



INSPIRE CHARTER SCHOOLS

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**Regular Board Meeting
Inspire Charter School- Kern
November 30, 2017- 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm
2131 Saturn Ct.
Bakersfield, CA 93308**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Instructional Funds Policy- Educational Travel
5. Review of July-October Financials
6. Selpa Resolution and Participation Agreement
7. Dashboard Indicators
8. Adjournment

Public comment rules: Members of the public may address the Board on agenda or non-agenda items. Please fill out a yellow card available at the entrance. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received, or grouped by subject area. We ask that comments are limited to 2 minutes each, with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

Note: Inspire Charter Schools Governing Board encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. If you need a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Governing Board Office at 818-207-3837 at least 48 hours before the scheduled board meeting so that we may make every reasonable effort to accommodate you. (Government Code § 54954.2; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, § 202 (42 U.S.C. § 12132))

Regular Board Meeting- Inspire Charter School- Kern

October 2, 2017 – 6:30 pm- 7:30 p.m.

2131 Saturn Ct. Bakersfield CA 93308

Attendance: Jeff Pray, Nancy Green, Talia Bridgeman, Jeffrey Cooley

Absent: Jennifer Woodward

Also Present: Nick, Nichols, Kimmi Buzzard and Bryanna Brossman

Call to Order:

Jeff Pray called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comments:

None

Election of Officers:

Nancy Green motioned to adopt the election of officers as stated for Inspire Charter School-Winship-Central Board. Talia Bridgman seconded. -Unanimous.

Adoption of ByLaws:

Talia Bridgman motioned to adopt the Bylaws. Jeffrey Cooley seconded. -Unanimous. .

CSC Acknowledgement Resolutions for the Sale of Receivables:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the resolutions attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by this reference are hereby adopted. Nancy Green motioned.

Talia Bridgman seconded. -Unanimous.

Fiscal Policy and Procedures:

Jeffrey Cooley motioned to approve the Fiscal Policy and Procedures with the change of the check signer from Diane Beran to Edward Robillard. , Talia Bridgman seconded. -Unanimous.

Interschool Loan Policy:

Nancy Green motioned to approve the Interschool Loan Policy. Jeffrey Cooley seconded.

-Unanimous.

Year-End 16/17 Financials:

Talia Bridgman motioned to accept the 16/17 Year-End Financials. Nancy Green seconded.

-Unanimous.

Adjournment:

Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 am. Talia Bridgman seconded. -Unanimous.

Prepared By:

Bryanna Brossman

Noted By:

Jennifer Woodward

Board Secretary

Curriculum and Enrichment Funds Policy

Inspire Charter School- Kern is committed to giving students the same opportunities that are offered at non-charter district schools. District schools often provide opportunities for music, art, sports, field trips, and other ways to extend the learning experience.

The purpose of the Inspire Charter School-Kern Governing Board approving this Inspire Curriculum and Enrichment Funds Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Establish Assurances & Procedural Safeguards
2. Determine Specific Funding Amount
3. Clarify What Funds Can Be Used For
4. Clarify When Funds Can Be Used
5. Identify Non-Consumable Category Groups
6. Authorize Establishment of Lending Libraries

- 1. Establish Assurances & Procedural Safeguards:** The school will use a system with multiple checks and internal controls to ensure all instructional funds are utilized appropriately and lawfully.

Ordering Process:

- i. Parent requests curriculum, service/class, and or product through the Inspire Enrichment Centre (in-house, online ordering system).
- ii. Teacher consistent with Inspire Charter School- Kern's policies and procedures reviews and determines whether or not the requested item has appropriate educational value and prior to approval, will ensure the service or product is nonsectarian in nature in accordance with Ed. Code 47605(d)(1), which states, "a charter school shall be nonsectarian in its programs,..., and all other operations".
- iii. Enrichment staff member also ensures that the requested item is evaluated for appropriate educational value and prior to approval, ensures that the service or product is nonsectarian in nature in accordance with Ed. Code 47605(d)(1), which states, "a charter school shall be nonsectarian in its programs,..., and all other operations".

- 2. Determine Specific Funding Amount:** The funding amount for the 2016-2017 school year will be \$2,600 for TK-8th students and \$2,800 for 9-12th students. The families' chosen curriculum is deducted from the allocated funding amount. Currently, curriculum costs range from \$150 to \$1,000 per student. This amount may be adjusted at any time at Board discretion or based on budget need.

- **Clarify What Funds Can Be Used For:** Instructional Funds will first be used toward the student's core subjects, technology items, then other enrichment products and services, and other appropriate items to extend the learning experience like fieldtrips and related educational conferences/workshops. Limit on educational travel: A student may only use instructional funds to sign up for one educational travel experience per

school year. Up to \$965 of students Instructional Funds can be applied to their educational travel experience. Any deposits required to hold a student's spot on an educational travel tour cannot be paid using instructional funds. Educational content is all that can be covered by instructional funds. Travel costs such as transportation, food and lodging cannot be paid using instructional funds. Parents or guardians planning to travel with their student must pay \$100% of their travel and tour costs. Up to \$350 a year may be used on parent trainings or workshops that directly support students learning. All use of funds must be approved by the student's credentialed teacher consistent with Inspire Charter School-Kern's policies and procedures.

3. **Clarify When Funds Can Be Used:** Instructional Funds may be used when students are in session or when they are not in session. For example, students may extend their learning by taking a class on an evening or Saturday outside of the regular instructional day. Furthermore, since Inspire Charter Schools considers the Instructional Funds as encumbered to support the specific student consistent with policies and procedures, students are able to utilize these instructional funds during the traditional "summer months" and throughout their time at Inspire in order to enhance and expand innovative learning opportunities helping to minimize the effects of learning loss typically seen come fall. Consistent with the practices of many non-charter districts supporting student learning or remediation during times when school is not in session, is an acceptable use of funds for students. Funds can be transferred between siblings enrolled at Inspire and co-used with administrative approval.
4. **Identify Non-Consumable Category Groups:** All items in the following categories are considered non-consumable and must be returned as school property:
 - i. Technology, Electronics, and Media (CDs/DVDs)
 - ii. Textbooks and Teacher Manuals
 - iii. Science Equipment
 - iv. Musical Equipment
 - v. Games and Puzzles
5. **Authorize Establishment of Lending Libraries:** As a general benefit to ALL Inspire families, non-consumables other than technology that are returned will be available for borrowing in our newly established Lending Libraries to be located within our current offices.

Inspire Charter School- Kern Personalized Learning Creed:

“Personalized Learning truly puts every student first by honoring and exploring your student’s unique and special gifts, talents, and aspirations.”



AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION
EL DORADO CHARTER SELPA

This Agreement for Participation (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the El Dorado Charter SELPA (“SELPA”), the El Dorado County Office of Education (“EDCOE”), and _____ Inspire Charter School- Kern _____ (“LEA”), a California public charter school, collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, each special educational local plan area is required to administer local plans submitted pursuant to Education Code section 56205 et seq., administer the allocation of funds pursuant to Education Code section 56836 et seq., and ensure that it has in effect policies, procedures, and programs that are consistent with state laws, regulations, and policies governing certain aspects of special education;

WHEREAS, a charter school that is deemed a local educational agency for purposes of special education is required to participate in an approved local plan pursuant to Education Code section 56195.1(f);

WHEREAS, LEA is a charter school that is deemed a local educational agency for purposes of special education pursuant to Education Code section 47641 and is responsible for complying with all provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) and implementing regulations as they relate to local educational agencies;

WHEREAS, the SELPA as authorized by the California State Board of Education serves as the special educational local plan area for California charter schools deemed local educational agencies pursuant to Education Code section 47641 that have successfully completed the SELPA membership process and have signed this Agreement for Participation (“Agreement”);

WHEREAS, EDCOE is designated in the local plan as the “responsible local agency” for the SELPA, which means the administrative entity, the duties of which shall include, but are not limited to, receiving and distributing state and federal special education funds pursuant to the allocation plan, providing administrative support, and coordinating implementation of the plan;

WHEREAS, the actions and decisions of the parties are guided by the values of:

1. Commitment – maintaining high standards for performance in student achievement, operations, governance and finance;
2. Integrity – adherence to moral and ethical principles in all aspects of the work;
3. Fairness – impartial and just treatment of all stakeholders;
4. Partnership – collaborative decision making and accountability;
5. Knowledge – understanding of charter school law and practice; and
6. Transparency- access to the information, decisions, and actions of the organization;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to set forth the various responsibilities of LEA, EDCOE, and SELPA to ensure that all charter pupils with exceptional needs within the SELPA receive appropriate special education programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED between the parties hereto as follows:

1. SHARED COMMITMENTS

- 1.1. Resource Allocation. Parties shall demonstrate commitment to the promises set forth in this Agreement by allocating appropriate resources.
- 1.2. Standard of Conduct. Parties, at all times, shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to act in the best interests of all other SELPA members. LEA shall not engage in any

activity or enterprise which would tend to injure or expose the SELPA or any of its members to any significant risk of harm or injury of any kind.

- 1.3. Compliance. All parties to this agreement shall identify and comply with applicable laws, regulations, policies, procedures and generally accepted standards. Each party will address any identified compliance gaps in a responsible and timely fashion.
- 1.4. Continual Improvement. Parties are expected to continually improve by setting performance objectives, executing plans and taking necessary corrective actions for deficiencies identified by any and all internal and/or external assessments.
- 1.5. Accuracy of Business Records. Parties shall ensure that any and all financial books and records conform to generally accepted accounting principles and state reporting requirements. Records must be accurate in all material respects. Records must be legible, transparent, and reflect actual transactions and payments and be open to inspection by the other party upon a reasonable request.
- 1.6. Accuracy of Student Records. Parties shall ensure that any and all student records conform to prescribed formats. Records must be legible, transparent, reflect actual transactions and payments, and be accurate in all material respects. Records must be open to inspection and review by other parties with legitimate educational interest upon a request.
- 1.7. Documentation. Parties shall maintain documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with this Agreement and compliance with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.
- 1.8. Local and Allocation Plans. Parties agree to the provisions of the Local and Allocation Plans as updated and approved by the CEO Council.
- 1.9. Provision of Free and Appropriate Public Education. The LEA is solely responsible for the provision of special education programs and services to eligible students enrolled in the LEA. The Parties understand and agree that the SELPA or EDCOE shall have no responsibility for the operation of any direct educational program service of any kind, that the SELPA has no duty or authority to provide FAPE to individual students, and that the SELPA has no duty or authority to make decisions regarding the educational programming of students enrolled in the LEA.

2. LEA RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 Programs and Services. The LEA is solely and exclusive responsible for the following mandated activities in order to operate its special education programs and services for students enrolled in the LEA. As such, the LEA shall:
 - 2.1.1. Select, employ, compensate, and determine the duties of, or establish appropriate contracts for the provision of, special education teachers, instructional aides, and other personnel as required to conduct the program specified in the Local Plan, and in compliance with state and federal mandates.
 - 2.1.2. Conduct and/or contract those programs operated by the LEA in conformance with the Local Plan and the state and federal mandates.
 - 2.1.3. Organize and administer the activities of the IEP teams, including the selection of the LEA staff and who will serve as members of the IEP team in conformance with Education Code Section 56341 and in compliance with the Local Plan.

- 2.1.4. Develop and implement program objectives and the evaluation of the program effectiveness.
 - 2.1.5. Communicate with the parents and/or legal guardians of students in conformance with laws, regulations and the provisions of the Local Plan.
 - 2.1.6. Provide for the documentation and reporting of assessment procedures used for the placement of individuals and the security thereof.
 - 2.1.7. Provide for the continuous review of placements and the assessment procedures employed to insure their effectiveness and applicability, and insure the continued implementation and compliance with eligibility criteria.
 - 2.1.8. Provide for the integration of students with disabilities into the general education school programs and provide for evaluating the results of such integration according to specifications of the Local Plan.
 - 2.1.9. Conduct the review of individual placements requested by the parents and/or legal guardians of the student in accordance with the Local Plan.
 - 2.1.10. Prepare and submit all required reports, including reports on student enrollment, program expenditures, and program evaluation.
- 2.2. Fiscal Responsibilities. Receive and expend special education funding in accordance with the Charter SELPA Allocation Plan.
- 2.3. Restricted Funds. As a condition of membership and participation in the SELPA, LEA warrants and represents that at no time during the term of this Agreement and LEA's membership and participation in the SELPA shall the LEA, directly or indirectly, provide special education funding for the benefit of a for-profit entity. All funding provided through the Charter SELPA shall be treated as a restricted funding source to be expended only for special education or special education services. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as prohibiting any LEA from expending funds to contract with a state-certified nonpublic agency/school for the benefit of children served, in accordance with the approved master contract and individual services agreements as provided for in federal and state law.
- 2.4. Audit Report. Annually provide the SELPA with the LEA's annual, independent financial audit report, on or before December 20th each year, unless an extension has been granted by the State Controller's Office, in which case an extension will be granted to the charter as well. LEA further agrees to provide SELPA copies of any and all State Controller's Office communications regarding audit report corrective actions and a corrected audit report, if applicable. Should an LEA be the subject of an investigation by any federal, state, or local agency, including but not limited to the Fiscal Crisis Management and Assistance Team ("FCMAT") arising out of or related to allegations of fiscal mismanagement, failure to meet generally accepted accounting principles, or any violation of a provision of law, the LEA shall immediately notify SELPA and provide the SELPA with a copy of any written correspondence related thereto.
- 2.5. Membership Responsibilities. Adhere to governance structure within SELPA Local Plan and Policies including designating appropriate representatives to serve on required councils and committees; ensure appropriate LEA representatives attend and participate in SELPA governance meetings as set forth in the Local Plan, Policies and Procedures.
- 2.6. Management Decisions. Consistent with this Agreement, LEA shall have full and exclusive authority and responsibility for classifying employment positions within their

LEA. The managerial prerogatives of any participating LEA member shall not be infringed upon by any other participating LEA member except upon mutual consent of an affected LEA member(s), or unless as otherwise set forth. LEA shall not undertake to independently act on behalf of the SELPA or any of its members without express written authorization of the SELPA.

- 2.7. Participation. Ensure appropriate LEA representatives attend and participate in SELPA governance meetings and committees as set forth in the Local Plan, Policies and Procedures.
- 2.8. Reporting Requirements. Submit all required federal, state and SELPA reports and data requests in the prescribed format and at the specified due date. Upon written request by the SELPA, LEA shall provide any requested information, documents, writings, or information of any sort without delay, except as otherwise prohibited by law.
- 2.9. Indemnification and Hold Harmless. To the fullest extent allowed by law, LEA agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the SELPA and its individual other members, EDCOE, the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools, and each of their respective directors, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers (the Indemnified Parties), from any claim or demand, damages, losses or expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees) that arise in any manner from an actual or alleged failure by LEA to fulfill one or more of the LEA member's obligations except to the extent that such suit arises from the SELPA, EDCOE, or the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools' negligence.

3. **SELPA DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 Services. In order to accomplish the goals set forth in the Local Plan, SELPA shall provide the following services and activities for the LEA:
 - 3.1.1. Receive, compile, and submit required enrollment reports and compute all special education apportionments; receive data from LEA to compile and submit budgets for the programs and monitor the fiscal aspects of the program conducted, and receive the special education apportionments as authorized by applicable law.Type your text
 - 3.1.2. Maintain SELPA policies and procedures for referring and placing individuals with exceptional needs who are enrolled in the LEA, including the methods and procedures for communication with the parents and/or guardians of the students according to SELPA Local Plan, Policies and Procedures.
 - 3.1.3. Coordinate the organization and maintenance of the Special Education Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") to coordinate the implementation of the Local Plan and provide for the attendance of designated members of the SELPA's staff at all regularly scheduled CAC meetings as required by law.
 - 3.1.4. Coordinate community resources with those provided by LEA and SELPA, including providing such contractual agreements as may be required.
 - 3.1.5. Coordinate state Quality Assurance Process.
 - 3.1.6. Provide alternative dispute resolution supports and services.
 - 3.1.7. Develop interagency referral and placement procedures.
 - 3.1.8. Provide regular personnel development training sessions for LEA staff responsible for administering or delivering special education programs and services.

- 3.1.9. Provide the method and forms to enable the LEA to report to the SELPA on student enrollment and program expenditures. Establish and maintain a pupil information system.
- 3.1.10. Provide reasonable and appropriate technical assistance and information to the LEA upon request from LEA administration, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Evidenced Based Practices;
 - 2. Program Development and Improvement;
 - 3. Individual cases;
 - 4. State complaints;
 - 5. Requests for due process mediation and hearing; and
 - 6. Appropriate programs and services for specific pupils.
- 3.1.11. Perform other services reasonable and necessary to the administration and coordination of the Local Plan.

- 3.2. Governance. Organize and maintain the governance structure of the Local Plan including various committees and councils to monitor the operations of the SELPA and make recommendations for necessary revisions, including, but not limited to, the Local Plan, Allocation Plan and Policies.
- 3.3. Data Reporting. Establish and maintain methods, timelines and forms to submit required federal, state and SELPA reports.
- 3.4. Public Meetings. Schedule public meetings for purposes of governance activities and adopting the Annual Service Plan and Budget Plan.
- 3.5. Fiscal Responsibilities. Receive, distribute, and oversee the expenditure of special education funds in accordance with federal and state regulations and the SELPA Allocation Plan.
- 3.6. Indemnification and Hold Harmless. The SELPA shall be held harmless and indemnify EDCOE and the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools for any costs of any kind or nature arising out of or related to this agreement other than as specifically contemplated herein, except to the extent that such cost arises from EDCOE and the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools' negligence.

4. EDCOE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. The Parties understand that EDCOE is designated in the Local Plan as the “responsible local agency” for the SELPA. EDCOE shall receive and distribute state and federal special education funds pursuant to the Allocation Plan, provide administrative support, and coordinate implementation of the Local Plan in accordance with state and federal law.
- 4.2. EDCOE shall not be responsible for any LEA or SELPA obligations or duties of any kind or nature except as explicitly set forth in this agreement.

5. TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN SELPA

- 5.1. LEA may terminate this Agreement and participation in the SELPA in its sole discretion at the end of the fiscal year next occurring after having provided prior written notice to the SELPA, as follows:

- 5.1.1. Prior initial written notice of intended termination to the SELPA at least twelve (12) months and one (1) day in advance of date of termination; and
 - 5.1.2. Final written notice of termination to the SELPA no more than six (6) months after the LEA's initial notice of intended termination.
- 5.2. The SELPA may initiate and complete termination of this Agreement and LEA's participation in the SELPA in its sole discretion in accordance with the process and standards in SELPA Policies. The SELPA will provide prior written notice to the LEA at least twelve (12) months as follows:
- 5.2.1. Prior initial written notice of intended termination to the LEA at least twelve (12) months and one (1) day in advance of date of termination, and
 - 5.2.2. Final written notice of termination to the LEA no more than six (6) months after the SELPA's initial notice of intended termination.
- 5.3. Specifically the timeline and process above does not preclude the SELPA from initiating and completing the termination process in less than 12 months or by June 30 of the year immediately preceding the summary termination, if the member demonstrates:
- 5.3.1. Egregious disregard of state and federal requirements to provide services to students; and/or
 - 5.3.2. Demonstrated systemic and material issues that would cause the SELPA to make a finding of "going concern" based on leadership, programmatic and/or fiscal solvency that would cause SELPA to reasonably believe the SELPA may be harmed by the continued membership of the LEA.

The standards and timeline as determined by the SELPA shall, at a minimum, provide the LEA a reasonable opportunity for prior written notice and an opportunity to be heard by the Membership Appeals Committee.

6. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Should a dispute arise relating to the responsibility for service provision, governance activities, the distribution of funding, if a party believes that an action taken by the CEO Council will create an undue hardship, or that the action taken exceeds the authority granted to the CEO Council within the Local Plan and/or state or federal statute, the aggrieved party may request a review of the action with the appropriate governing body or CDE as appropriate.

7. MUTUAL REPRESENTATIONS

- 7.1. Authority and Capacity. The Parties have the authority and capacity to enter into this agreement.
- 7.2. Full Disclosure. All information heretofore furnished by the Parties for purposes of or in connection with this Agreement or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby is true and accurate in all material respects on the date as of which such information is stated.
- 7.3. No Conflicts. Neither party is under any restriction or obligation that may affect the performance of its obligations under this agreement.
- 7.4. Enforceability. This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation, enforceable against the Parties according to its terms.

8. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Parties hereto agree that nothing contained in this Agreement or otherwise shall be deemed to have waived or modified any of their rights or remedies under the law.

This agreement is entered into for the 2017-18 year and, absent a new agreement or termination, continues each year thereafter.

Executed on this 30th day of November, **20** 17.

In accordance with SELPA policy, Inspire Charter School- Kern,
[INSERT Charter LEA Name]

certifies that this agreement has been approved by the appropriate local board(s).

LEA

Date

Signature of CEO of Charter LEA

[PRINT CEO Name, Title]
Type your text

EL DORADO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Date

Ed Manansala, Ed.D., Superintendent
El Dorado County Office of Education

Date

David M. Toston, Associate Superintendent
SELPA Programs
El Dorado County Office of Education

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Finalize

Appropriately Assigned Teachers, Access to Curriculum-Aligned Instructional Materials, and Safe, Clean and Functional School Facilities (Priority 1)

This is the submission form for the local educational agency (school district, charter school, and county office of education) to complete on the local performance indicator for appropriately assigned teachers, access to curriculum-aligned instructional materials, and safe, clean and functional school facilities (Priority 1).

Standard: Local educational agency annually measures its progress in meeting the Williams settlement requirements at 100% at all of its school sites, as applicable, and promptly addresses any complaints or other deficiencies identified throughout the academic year, as applicable; and provides information annually on progress meeting this standard to its local governing board and to stakeholders and the public through the evaluation rubrics.

Instructions: Local educational agency uses locally available information, including data currently reported through the School Accountability Report Card, and determines whether it report the results to its local governing board and through the self-reflection tool below. In the future, this information will be auto-populated within the web-based evaluation rubrics system (California School Dashboard) for local educational agencies that use the California Department of Education’s School Accountability Report Card template. Currently, all local educational agencies will need to provide the following information:

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required

Number/percentage of misassignments of teachers of English learners, total teacher misassignments, and vacant teacher positions: *

Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at school and at home: *

Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies): *

Criteria:

Please assess the local educational agency performance on meeting the standard by designating the following: *

- Met
- Not Met
- Not Met For Two or More Years

Optional: Provide any additional information that the local educational agency believes is relevant to understanding its progress on meeting the requirements for appropriately assigned teachers, access to curriculum-aligned instructional materials, and safe, clean and functional school facilities.

Text limit is 1500 characters

Submit Responses

Reset Form

Questions: lcff@cde.ca.gov (<mailto:lcff@cde.ca.gov>)

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Finalize

Self-Reflection Tool for Implementation of State Academic Standards (Priority 2)

This is the submission form for the local educational agency (school district, charter school, and county office of education) to complete on the local performance indicator for the implementation of state academic standards (Priority 2).

Standard: Local educational agency annually measures its progress implementing state academic standards and reports the results to its local governing board at a regularly scheduled meeting of the local governing board and to stakeholders and the public through the evaluation rubrics.

Instructions: Local educational agency measures its progress using one of the self-reflective tools below and reports the results to its local governing board at a regularly scheduled meeting and through the evaluation rubrics web-based system (California School Dashboard).

Local educational agencies may provide a narrative summary of their progress in the implementation of state academic standards based on locally selected measures or tools (Option 1). Alternatively, local educational agencies may complete the optional reflection tool (Option 2).

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required

Option 1: Narrative Summary

In the narrative box, identify the locally selected measures or tools that the local educational agency is using to track its progress in implementing the state academic standards adopted by the State Board of Education and briefly describe why the local educational agency chose the selected measures or tools.

Additionally, summarize the local educational agency's progress in implementing the academic standards adopted by the State Board of Education, based on the locally selected measures or tools. The adopted academic standards are:

- English Language Arts – Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts
- English Language Development (Aligned to Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts)
- Mathematics – Common Core State Standards for Mathematics
- Next Generation Science Standards
- History-Social Science
- Career Technical Education
- Health Education Content Standards
- Physical Education Model Content Standards
- Visual and Performing Arts
- World Language

Text is limited to 3000 characters

Option 2: Reflection Tool

Recently Adopted Academic Standards and/or Curriculum Frameworks

1. Rate the local educational agency's progress in providing professional learning for teaching to the recently adopted academic standards and/or curriculum frameworks identified below.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

English Language Arts – Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts

1 2 3 4 5

English Language Development (Aligned to English Language Arts Standards)

1 2 3 4 5

Mathematics – Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

1 2 3 4 5

Next Generation Science Standards

1 2 3 4 5

History-Social Science

1 2 3 4 5

2. Rate the local educational agency's 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.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

English Language Arts – Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts

1 2 3 4 5

English Language Development (Aligned to English Language Arts Standards)

1 2 3 4 5

Mathematics – Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

1 2 3 4 5

Next Generation Science Standards

1 2 3 4 5

History-Social Science

1 2 3 4 5

3. Rate the local educational agency's 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)

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

English Language Arts – Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts

1 2 3 4 5

English Language Development (Aligned to English Language Arts Standards)

1 2 3 4 5

Mathematics – Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

1 2 3 4 5

Next Generation Science Standards

1 2 3 4 5

History-Social Science

1 2 3 4 5

Other Adopted Academic Standards

4. Rate the local educational agency's progress implementing each of the following academic standards adopted by the State Board of Education for all students.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

Career Technical Education

1 2 3 4 5

Health Education Content Standards

1 2 3 4 5

Physical Education Model Content Standards

1 2 3 4 5

Visual and Performing Arts

1 2 3 4 5

World Language

1 2 3 4 5

Support for Teachers and Administrators

5. During the 2015-16 school year (including summer 2015) or during the 2016-17 school year (including summer 2016), rate the local educational agency's success at engaging in the following activities with teachers and school administrators?

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

Identifying the professional learning needs of groups of teachers or staff as a whole

1 2 3 4 5

Identifying the professional learning needs of individual teachers

1 2 3 4 5

Providing support for teachers on the standards they have not yet mastered

1 2 3 4 5

Criteria:

Please assess the local educational agency performance on meeting the standard by designating the following: *

- Met
- Not Met
- Not Met For Two or More Years

Optional: Provide any additional information that the local educational agency believes is relevant to understanding its progress on meeting the requirements for implementation of state academic standards.

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Self-Reflection Tool for Parent Engagement (Priority 3)

This is the submission form for the local educational agency (school districts, charter school, and county office of education) to complete on the local performance indicator for parent engagement (Priority 3).

Standard: Local educational agency annually measures its progress in: (1) seeking input from parents in decision making; and (2) promoting parental participation in programs, and reports the results to its local governing board at a regularly scheduled meeting of the local governing board and to stakeholders and the public through the evaluation rubrics.

Instructions: Local educational agency measures its progress using one of the self-reflection tools below and reports the results to its local governing board at a regularly scheduled meeting and through the evaluation rubrics web-based system (California School Dashboard).

Local educational agencies will provide a narrative summary of their progress toward (1) seeking input from parents/guardians in school and district decision making; and (2) promoting parental participation in programs.

The summary of progress must be based either on information collected through surveys of parents/guardians or other local measures. Under either option, the local educational agency briefly describes why it chose the selected measures, including whether the local educational agency expects that progress on the selected measure is related to goals it has established for other Local Control Funding Formula priorities in its Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Option 1: Survey

If the local educational agency administers a local survey to parents/guardians in at least one grade within each grade span that the local educational agency serves (e.g., K–5, 6–8, 9–12), summarize:

1. The key findings from the survey related to seeking input from parents/guardians in school and district decision making;
2. The key findings from the survey related to promoting parental participation in programs; and
3. Why the local educational agency chose the selected survey and whether the findings relate to the goals established for other Local Control Funding Formula priorities in the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

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An annual parent survey was created by staff and used to collect data from parents regarding their input into the school's decision making policies and parent participation. The school is an independent study charter school in which teachers and parents meet monthly or more to provide academic, social and emotional support to students. The survey found that

An annual parent survey was created by staff and used to collect data from parents regarding their input into the school's decision making policies and parent participation. The school is an independent study charter school in which teachers and parents meet monthly or more to provide academic, social and emotional support to students. The survey found that over 92% agreed or strongly agreed they were receiving a good education, 80% agreed or strongly agreed their children felt safe and connected to the school, 89% agreed or strongly agreed with the amount of academic support they were given by the school, and 90% agreed or strongly agreed communication and interactions with the teacher were effective, safe, and provided opportunities that were able to make connections with the real-world based on information learned in their classes. The survey demonstrated that students and families felt Inspire Charter School - Kern clearly explained expectations for learning in an independent environment (online or textbook based.) Students and families highlighted the opportunities to participate in decision making regarding events, social interaction and educational field trips. Even though the survey results were very positive, we are always striving to provide our students the best educational experience possible, as well as aligning goals based on our LCAP.

Option 2: Local Measures

Summarize:

1. The local educational agency's progress on at least one measure related to seeking input from parents/guardians in school and district decision making;
2. The local educational agency's progress on at least one measure related to promoting parental participation in programs; and
3. Why the local educational agency chose the selected measures and whether the findings relate to the goals established for other Local Control Funding Formula priorities in the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Examples of measures that local educational agencies could select are listed below.

A. Seeking Input in School/District Decision Making

1. Measure of teacher and administrator participation in professional development opportunities related to engaging parents/guardians in decision making.
2. Measure of participation by parents/guardians in trainings that also involve school/district staff to build capacity in working collaboratively.
3. Measure of parent/guardian participation in meetings of the local governing board and/or advisory committees.

B. Promoting Participation in Programs

1. Measure of whether school sites have access to interpretation and translation services to allow parents/guardians to participate fully in educational programs and individual meetings with school staff related to their child's education.
2. Measure of whether school sites provide trainings or workshops for parents/guardians that are linked to student learning and/or social-emotional development and growth.
3. Measure of whether school and district staff (teachers, administrators, support staff) have completed professional development on effective parent/guardian engagement in the last two school years.

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School Climate (Priority 6)

This is the submission form for the local educational agency coordinator (school district, charter school, and county office) to complete on the local performance indicator for school climate (Priority 6).

Standard: Local educational agency administers a local climate survey at least every other year that provides a valid measure of perceptions of school safety and connectedness, such as the California Healthy Kids Survey, to students in at least one grade within the grade span(s) that the local educational agency serves (e.g., K-5, 6-8, 9-12), and reports the results to its local governing board at a regularly scheduled meeting of the local governing board and to stakeholders and the public through the evaluation rubrics.

Instructions: Local educational agency administers a survey as specified and reports the results to its local governing board. Local educational agency determines its progress by completing the self-reflection tool below. Local educational agencies 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 within the grade span (e.g., K-5, 6-8, 9-12). Specifically, local educational agencies will have an opportunity to include differences among student groups, and for surveys that provide an overall score, such as the California Healthy Kids Survey report the overall score for all students and student groups. 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.

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Criteria:

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