective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal.

Analysis of the 2021-22 goals will occur during the 2022-23 update cycle.

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

Analysis of the 2021-22 goals will occur during the 2022-23 update cycle.

Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students [LCAP Year]

Percentage to Increase or Improve Services	Increased Apportionment based on the Enrollment of Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income students
4.02%	\$700,000

Required Descriptions

For each action being provided to an entire school, or across the entire school district or county office of education (COE), an explanation of (1) how the needs of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students were considered first, and (2) how these actions are effective in meeting the goals for these students.

Classical Academy High School serves a very small number of students identified as low-income pupils, foster youth and English learners. These students are spread proportionally throughout all grades. The goals articulated and documented above will be carried out throughout our charter school programs; however targeted students will receive priority access to programs cited in the goals and action steps. While all programs are available to all students in our charter school data will be collected and analyzed to ensure targeted students are making progress as a result of the LCAP programs. The Charter is spending the LCAP allotment specifically on student improvement and well being with a focus on EL Students, foster/homeless youth, and low income students. All goals and actions are aimed toward increasing academic achievement, graduation rates, and use of progressive education-related technology tools.

The allocation of counseling/social worker service allows for case management of students that need support in social/emotional well-being to improve their academic performance. Counselors/Social workers can setup learning plans for Foster Youth, help remove obstacles to learning for low socio-economic students, and do academic goal setting for English Learners. This increases the number of adults available to support all unduplicated count students. Expanding counseling/social worker service allows for case management of students that need support in social/emotional well-being to improve their academic performance. Effective counseling programs are important to the school climate and a crucial element in improving student achievement. Some studies have shown that students in schools that provide counseling services indicated their classes were less likely to be interrupted by other students, and that their peers behaved better in school according to Mullis, F. & Otwell, P. (1997).

A description of how services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students are being increased or improved by the percentage required.

RTI Instructors will improve outcomes for all students including groups that performed at a lower level than all students and represent a performance gap. Specifically Foster Youth/Homeless, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, and English Learners who performed below on CAASPP and local assessments in ELA.

Counselors/psychologists will address the social-emotional needs of students in 2021-22 subsequent school years. Having counselors/psychologists increases the number of credentialed adults available to support all unduplicated count students with mental health and social-emotional needs.

Increase the involvement of parents in the school community and empowers them to be more engaged with their child's education. This action is designed to decrease barriers inhibiting parents of unduplicated count students from being fully engaged in their students' learning.

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For additional questions or technical assistance related to the completion of the LCAP template, please contact the local 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.

Introduction and Instructions

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) requires LEAs to engage their local stakeholders in an annual planning process to evaluate their progress within eight state priority areas encompassing all statutory metrics (COEs have ten state priorities). LEAs document the results of this planning process in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (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 (California *Education Code* [EC] 52064(e)(1)). Strategic planning that is comprehensive connects budgetary decisions to teaching and learning performance data. Local educational agencies (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 Stakeholder Engagement:** The LCAP development process should result in an LCAP that reflects decisions made through meaningful stakeholder engagement (EC 52064(e)(1)). Local stakeholders 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 aspects of the LCAP template 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, and low-income students in proportion to the amount of additional funding those students generate under LCFF (EC 52064(b)(4-6)).

- o Establishing goals, supported by actions and related expenditures, that address the statutory priority areas and statutory metrics (EC 52064(b)(1) & (2)).
- o Annually reviewing and updating the LCAP to reflect progress toward the goals (EC 52064(b)(7)).

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 should: (a) reflect comprehensive strategic planning (b) through meaningful engagement with stakeholders 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 stakeholder engagement tool.

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 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24 school years reflects statutory changes made through Assembly Bill 1840 (Committee on Budget), Chapter 243, Statutes of 2018. These statutory changes enhance transparency regarding expenditures on actions included in the LCAP, including actions that contribute to meeting the requirement to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students, and to streamline the information presented within the LCAP to make adopted LCAPs more accessible for stakeholders and the public.

At its most basic, the adopted LCAP should attempt to distill not just what the LEA is doing, but also allow stakeholders 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 stakeholders 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 stakeholder engagement functions:

Given present performance across the state priorities and on indicators in the California School Dashboard, how is the LEA using its budgetary resources to respond to 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 or a set of actions that the LEA believes, based on input gathered from stakeholders, research, and experience, will have the biggest impact on behalf of its students.

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 itself. Additionally, information is included at the beginning of each section emphasizing the purpose that each 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 provide a meaningful context for the rest of the LCAP, the content of this section should be clearly and meaningfully related to the content included in the subsequent sections of the LCAP.

Requirements and Instructions

General Information – Briefly describe the students and community. For example, information about an LEA in terms of geography, enrollment, or employment, the number and size of specific schools, recent community challenges, and other such information as an LEA wishes to include can enable a reader to more fully understand an LEA's LCAP.

Reflections: Successes – Based on a review of performance on the state indicators and local performance indicators included in the Dashboard, progress toward LCAP goals, local self-assessment tools, stakeholder input, and any other information, what progress is the LEA most proud of and how does the LEA plan to maintain or build upon that success? This may include identifying specific examples of how past increases or improvements in services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students have led to improved performance for these students.

Reflections: Identified Need – Referring to the Dashboard, identify: (a) any state indicator for which overall performance was in the “Red” or “Orange” performance category or any local indicator where the LEA received a “Not Met” or “Not Met for Two or More Years” rating AND (b) any state indicator for which performance for any student group was two or more performance levels below the “all student” performance. What steps is the LEA planning to take to address these areas of low performance and performance gaps? Other needs may be identified using locally collected data including data collected to inform the self-reflection tools and reporting local indicators on the Dashboard.

LCAP Highlights – Identify and briefly summarize the key features of this year's LCAP.

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:** Identify the schools within the LEA that have been identified for CSI.
- **Support for Identified Schools:** 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:** Describe how the LEA will monitor and evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the CSI plan to support student and school improvement.

Stakeholder Engagement

Purpose

Significant and purposeful engagement of parents, students, educators, and other stakeholders, including those representing the student groups identified by LCFF, is critical to the development of the LCAP and the budget process. Consistent with statute, such stakeholder engagement should support comprehensive strategic planning, accountability, and improvement across the state priorities and locally identified priorities (*EC 52064(e)(1)*). Stakeholder engagement is an ongoing, annual process.

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

Statute and regulations specify the stakeholder groups that school districts and COEs must consult when developing the LCAP: teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units of the LEA, parents, and students. Before adopting the LCAP, school districts and COEs must share it with the Parent Advisory Committee and, if applicable, to its English Learner Parent Advisory Committee. 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. Statute requires charter schools to consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, parents, and students in developing the LCAP. 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 and actions.

Information and resources that support effective stakeholder engagement, define student consultation, and provide the requirements for advisory group composition, can be found under Resources on the following web page of the CDE's website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc/>.

Requirements and Instructions

Below is an excerpt from the 2018–19 *Guide for Annual Audits of K–12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, which is provided to highlight the legal requirements for stakeholder engagement in the LCAP development process:

Local Control and Accountability Plan:

For county offices of education and school districts only, verify the LEA:

- a) Presented the local control and accountability plan to the parent advisory committee in accordance with Education Code section 52062(a)(1) or 52068(a)(1), as appropriate.

- b) If applicable, presented the local control and accountability plan to the English learner parent advisory committee, in accordance with Education Code section 52062(a)(2) or 52068(a)(2), as appropriate.
- c) Notified members of the public of the opportunity to submit comments regarding specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the local control and accountability plan in accordance with Education Code section 52062(a)(3) or 52068(a)(3), as appropriate.
- d) Held at least one public hearing in accordance with Education Code section 52062(b)(1) or 52068(b)(1), as appropriate.
- e) Adopted the local control and accountability plan in a public meeting in accordance with Education Code section 52062(b)(2) or 52068(b)(2), as appropriate.

Prompt 1: “A summary of the stakeholder process and how the stakeholder engagement was considered before finalizing the LCAP.”

Describe the stakeholder engagement process used by the LEA to involve stakeholders in the development of the LCAP, including, at a minimum, describing how the LEA met its obligation to consult with all statutorily required stakeholder groups 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 stakeholders. A response may also include information about an LEA’s philosophical approach to stakeholder engagement.

Prompt 2: “A summary of the feedback provided by specific stakeholder groups.”

Describe and summarize the stakeholder feedback provided by specific stakeholders. A sufficient response to this prompt will indicate ideas, trends, or inputs that emerged from an analysis of the feedback received from stakeholders.

Prompt 3: “A description of the aspects of the LCAP that were influenced by specific stakeholder input.”

A sufficient response to this prompt will provide stakeholders and the public clear, specific information about how the stakeholder engagement process influenced the development of the LCAP. The response must describe aspects of the LCAP that were influenced by or developed in response to the stakeholder feedback described in response to Prompt 2. This may include a description of how the LEA prioritized stakeholder requests within the context of the budgetary resources available or otherwise prioritized areas of focus within the LCAP. For the purposes of this prompt, “aspects” of an LCAP that may have been influenced by stakeholder input can include, but are 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 desired 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 services
- Determination of effectiveness of the specific actions to achieve the goal
- Determination of material differences in expenditures
- Determination of changes made to a goal for the ensuing LCAP year based on the annual update process
- Determination of challenges or successes in the implementation of actions

Goals and Actions

Purpose

Well-developed goals will clearly communicate to stakeholders 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 should be in alignment. The explanation for why the LEA included a goal is an opportunity for LEAs to clearly communicate to stakeholders 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 should 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.

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.
- **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.

At a minimum, the LCAP must address all LCFF priorities and associated metrics.

Focus Goal(s)

Goal 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.

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 stakeholders. LEAs are encouraged to promote transparency and understanding around the decision to pursue a focus goal.

Broad Goal

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.

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

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. 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 stakeholders, has determined to maintain actions and monitor progress while focusing implementation efforts on the actions covered by other goals in the LCAP.

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 are encouraged to identify metrics for specific student groups, as appropriate, including expected outcomes that would reflect narrowing of any existing performance gaps.

Include in the baseline column the most recent data associated with this 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 2019 Dashboard for the baseline of a metric only if that data represents the most recent available (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. Because final 2020–2021 outcomes on some

metrics may not be computable at the time the 2021–24 LCAP is adopted (e.g. graduation rate, suspension rate), the most recent data available may include a point in time calculation taken each year on the same date for comparability purposes.

The baseline data shall remain unchanged throughout the three-year LCAP.

Complete the table as follows:

- **Metric:** Indicate how progress is being measured using a metric.
- **Baseline:** Enter the baseline when completing the LCAP for 2021–22. As described above, the baseline is the most recent data associated with a metric. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above.
- **Year 1 Outcome:** When completing the LCAP for 2022–23, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above.
- **Year 2 Outcome:** When completing the LCAP for 2023–24, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above.
- **Year 3 Outcome:** When completing the LCAP for 2024–25, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above. The 2024–25 LCAP will be the first year in the next three-year cycle. Completing this column will be part of the Annual Update for that year.
- **Desired Outcome for 2023-24:** When completing the first year of the LCAP, enter the desired outcome for the relevant metric the LEA expects to achieve by the end of the 2023–24 LCAP year.

Timeline for completing the “**Measuring and Reporting Results**” part of the Goal.

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for Year 3 (2023-24)
Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2021–22.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2021–22.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2022–23. Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2023–24. Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2024–25. Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2021–22.

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 self-reflection tool for local indicators within the Dashboard.

Actions: Enter the action number. Provide a short title for the action. This title will also appear in the expenditure tables. Provide a description of the action. Enter the total amount of expenditures associated with this action. Budgeted expenditures from specific fund sources will be provided in the summary expenditure tables. Indicate whether the action contributes to meeting the increase 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 action offered on an LEA-wide or schoolwide basis, the LEA will need to provide additional information in the Increased or Improved Summary Section to address the requirements in *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5 [5 CCR] Section 15496(b) in the Increased or Improved Services Section of the LCAP).

Actions for English Learners: School districts, COEs, and charter schools that have a numerically significant English learner student subgroup must include specific actions in the LCAP related to, at a minimum, the language acquisition programs, as defined in *EC* Section 306, provided to students and professional development activities specific to English learners.

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.

Goal Analysis:

Enter the LCAP Year

Using actual annual measurable outcome data, including data from the Dashboard, analyze whether the planned actions were effective in achieving the goal. Respond to the prompts as instructed.

- Describe the overall implementation of the actions to achieve the articulated goal. Include a discussion of relevant challenges and successes experienced with the implementation process. This 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.
- Explain material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures. Minor variances in expenditures do not need to be addressed, and a dollar-for-dollar accounting is not required.
- Describe the effectiveness of the specific actions to achieve the articulated goal as measured by the LEA. 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 stakeholders. LEAs are encouraged to use such an approach when goals include multiple actions and metrics that are not closely associated.
- 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.

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

Purpose

A well-written Increased or Improved Services section provides stakeholders with a comprehensive description, within a single dedicated section, of how an LEA plans to increase or improved services for its unduplicated students as compared to all students 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 stakeholders 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.

Requirements and Instructions

This section must be completed for each LCAP year.

When developing the LCAP in year 2 or year 3, copy the “Increased or Improved Services” section and enter the appropriate LCAP year. Using the copy of the section, complete the section as required for the relevant LCAP year. Retain all prior year sections for each of the three years within the LCAP.

Percentage to Increase or Improve Services: Identify the 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).

Increased Apportionment based on the enrollment of Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students: Specify the estimate of the amount of funds apportioned on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated pupils for the LCAP year.

Required Descriptions:

For each action being provided to an entire school, or across the entire school district or county office of education (COE), an explanation of (1) how the needs of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students were considered first, and (2) how these actions are effective in meeting the goals for these students.

For each action included in the Goals and Actions section as contributing to the increased or improved services requirement for unduplicated pupils and provided on an LEA-wide or schoolwide basis, the LEA must include an explanation consistent with 5 CCR Section 15496(b). For any such actions continued into the 2021–24 LCAP from the 2017–2020 LCAP, the LEA must determine whether or not the action was effective as expected, and this determination must reflect evidence of outcome data or actual implementation to date.

Principally Directed and Effective: An LEA demonstrates how an action is principally directed towards and effective in meeting the LEA’s goals for unduplicated students when the LEA explains how:

- It considers the needs, conditions, or circumstances of its unduplicated pupils;
- The action, or aspect(s) of the action (including, for example, its design, content, methods, or location), is based on these considerations; and
- The action is intended to help achieve an expected measurable outcome of the associated goal.

As such, the response provided in this section may rely on a needs assessment of unduplicated 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 increase or improve services standard because enrolling students is not the same as serving students.

For example, if an LEA determines that low-income students have a significantly lower attendance rate than the attendance rate for all students, it might justify LEA-wide or schoolwide actions to address this area of need in the following way:

After assessing the needs, conditions, and circumstances of our low-income students, we learned that the attendance rate of our low-income students is 7% lower than the attendance rate for all students. (Needs, Conditions, Circumstances [Principally Directed])

In order to address this condition of our low-income students, we will develop and implement a new attendance program that is designed to address some of the major causes of absenteeism, including lack of reliable transportation and food, as well as a school climate that does not emphasize the importance of attendance. Goal N, Actions X, Y, and Z provide additional transportation and nutritional resources as well as a districtwide educational campaign on the benefits of high attendance rates. (Contributing Action(s))

These actions are being provided on an LEA-wide basis and we expect/hope that all students with less than a 100% attendance rate will benefit. However, because of the significantly lower attendance rate of low-income students, and because the actions meet needs most associated with the chronic stresses and experiences of a socio-economically disadvantaged status, we expect that the attendance rate for our low-income students will increase significantly more than the average attendance rate of all other students. (Measurable Outcomes [Effective In])

COEs and Charter Schools: Describe how actions included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement on an LEA-wide basis are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities as described above. In the case of COEs and charter schools, schoolwide and LEA-wide are considered to be synonymous.

For School Districts Only:

Actions Provided on an LEA-Wide Basis:

Unduplicated Percentage > 55%: For school districts with an unduplicated pupil percentage of 55% or more, describe how these actions are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities as described above.

Unduplicated Percentage < 55%: For school districts with an unduplicated pupil percentage of less than 55%, describe how these actions are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities. Also describe how the actions **are the most effective use of the funds** to meet these goals for its unduplicated pupils. Provide the basis for this determination, including any alternatives considered, supporting research, experience, or educational theory.

Actions Provided on a Schoolwide Basis:

School Districts must identify in the description those actions being funded and provided on a schoolwide basis, and include the required description supporting the use of the funds on a schoolwide basis.

For schools with 40% or more enrollment of unduplicated pupils: Describe how these actions are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for its unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities.

For school districts expending funds on a schoolwide basis at a school with less than 40% enrollment of unduplicated pupils: Describe how these actions are principally directed to and how the actions are the most effective use of the funds to meet its goals for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students in the state and any local priorities.

“A description of how services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students are being increased or improved by the percentage required.”

Consistent with the requirements of 5 CCR Section 15496, describe how services provided for unduplicated pupils are increased or improved by at least the percentage calculated as compared to the services provided for all students in the LCAP year. 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 included in the Goals and Actions section as contributing to the increased or improved services requirement. This description must address how these action(s) are expected to result in the required proportional increase or improvement in services for unduplicated pupils as compared to the services the LEA provides to all students for the relevant LCAP year.

Expenditure Tables

Complete the Data Entry table for each action in the LCAP. The information entered into this table will automatically populate the other Expenditure Tables. All information is entered into the Data Entry table. Do not enter data into the other tables.

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

- Table 1: Actions
- Table 2: Total Expenditures
- Table 3: Contributing Expenditures
- Table 4: Annual Update Expenditures

The Data Entry table may be included in the LCAP as adopted by the local governing board or governing body, but is not required to be included.

In the Data Entry table, provide the following information for each action in the LCAP for the relevant 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.
- **Increased / Improved:** Type “Yes” if the action **is** included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services; OR, type “No” if the action is **not** included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services.
- 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 K-5), 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”.
- **Personnel Expense:** This column will be automatically calculated based on information provided in the following columns:
 - **Total Personnel:** Enter the total amount of personnel expenditures utilized to implement this action.
 - **Total Non-Personnel:** This amount will be automatically calculated.
- **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).
- **Other State Funds:** Enter the total amount of Other State Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
- **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.