

#### MEETING AGENDA - iLEAD Lancaster Board

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#### Meeting

Meeting Date Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Start Time 7:00 PM End Time 8:00 PM

Location Address: 254 E. Ave. K-4, Lancaster, CA 93535

Purpose Regular Scheduled Meeting

#### Agenda

## 1. Opening Items

1.1. Call The Meeting To Order

1.2. Roll Call

1.3. Pledge Of Allegiance

1.4. Board Meeting Agenda

Discuss and take action on the Board Meeting Agenda.

1.5. Board Meeting Minutes

Discuss and take action on the Board Meeting Minutes.

**Documents** 

• Minutes-2025-06-18-v1 (1).pdf

#### 2. Public Comments

#### 2.1. Public Comments

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#### 3. Action Items

#### 3.1. Local Control & Accountability Plan

Discuss and take action on the 2024 - 2025 LCAP.

Documents

25-26 Lancaster LCAP Final.pdf



#### 3.2. 2024-2025 Estimated Actuals & 2025-2026 Budget

Discuss and take action on the Estimated Actuals and projected 2025 - 2026 school budget including but not limited to staffing, retirement, insurance, health/welfare benefits, operations, and curriculum costs.

#### **Documents**

• Board Meeting - Est. Actuals, Budget, MYP - 24.25, 25.26 - iLEAD Lancaster (1) (1).pdf

#### 3.3. Instructional Continuity Plan

Discuss and take action regarding the new Instructional Continuity Plan.

#### **Documents**

· Lancaster 2025 ICP.pdf

#### 3.4. Immigration Enforcement Policy

Discuss and take action regarding the Immigration Enforcement Policy.

#### Documents

Immigration Enforcement Policy - iLEAD Lancaster.pdf

#### 3.5. 2025-2026 Family Guidebook

Discuss and take action regarding the Family Guidebook.

#### **Documents**

• iLEAD Lancaster 2025-2026 Family Guidebook .pdf

#### 3.6. Declaration of Need (DON) For Fully Qualified Educators

Discuss and take action regarding the 2025-2026 DON.

#### **Documents**

25 26 Lancaster- DON.pdf

#### 3.7. School Plan For Student Achievement

Discuss and take action regarding the SPSA.

#### Documents

- Lancaster SPSA 25\_26 board presentation.pdf
- Lancaster SPSA 25-26 draft (1).pdf

#### 3.8. School Director Employment Agreement

Discussion, required report, and action regarding the School Director Employment Agreement.

#### Due date:

#### **Documents**

• iLead Lancaster Executive Compensation Comparability Study (June 2025) 4925-2835-6168 v.2 (1).pdf

#### 3.9. Revised Classroom-Based Attendance Policy

Discuss and take action regarding the revised attendance policy.

#### Documents

• Revised June 2025 iLEAD Lancaster Classroom-Based Attendance Policy.pdf



#### 3.10. Screener for Reading Difficulties

Discuss and take action regarding the screening of K - 2 grade learners for reading difficulties.

**Documents** 

· Lancaster Reading Difficulty Screener June 2025.pdf

## 4. Discussion And Reports

#### 4.1. Prop 28 Annual Report

Discuss the Prop. 28 programs for learners.

**Documents** 

• Lancaster - 24\_25 Prop 28 annual plan and fiscal update.pdf

#### 4.2. Local Indicator Report

Discuss the 2023-2024 Local Indicators.

**Documents** 

• 2025 iLEAD Lancaster Local Indicators √.pdf

#### 5. Closed Session

5.1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1): School Director.

## 6. Report of Closed Session

6.1. Report of Closed Session

### 7. Consent Items

#### 7.1. Personnel Report

Documents

• 06.25.25 \_Lancaster\_PersonnelReport.pdf

#### 7.2. Check Register

Documents

- Lancaster Payment Register Summary\_20250617.pdf
- Lancaster Payment Register\_20250617.pdf

#### 8. Board Comments

#### 8.1. Board Comments

## 9. Closing Items



#### 9.1. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Board Members mark their calendars and confirm quorum.

#### 9.2. Adjournment

**Please note:** items on the agenda may not be addressed in the order they appear. The Board of Directors may alter the order at their discretion.

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### MEETING MINUTES - iLEAD Lancaster Board

#### Meeting

Date Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Started 7:09 PM Ended 8:19 PM

Location Address: 254 E. Ave. K-4, Lancaster, CA 93535

Purpose Regular Scheduled Meeting

Chaired by Eric Becker

Recorder KeKe Montoya

#### Minutes

### 1. Opening Items

#### 1.1. Call The Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

Status: Completed

#### 1.2. Roll Call

Eric present

Bridget present

Constance present

Beth absent

Status: Completed

#### 1.3. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Status: Completed

#### 1.4. Board Meeting Agenda

Discuss and take action on the Board Meeting Agenda.

Motioned: Bridget

Seconded: Eric

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

#### 1.5. Board Meeting Minutes

Discuss and take action on the Board Meeting Minutes.



Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

**Documents** 

Minutes-2025-05-20-v1.pdf

### 2. Public Comments

#### 2.1. Public Comments

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No public comments were made.

Status: Completed

## 3. Hearing

#### 3.1. LCAP Hearing

This is the opportunity for the Public to review the summary of the 2025-2026 LCAP and make comments to the Board accordingly.

Allison presented the LCAP Hearing.

Status: Completed

Documents

iLEAD Lancaster 25-26 LCAP DRAFT Week 1.pdf

#### 4. Discussion And Reports

#### 4.1. 2024-2025 Estimated Actuals & 2025-2026 Budget

Discuss the Estimated Actuals and projected 2025 - 2026 school budget including but not limited to staffing, retirement, insurance, health/welfare benefits, operations, and curriculum costs.

Kelly presented the 2024-2025 Estimated Actuals & 2025-2026 Budget.

Status: Completed

Documents

• Board Meeting - Est. Actuals, Budget, MYP - 24.25, 25.26 - iLEAD Lancaster.pdf

#### 4.2. School Director Report

Deborah presented her School Director Report



Status: Completed

Documents

• iLEAD Lancaster School Director Report\_6\_18\_25.pdf

#### 5. Action Items

#### 5.1. Revised iCA Service Agreement

Discuss and take action regarding the revised iCA Service Agreement.

Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

**Documents** 

• Resource Sharing Agreement 25-26(9531008.2).pdf

#### 5.2. Self Operation Food Service Agreement

Discuss and take action regarding the Self Operation Food Service Agreement.

Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

Documents

• MOU for Self Operation 25-26.pdf

#### 5.3. Annual Request for Title Funding

Discuss and take action regarding continued Title funding for the school programs.

Farnaz presented the Annual Request for Title Funding.

Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

Documents

• Lancaster 25\_26 Request For Annual Federal Title Funding.pdf

#### 5.4. Revised Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Policy



Discuss and take action regarding the revised UCP Policy.

Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

**Documents** 

 $\bullet \quad \mathsf{Updated}\text{-}\mathsf{iLEAD}\_\mathsf{Lancaster}\_\mathsf{Uniform}\_\mathsf{Complaint}\_\mathsf{Policy}.\mathsf{pdf}$ 

### 5.5. Revised Holiday Policy

Discuss and take action regarding the revised Holiday Policy for 2025-2026.

Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

Documents

• Holiday Policy Lancaster 25-26 Redline for Board Approval.pdf

#### 5.6. Revised Vacation Policy

Discuss and take action regarding the revised Vacation Policy for 2025-2026.

Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

Documents

• Vacation Policy Lancaster 25-26 Redline for Board Approval.pdf

#### 5.7. Revised Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

Discuss and take action regarding the revised BYOD Policy.

Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

Documents



• BYOD Policy Lancaster 25-26 Redline for Board Approval.pdf

#### 5.8. Revised Remote Work Policy

Discuss and take action regarding the revised Remote Work Policy.

Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

Documents

• Remote Work Policy Lancaster 25-26 Redline for Board Approval (1).pdf

#### 5.9. 2025 - 2026 Board Meeting Dates

Discuss and take action regarding the 2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates.

Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

Documents

• iLEADLancaster\_2025-2026\_BoardMeetingDates (1).pdf

#### 6. Consent Items

#### 6.1. LACOE Certificate of Signatures

Motioned: Eric

Seconded: Bridget

**Unanimously Approved** 

Beth was absent.

Status: Completed

Documents

• iLEADLancaster\_CertificationofSignatures\_June2024.pdf

#### 7. Closed Session

#### 7.1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1): School Director



Closed Session began at 7:32 PM and ended at 8:18 PM.

Status: Completed

#### 8. Report of Closed Session

No formal action was taken; nothing to report of Closed Session.

Status: Completed

#### 9. Board Comments

#### 9.1. Board Comments

Bridget mentioned how great the promotion ceremony was and she had a lot of fun.

Status: Completed

## 10. Closing Items

#### 10.1. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Board Members mark their calendars and confirm quorum.

Status: Completed

#### 10.2. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19PM.

Status: Completed

## **LCFF Budget Overview for Parents**

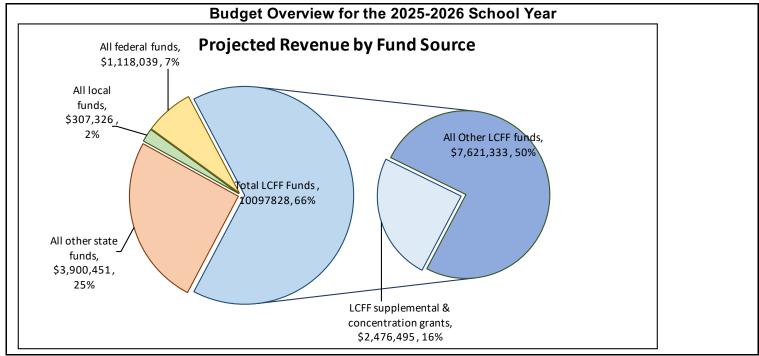
#### **LCFF Budget Overview for Parents Template**

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name: iLEAD Lancaster

CDS Code: 19-64667-0125559 School Year: 2025-2026

LEA contact information: Deborah Autrey: director@iLEADLancaster.org

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

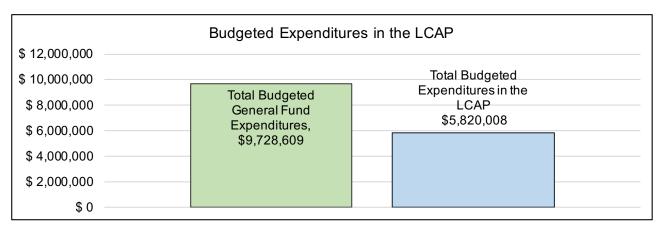


This chart shows the total general purpose revenue iLEAD Lancaster expects to receive in the coming year from all sources.

The text description for the above chart is as follows: The total revenue projected for iLEAD Lancaster is \$15,423,644.00, of which \$10,097,828.00 is Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), \$3,900,451.00 is other state funds, \$307,326.00 is local funds, and \$1,118,039.00 is federal funds. Of the \$10,097,828.00 in LCFF Funds, \$2,476,495.00 is generated based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learner, and low-income students).

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

## **LCFF Budget Overview for Parents**



This chart provides a quick summary of how much iLEAD Lancaster plans to spend for 2025-2026. It shows how much of the total is tied to planned actions and services in the LCAP.

The text description of the above chart is as follows: iLEAD Lancaster plans to spend \$9,728,609.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. Of that amount, \$5,820,008.19 is tied to actions/services in the LCAP and \$3,908,600.81 is not included in the LCAP. The budgeted expenditures that are not included in the LCAP will be used for the following:

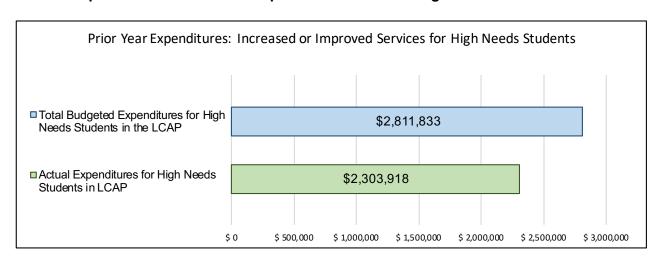
Expenditure not in the LCAP consists of net income designated for economic uncertainties recommended by the district, and

Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in the LCAP for the 2025-2026 School Year

In 2025-2026, iLEAD Lancaster is projecting it will receive \$2,476,495.00 based on the enrollment of foster youth, English learner, and low-income students. iLEAD Lancaster must describe how it intends to increase or improve services for high needs students in the LCAP. iLEAD Lancaster plans to spend \$2,476,495.00 towards meeting this requirement, as described in the LCAP.

## **LCFF Budget Overview for Parents**

#### Update on Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in 2024-2025



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

The text description of the above chart is as follows: In 2024-2025, iLEAD Lancaster's LCAP budgeted \$2,811,833.00 for planned actions to increase or improve services for high needs students. iLEAD Lancaster actually spent \$2,303,918.00 for actions to increase or improve services for high needs students in 2024-2025. The difference between the budgeted and actual expenditures of \$507,915.00 had the following impact on iLEAD Lancaster's ability to increase or improve services for high needs students:

All estimated actual revenue for increasing and improving services for high needs students was expended.

# **Local Control and Accountability Plan**

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

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name	Contact Name and Title	Email and Phone
iLEAD Lancaster Charter	Deborah Autrey Director	director@ileadlancaster.org (661) 722-4287

# **Plan Summary 2025-2026**

## **General Information**

A description of the LEA, its schools, and its students in grades transitional kindergarten-12, as applicable to the LEA. LEAs may also provide information about their strategic plan, vision, etc.

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School, located in Lancaster, California, opened in September 2012. The school serves TK- 8th grades with an enrollment of 771 learners during the 2024-25 school year.

Vision: At iLEAD, we strive to be a beacon of innovation and creativity, fostering a culture of curiosity and leadership. Our commitment to unlocking the potential of our learners and the communities we serve is unwavering. We believe that by empowering people to become Lifelong learners, Empathetic citizens, Authentic individuals, and Design thinkers, we can create a better future for all.

The mission of ?iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is to empower students to become conscientious, compassionate, and responsible citizens of the world. In this process we inspire them to become creative thinkers and leaders, with a lifelong love of learning. We accomplish this through individualized instruction, active learning methods and opportunities for self-directed learning. We celebrate and foster each child's individuality, and support them in discovering their highest potential. We believe each child will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to achieve his or her fullest potential in preparation for college and the demands of the 21st century workplace.

iLEAD Lancaster offers a learner-centered approach to education that focuses on interdisciplinary project-based learning and social-emotional learning principles while adhering to the Common Core Standards. Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Twice a year, learners and facilitators alike reflect on student growth in each of these areas through use of the iLEAD Comprehensive Growth Card.

Learner performance and achievement are measured by a variety of summative and formative assessments that are aligned to state standards and reflect proficiency measures required by the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). To support instructional decision-making, the school utilizes NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress), an adaptive assessment tool approved by the California Department of Education (CDE), as one of several measures to monitor learner progress throughout the year.

Through thoughtfully designed learning environments and the implementation of professional learning on diversity, equity, and inclusion, it is iLEAD Lancaster's goal to build an engaging and rigorous educational experience with a focus on each learner's unique strengths to cultivate a love for learning. The school incorporates technology as a regular part of the learning process. School staff works with each learner to develop an individualized learning plan with an emphasis on academic and SEL goals.

The staff also incorporates a variety of methods and best practices including professional learning, implementation of intentional teaching strategies, analysis of learner performance data, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), and the revision of instruction as necessary to educate all learners and address the unique needs of English Learners, Students with Disabilities, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, those experiencing Homelessness, and Foster Youth. At iLEAD Lancaster, English learners receive designated and integrated language support throughout the school day. Students with Disabilities are taught in inclusive general education classes as much as possible according to the needs of their individualized education plans providing them with the least restrictive environment possible.

Using restorative practices and Leader in Me training, iLEAD Lancaster places a special emphasis on leadership, critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity. School staff encourages leadership in each learner by instilling the confidence and character that inspires others when one thinks for themself. The school provides humanities, arts, the Makery, a STEM Exploratorium (workspace areas for learners), and hands-on aerospace opportunities.

## **Reflections: Annual Performance**

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

The 2024-2025 school year for iLEAD Lancaster has been marked by a continued commitment to fostering a positive learning environment and addressing key areas of student and family well-being. The school has focused on high quality academics through MTSS with a focus on math intervention, Project-Based Learning, communication, learning environment, family/community involvement, and school environment, as evidenced by various survey results and ongoing initiatives.

#### Overall Highlights Include:

- -Events/activities/field studies were at an all-time high this year with great success
- -PBL Training for all staff to reaffirm commitment and best practices in alignment with the iLEAD Methodology
- -Partnership with the LAIRP for Restorative Practices training and implementation
- -Expanded small group instruction and MTSS intervention strategies for all learners to support academic achievement
- -Community Building through "Dish with the Director" supported strong family/community partnership and a commitment to educational partner voice

#### Successes Include:

- -Facilities FIT Tool: Maintained a "good" status, achieving the target.
- -Ed Partner Engagement: Maintained 15 educational partner engagement opportunities, meeting the target.
- -Unduplicated Ed Partner Engagement in Special Programs: Maintained 10 programs for parents of Unduplicated Pupils (UDPs) and individuals with exceptional needs, meeting the target.
- -Family Engagement, Perception of School, and Strategic Input: Maintained at or above 85% of families feeling that the school provides adequate opportunities for their involvement and incorporates their input as an educational partner. The 2024-2025 outcome was 87.1%.
- -Access to Broad Course of Study: Maintained 10 exploratories offered, meeting the target.
- -ILP Academic Goal: Increased by 26.2%, with 95.2% of learners meeting their self-identified academic goal.
- -Fall to Spring MAP CGI (Reading & Math): Reading increased by 0.1, and Math increased by 0.2, meeting the target of maintaining at or above -0.2.
- -Staff Survey on PD: The 2025 outcome showed 82.7% of staff had favorable responses, meeting the target of maintaining at or above 80%.
- -Dropout Rates (Middle School): Maintained at 0%, meeting the target of below 1%.
- -Attendance: Increased by 0.5%, with a 2023-2024 attendance rate of 88.6%.
- -Extra Curriculars: Maintained 5 extra-curricular opportunities offered annually, meeting the target of at or above 3 opportunities.
- -School Environment (Local Indicator Survey Rubric): Maintained all indicators, meeting the target.
- -Access to Instructional Materials (Local Indicator Survey Rubric): Maintained all indicators, meeting the target.

#### Areas for Growth Include:

- -EL ELPAC Progress: Decreased by 51%, with only 30.8% making progress toward proficiency. This is a significant decline of 49.20% below the baseline.
- -EL Reclassification: Decreased by 13.3%, with a 2024 rate of 7.69%.
- -CAASPP ELA All Learners: Participation rate decreased by 0.3%.
- -CAASPP ELA English Learners: Participation rate decreased by 8%.
- -CAASPP ELA Hispanic Learners: Participation rate decreased by 7%.

- -CAASPP Math All Learners: Participation rate decreased by 0.2%.
- -CAASPP Math English Learners: Participation rate decreased by 4%.
- -CAASPP Math Hispanic Learners: Participation rate decreased by 0.3%.
- -CAST Science: Decreased by 5.12%, resulting in a decline of 14.13% from the baseline.
- -Chronic Absenteeism All Students: Declined by 4.2% but is still a challenge, with a 2024 rate of 42.0% chronically absent.
- -Chronic Absenteeism African American Learners: Declined by 3% but is still a challenge, with a 2024 rate of 51.9% chronically absent.
- -Chronic Absenteeism English Learners: Increased by 2.6%.
- -SARC Teacher Data Teachers without Credentials and Misassignments: Increased by 3.
- -SARC Teacher Data Misassignments for English Learners: Increased by 4.5%.

2023 California School Dashboard Red Areas (continued LCAP focus for 3-year cycle)

- -Chronic Absenteeism and English Language Arts for all learners were red on the 2023 California Dashboard
- -Hispanic and socioeconomically disadvantaged learners were red on the 2023 California Dashboard for ELA
- -Hispanic learners were red on the 2023 California Dashboard for Math
- -African American learners, White learners, and English Learners were red on the 2023 California Dashboard for Chronic Absenteeism
- -African American learners and socioeconomically disadvantaged learners were red on the 2023 California Dashboard for Suspension rates.

iLEAD Lancaster has \$738,044 in unexpended Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant funding for the 25/26 school year. Funding is tied to Actions 1.3 and 2.4 and will use Metric 2.8 to measure effectiveness.

## **Reflections: Technical Assistance**

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

The school was identified for Differentiated Assistance based on 2023 California Dashboard lowest performance ratings for:

Priority 4 Learning:

ELA: Hispanic learners and socioeconomically disadvantaged learners

Math: Hispanic learners Priority 5 Engagement:

Chronically Absent for African American learners

Suspension for African American learners and socioeconomically disadvantaged learners

As part of receiving technical assistance, the school worked with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) in the spring of 2024 to attend an all-day collaboration to analyze performance ratings and perform root cause analysis for each area identified under Differentiated Assistance. The school has continued in 24-25 to translate root cause analysis to implementation actions and action monitoring for identified areas of growth through MTSS evidence-based intervention, behavioral supports, family services, engagement opportunities, restorative practices training, and implementation. Actions 2.2, 2.3, 3.4, and 3.5 all support Differentiated Assistance initiatives.

## **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.

N/A

## Support for Identified Schools

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

N/A

## Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness

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

N/A

## **Engaging Educational Partners**

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

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

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

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

Educational Partner(s)	Process for Engagement
Learners	-Annual surveys -Semi-annual Learner Outcome survey -Listening sessions -Student leadership
Families	-Annual surveys -Listening sessions -iSUPPORT meetings -School Site Council -Board meetings
Staff	-Annual Panorama survey -Listening sessions -iSUPPORT meetings -School Site Council -Board meetings -Individual learning plans -PD Exit Ticket surveys
Board	-Monthly board meetings -Annual Board training
Community	-Monthly board meetings -CTE advisory committees -School Site Council
Leadership	-Annual Survey -Monthly School Director Collab -Monthly Operations Collab -Individual Learning Plan -Continuous Improvement Cycle Strategic Meetings

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

As a school of choice, serving the community and the school's educational partners is a vital component of school strategy and operations. The school is committed to the meaningful engagement of its educational partners in the development of the LCAP and is an organic, ongoing process as part of the school's continuous improvement cycle.

Annually, feedback from families, learners, community members, board members, learners, staff, and leadership is utilized to evaluate program effectiveness and address the state priorities. Upon careful examination of the input received, actions and spending under the school's three goals were maintained, expanded, or modified to further learner achievement and continue the development of program offerings.

During the school year, monthly iSUPPORT meetings were held to provide opportunities for school staff and families to connect regarding the school program. Informal feedback was also received by families through attendance at schoolwide events. ELAC meetings were held in fall and spring to provide an open forum for questions and feedback on the EL program and allow the ELAC to review the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement. Additionally, monthly EL collaborations with the EL coordinators across iLEAD California provided the opportunity for sharing ideas gathered from facilitator and family feedback on how to improve the English learner program.

Twice, learners and staff completed a Learner Outcome Survey, used as a measure of learner growth in the Schoolwide Learner Outcomes and their progress toward academic and social-emotional goals. Additionally, staff and leadership meetings were held monthly to discuss the program, learner progress, and gather/reflect on suggestions for improvements. Parent, staff, and learner surveys regarding aspects of the program were sent in the spring to solicit feedback. These surveys addressed specific aspects of the LCAP (the eight state priorities for the creation of potential action steps). Various learner clubs allowed opportunities for discussion and feedback. The director held "Dish with the Director" frequently as an "open-door" invitation for parents to communicate honestly, provide feedback, and collaborate on strategic planning and school initiatives.

Monthly board meetings were held with the opportunity for anyone from the public to attend (including staff, parents, and learners) and provide public comment.

## **Goals and Actions**

## Goal

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
	After a year 1 analysis of the effectiveness of the goal, this goal remains unchanged based on the 2024 CA Dashboard and survey responses, as it has been effective in addressing state priorities 1, 3, 8, and 4, and closing outcome disparities.  Awaken the leader in everyone through Project-Based Learning, Social-Emotional Learning, and Individualized Learning. Cultivate a thriving school community by providing a safe environment, generating active engagement between the school and its educational partners, and ensuring all learners are ready for postsecondary endeavors.	Broad Goal

### State priorities addressed by this goal.

1, 3, 8

### An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Goal 1 is a call to action to AWAKEN the leader in all by gathering all educational partners together around the school's iLEAD methodology and vision/mission. Goal 1 is a broad goal and was developed to address state priorities one, three, four, and eight. Data from the California Dashboard, local indicators, and community input were used to develop the goal and actions. This broad goal aims to ensure that every learner is entitled to optimal and equitable conditions of learning by providing basic services as outlined in the school's charter. As a school of choice, it is essential that the school act as the heart of the community it serves, ensuring that industry partners, community partners, families, learners, and staff collaborate to maintain a program that ultimately leads to college/career readiness and well-rounded individuals who have the skills to achieve their goals. Actions in this goal ensure the foundational building blocks of a strong school culture adhere to the school's program as outlined in its charter. Metrics were intentionally selected to support accountability of spending and actions to meet the goal. While most actions in this goal are maintenance actions, this ensures continued prioritization of identified evidence-based initiatives and programs important to the school community.

Actions in this goal will support success in:

- -Clean, safe facilities
- -Highly qualified staff
- -Access to standards-aligned curriculum
- -Family/community input in the strategic direction of the school
- -College/career readiness

## **Measuring and Reporting Results**

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
1	SARC FIT Tool- Facilities: Facility Inspections Tools (FIT) on the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). (State Priority 1)	2023-24: The school was rated with a "good" status as measured by the Facility Inspections Tools (FIT) on the School Accountability Report Card (SARC).	2024-25: The school was rated with a "good" status as measured by the Facility Inspections Tools (FIT) on the School Accountability Report Card (SARC).		Maintain good" status as measured by the Facility Inspections Tools (FIT) on the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)	Maintained Target Met
2	SARC Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners Total Teacher Misassignments (State Priority 1)	21-22 Teachers without Credentials and Misassignments: 3 21-22 Misassignments for English learners: 4.1%	22-23 Teachers without Credentials and Misassignments: 6 22-23 Misassignments for English learners: 8.6%		Teachers without Credentials and Misassignments: 1 or less Misassignments for ELs: 1% or less	Teachers without Credentials and Misassignments: increased 3 Misassignments for English learners: increased 4.5%
3	Dashboard Local Indicator Survey	2024 Local Indicator Survey Rubric:	2025 Local Indicator Survey Rubric: Rate the		Maintain 4's and 5's on Local Indicator Survey Rubric Questions	Maintained all indicators Target Met

Rubric Local 3: The local educational agency (LEA) annually measures its progress in (1) seeking input from parents in (State Priority 1)

Rubric: Priority 3 LEA's progress in creating LEA's progress in creating welcoming environments Indicator Priority for all families in the community: 5 LEA's progress in supporting staff to learn about each family's strengths, cultures, languages, and goals for their children: 5 LEA's progress in decision-making developing multiple opportunities for the LEA and school sites to engage in 2-way communication between families and educators using language that is understandable and accessible to families: 5 LEA's progress in providing families with information and resources to support student learning and development in the home: 5 LEA's progress in building the capacity of and the capacity of and supporting family members to effectively engage in advisory groups and decisionmaking: 5 LEA's progress in providing all families with opportunities to provide input on policies and programs, and implementing strategies to reach and seek input

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			underrepresented groups in the school community: 5 Rate the LEA's progress in providing opportunities to have families, teachers, principals, and district administrators work together to plan, design, implement and evaluate family engagement activities at school and district levels: 5		
4	Annual Educational Partner Engagement Opportunities, such as: School Site Council iSUPPORT Annual Panorama Surveys Monthly Board Meetings Other Opportunities (State Priority 3)	2024: 15 Educational Partner Engagement Opportunities Annually	2024-2025: 15 Educational Partner Engagement Opportunities occurred	Maintain or increase the number of engagement opportunities	Maintained Target Met

5	Parental participation in programs for unduplicated pupils (UDPs) and individuals with exceptional needs: English Learner Advisory Committee Homeless/Foster /EL Liason Outreach FIEP Process (State Priority 3)	2024 Opportunities: 10 programs for parents of UDPs and individuals with exceptional needs	2024-2025: 10 programs for parents of UDPs and individuals with exceptional needs	Maintain or increase programs for parents of UDPs and individuals with exceptional needs	Maintained Target Met
6	Annual Educational Partner Survey: Family Engagement, Perception, and Strategic Input (State Priority 3)	Baseline 2024-2025: 87.1% of families feel that "the school provides adequate opportunities for me to be involved in my child's education," and "the school values and incorporates my input as an educational partner."	Same as Baseline	Target: Maintain at or above 85%	N/A

# **Goal Analysis for 2024-2025**

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

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

Goal 1 focuses on fostering a positive school community, safety, and strong educational partnerships. Overall implementation of actions under this goal has been substantial, with many planned initiatives moving forward as intended. All actions in this goal were implemented with fidelity.

The school maintained a "good" status for its facilities and demonstrated strong family engagement, with 87.1% of families feeling that the school provides adequate opportunities for involvement and incorporates their input as an educational partner. The ILP Academic Goal saw a substantial increase, with 95.2% of learners meeting their self-identified academic goal. The school continued to emphasize effective communication, noting successes like" increased parent engagement and involvement through Dish with the Director" opportunities and "leveled up with learner engagement through attendance initiatives". The school focused on promoting college and career readiness and building social capital through new programming for middle school centered around career technical education exploration and financial literacy development tied to college/career exploration activities. Staff engaged in professional development opportunities around these initiatives. Additionally, a multitude of in-person events and an emphasis on collaboration with families were emphasized school-wide throughout the year, such as increased attendance at extracurricular activities, and monthly iSUPPORT meetings to provide opportunities for staff and families to connect.

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

Material differences between budgeted and estimated actual expenditures, as well as planned and estimated actual percentages of improved services, for the 2024-2025 school year are primarily attributable to fluctuations in student enrollment and Average Daily Attendance (ADA). These changes directly impacted Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) allocations, necessitating adjustments to planned spending. Additionally, the school received one-time local and state grant funding that was not initially accounted for in the budget. This funding altered the overall LCFF spending priorities and consequently led to deviations between budgeted and estimated actual expenditures and the associated percentages of improved services. The school's agility in adapting to these financial shifts allowed for continued prioritization of identified evidence-based initiatives and programs important to the school community, even as the specific allocation of funds evolved throughout the year.

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

Most Actions associated with Goal 1 proved to be effective. In combination with staff reflection and survey data, it is clear that all actions made a positive impact on Goal 1.

The school will continue to fund high-quality staff to support a decrease in teachers with credentials or misassignments.

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

There are no planned changes to the goal, metrics, target outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice. Implementation within each action will be thoughtfully planned and executed by school leadership and staff to make adjustments in areas where metrics declined.

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

## **Actions**

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1	1.1 Maintain Safe, Clean,	The facilities team will ensure all educational partners have clean, safe, innovative spaces that	\$0.00	No

	Welcoming School Facilities	align with the school's vision, mission, learner outcomes, and methodology, which allow high-quality learning to take place.		
2	1.2 Fund High-Quality Staff	Leadership and HR will recruit and retain fully credentialed and appropriately assigned staff to provide high-quality instruction and support for all learners.	\$3,244,117.00	No
3		Leadership and HR will recruit and retain qualified staff to provide support to English learners, homeless/foster youth, and socioeconomically disadvantaged youth to ensure adequate support to meet academic and SEL goals.	\$1,433,305.00	Yes
		LREBG: Action Tying LREBG funds to Action 1.3 directly aligns with the grant's purpose of accelerating academic progress, mitigating learning loss, and addressing the socio-emotional needs of students disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. By recruiting and retaining high-quality staff, we are directly investing in the human capital necessary to deliver the targeted, differentiated instruction and comprehensive support services required for effective learning recovery. This action is a foundational investment that underpins the success of all other recovery efforts, ensuring that our English learners, homeless/foster youth, and socioeconomically disadvantaged students receive the dedicated, expert attention they need to thrive.  Metric 2.8 will be utilized to monitor this action.		
4	1.4 Inclusively Collaborate with Educational Partners	Outreach, leadership, and staff will offer multiple ways for educational partners to engage in and contribute to the school community. Through family groups, volunteer opportunities, family education initiatives, and outreach strategies, the school will ensure that all educational partners are valued and have the opportunity to contribute to the school's vision and mission. The school will also conduct an annual survey for input on the school and its programs as well as collect data from board meetings, School Site Council meetings, iSUPPORT meetings, and ELAC meetings to ensure that educational partners' voices are included in ongoing continous improvement efforts.	\$110,984.00	No
5	1.5 Prioritize Active Engagement with Educational Partners with a Focus on Unduplicated Pupils	Outreach, leadership, and staff will incorporate multiple ways for educational partners to engage in and contribute to the school community. Through family groups, family education opportunities, volunteer opportunities, family education initiatives, and outreach strategies, the school will ensure that all educational partners are valued and have the opportunity to contribute to the school's vision and mission. The school will also conduct an annual survey for input on the school and its programs as well as collect data from board meetings, School Site Council meetings, iSUPPORT meetings, and ELAC meetings to ensure that educational partners' voices are included in ongoing continuous improvement efforts.	\$108,240.00	Yes
6	1.6 Build Social Capital and Recognize and Celebrate Learner Achievement	Counselors and leadership will maximize opportunities for learners to prepare for high school and college/career, be recognized for achievements, and build social capital.	\$11,588.00	No

## Goal

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
2	After analyzing the effectiveness of the goal in year 1, it remains unchanged based on the 2024 CA Dashboard and survey responses, as the goal has been effective in addressing state priorities 2, 4, and 7, and closing outcome disparities.  Build Lifelong Learners and Design Thinkers by providing all learners with a rigorous, creative, and broad program to maximize academic achievement as outlined in the school's charter.	

### State priorities addressed by this goal.

2, 4, 7

#### An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Goal 2 focuses on academic excellence and accountability to rigorous academic programming that leads to two of the school's Learner Outcomes: Lifelong Learning and Design Thinking. It addresses state priorities two, four, and seven. This broad goal calls the school community to BUILD a core academic program through multi-tiered systems of support, project-based learning, and strong practices of teaching and learning. This goal calls on our staff to utilize both time-tested and innovative strategies to ensure that all learners meet their growth goals. Data from the California Dashboard, local indicators, and community input were used to develop the goal and actions. This goal goes beyond basic access to core programming. Rather, its metrics and actions ensure individualized learning and support for both learners and staff so that they may set and attain their individual learning goals as well as make progress toward mastery of state standards and California Teaching Performance Expectations. Actions in this goal ensure that curriculum, instruction, and assessment in addition to staff development are prioritized in school spending. Metrics are curated to balance external data sources with internal data to show the whole picture in measuring academic performance.

Actions in this goal will support success in:

- -Learner achievement in ELA, Math, Science
- -Staff development in implementing evidence-based best practices in alignment with the vision, mission, and values of the school
- -Family/Community input in the strategic direction of the school
- -College/career readiness

## **Measuring and Reporting Results**

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3	Current Difference from
					Outcome	Baseline

1		2024 Dashboard Local Indicator Survey Rubric Priority 2B: Access to standards-aligned instructional materials: ELA: 5 ELD: 5 Math:5 Next Generation Science Standards: 5 History-Social Science: 5	2025 Dashboard Local Indicator Survey Rubric Priority 2B: Access to standards-aligned instructional materials: ELA: 5 ELD: 5 Math:5 Next Generation Science Standards: 5 History-Social Science: 5	4's and 5's in all content areas	Maintained all indicators Target Met
2	Implementation of state standards through Professional Development and coaching: number of dedicated staff professional development/w ork days annually (State Priority 2)	2023-2024: 22 dedicated staff professional development/no learner days annually	2024-2025: 22 dedicated staff professional development/work days	2023-2024: 22 dedicated staff professional development/no learner days annually	Maintained Target Met
3	Annual Panorma Staff Survey: Professional Development (State Priority 2)	2025: 82.7% of staff had favorable responses (agree or strongly agree) on survey questions related to professional development and professional growth.	Same as baseline	Target: Maintain at or above 80%	N/A

4	Indicator Survey Rubric Priority 2C Local Indicator Survey: Priority 2C - Rate the LEA'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	2024 Local Indicator Survey Rubric Priority 2C: ELA: 5 ELD: 5 Math: 5 Next Generation Science Standards: 5 History-Social Science: 5	2025 Local Indicator Survey Rubric Priority 2C: ELA: 5 ELD: 5 Math: 5 Next Generation Science Standards: 5 History-Social Science: 5	Maintain 4's and 5's in each content area	Maintained Target Met
	recently adopted academic				

5	CA Dashboard Indicator: CAASPP English Language Arts (State Priority 4)	All Learners 2023 95% CAASPP Participation Rate - ELA ELA: 82.1 points below standard (red) 68.5 points below state English Learners 2023: 100% CAASPP Participation Rate - ELA ELA: 102.9 points below standard (orange) 35.2 points below state Hispanic Learners 2023 94% CAASPP Participation Rate - ELA ELA: 81.2 points below standard (red) 41 points below state Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Learners 2023 95% CAASPP Participation Rate - ELA ELA: 92.3 points below standard (red) 49.7 points below state	All learners 2024: 94.7% CAASPP Participation Rate - ELA ELA: 77.7 points below standard (orange) improved 4.4 points and 64.2 points below state English learners 2024: 92% CAASPP Participation Rate - ELA ELA: 92.9 points below standard (orange) improved 10 points and 25.3 points below state Hispanic Learners 2024 94.3% CAASPP Participation Rate - ELA ELA: 73.7 points below standard (orange) improved 7.5 points 34.4 points and below state Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Learners 2024 95% CAASPP Participation Rate - ELA ELA: 81 points below standard (orange) improved 11.3 points and 40.1 points below state		All students: 30 points closer to standard Subgroups: 15 points closer to standard	All Learners Participation Rate: decreased .3% improved 4.4 points  English learners Participation Rate: decreased 8% improved 10 points  Hispanic Learners Participation Rate: increased .3 improved 7.5 points  Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Learners Participation Rate: maintained improved 11.3 points
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6	CA Dashboard Indicator: CAASPP Mathematics (State Priority 4)	Math: 115.7 points below standard (orange) 66.6 points below state English Learners 2023: 100% CAASPP Participation Rate - Math Math: 129.5 points below standard (orange) 36.1 below state Hispanic Learners 2023 94% CAASPP Participation Rate - Math Math: 117.6 points below standard (red) 36.8 points below state Socioeconomics Learners 2023 95% CAASPP Participation Rate - Math	94.7% CAASPP Participation Rate - Math Math: 112.2 points below	All students: 30 to standard Subgroups: 15 to standard	•	All Learners Participation Rate: decreased .2% declined 5.5 points  English Learners Participation Rate: decreased 4% improved 10 points  Hispanic Learners Participation Rate: .7% improved 5.4 points  Socioeconomics Learners Participation Rate: maintained declined 3.9 points
7	California Science Test: CAST (State Priority 4)	2023: 14.1 Met or Exceeded Standard	2024: 8.97% Met or Exceeded Standard	Increase 9%		Decreased 5.12%

8	NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Conditional Growth Index (CGI) ELA and Math (State Priority 4)	2024: NWEA MAP Spring 2024 All Students Reading CGI: 2 NWEA MAP Spring 2024 All Students Math CGI:2	All Students Reading CGI:1 NWEA MAP Spring 2024	Maintain at or above2	Reading: increased .1 Math: Increased .2
9	CA School Dashboard: English Learners who make progress toward English Proficiency (ELPAC) (State Priority 4)	81.8% making progress toward proficiency (blue) 33.1% above state	2024: 30.8% making progress toward proficiency (no color) 14.9% below state	Maintain above 80%	Decreased 51%
10	Internally Calculated English Learner Reclassification Rate As Outlined By State (State Priority 4)	2023 Internally Calculated: 21.28%	2024 7.69%	Maintain at or above 20%	Decreased 13.3%
11	Access to and enrollment in a broad course of study internally measured: TK-8 Exploratory (Elective) Offerings (State Priority 7)	2024: 10 Exploratories Offered	2024-2025: 10 Exploratories Offered	Maintain or increase total number of offerings	Maintained Target Met

12	Academic Individual Learning Plan	2024: 69% of learners met their self-identified academic goal	2025: 95.2% of learners met their self-identified academic goal	75% of learners will meet their self-identified academic goal	Increased 26.2%
	(ILP) Goal: % of				
	learners who				
	meet their self-				
	identified ILP				
	academic goal				
	from fall to				
	spring annually				
	as measured by				
	credentialed				
	teacher				
	observation and				
	data on the				
	annual survey.				
	(State Priority 4)				

# **Goal Analysis for 2024-2025**

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

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

Overall, the implementation of Goal 2 during the 2024-2025 school year aimed to enhance academic performance through effective instruction, personalized learning, and robust support systems. Overall implementation for Goal 2 during the 2024-2025 school year demonstrated both noteworthy successes and areas for continued focus in fostering academic achievement. A year-long effort in staff professional development in delivering high-quality PBL education and rigorous MTSS academic supports, integrating new intervention curriculum, and providing engaging and effective intervention and support demonstrates that Goal 2 actions were fully implemented. The school added several technology-rich platforms to support high-quality instruction and assessment, incorporating Al into the curriculum and assessment for staff. Supported by iLEAD California, all instructional staff received new project-based learning training and support, with a new project design guide and guidance for delivering high-quality projects to support academic achievement and learner outcomes. The school also increased MTSS intervention efforts with more small group instruction, intervention curriculum, and wrap-around supports for academically struggling learners.

The school maintained critical aspects of providing high quality academic education in ensuring that access to standards-aligned instructional materials, with both Dashboard Local Indicator Survey Rubric Priority 2B: Access to standards-aligned instructional materials and 2025 Local Indicator Survey Rubric Priority 2C: Local Indicator Survey maintaining "Target Met" status in ELA, ELD, Math, Next Generation Science Standards, and History-Social Science. Furthermore, staff professional development and coaching saw consistent effort, with 22 dedicated staff professional development/work days annually, maintaining the "Target Met" status for Metric 2. Notably, the 2025 Staff Survey indicated strong staff perception of PD and growth opportunities, with 82.7% of staff having favorable responses regarding professional development and growth, maintaining the target at or above 80%. In terms of academic progress, NWEA MAP Spring 2024 data showed an increase of 0.1 in All Students Reading CGI and an increase of 0.2 in All Students Math CGI, with the overall target being maintained. Access to and enrollment in a broad course of study also saw positive trends, with 10 Exploratories Offered being maintained. Academic Individual Learning Plan (ILP) Goal: saw a remarkable 26.2% increase in learners meeting their self-identified academic goal, achieving a "Target Met" status.

Data from 2024-2025 is overwhelmingly positive to suggest that learners made one year of academic growth in reading and math, and data from the 2024 Dashboard was utilized to support action implementation for this school year, which will reflect on the 2025 Dashboard release.

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

Material differences between budgeted and estimated actual expenditures, as well as planned and estimated actual percentages of improved services, for the 2024-2025 school year are primarily attributable to fluctuations in student enrollment and Average Daily Attendance (ADA). These changes directly impacted Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) allocations, necessitating adjustments to planned spending. Additionally, the school received one-time local and state grant funding that was not initially accounted for in the budget. This funding altered the overall LCFF spending priorities and consequently led to deviations between budgeted and estimated actual expenditures and the associated percentages of improved services. The school's agility in adapting to these financial shifts allowed for continued prioritization of identified evidence-based initiatives and programs important to the school community, even as the specific allocation of funds evolved throughout the year.

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

#### **Effective Actions:**

- -Action 2.1 and 2.2 (standards aligned Tier I, II, III materials as indicated by course offerings and Local Indicator Survey 2C)
- -Action 2.4 (implementation of MTSS and PBL Instruction and Assessment) as indicated by NWEA MAP and CAASPP
- -Action 2.5 (staff professional development) as indicated by staff survey results

Ineffective Actions (based on available data)

- -Action 2.3 (effective ELD programs) as indicated by ELPAC and reclassification data. Data, however, is from the previous year, and so real-time assessment of 24/25 programming will not occur until the 2025 dashboard release
- -Action 2.4 -Action 2.4 (implementation of MTSS and PBL Instruction and Assessment) as indicated by NWEA MAP and CAASPP in reference to CAST Science scores and Math scores

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

There are no planned changes to the goal, metrics, target outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice. Implementation within each action will be thoughtfully planned and executed by school leadership and staff to make adjustments in areas where metrics declined.

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

## **Actions**

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1	2.1 Ensure Access to Standards-Aligned, Tier I Instructional Materials	Leadership and certificated staff will ensure that all learners have access to and are engaged with standards-aligned, Tier I instructional materials including technology, paper and/or digital curriculum as appropriate, and other instructional materials as needed to support academic achievement.	\$290,852.00	No
2	2.2 Ensure Access to Standards-Aligned, Tier II and III Instructional Materials	Leadership, certificated staff, and support staff will ensure that all learners have access to standards-aligned instructional materials including technology, paper and/or digital curriculum as appropriate, and other instructional materials as needed that remove barriers to learning and support academic achievement.	\$262,602.00	Yes
3	2.3 Deliver Effective ELD Programming	The EL Coordinator and school staff will apply professional learning, data, and resources to provide English learners with support for academic achievement through designated and integrated ELD instruction, monitoring and data protocol, ongoing professional development and support, engagement of families of English learners through ELAC, and other evidence-based strategies.	\$142,012.00	Yes
4	2.4 Implement MTSS and PBL Instruction and Assessment with Fidelity	Certificated staff will utilize strong project-based learning and multi-tiered systems of support for ELA, Math, and Science to maximize academic achievement. Staff will provide evidence-based instruction, intervention, and support to increase achievement in ELA and Math as measured by CAASPP scores with a particular focus on Hispanic learners and socioeconomically disadvantaged learners in ELA and Hispanic learners in Math.	\$127,268.00	No
		LREBG Action: Tying LREBG funds to Action 2.4 directly aligns with the grant's purpose of accelerating academic progress, mitigating learning loss, and addressing the socio-emotional needs of students disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. By investing in the fidelity of MTSS and PBL implementation, we are empowering certificated staff with the instructional frameworks and methodologies proven to maximize academic achievement across all student groups. This action is a comprehensive strategy for creating a dynamic, responsive, and engaging learning environment that effectively addresses post-COVID academic and socio-emotional recovery, ensuring all students can reach their full potential through integrated academic/SEL systems. Metric 2.8 will be utilized to monitor this action.		
		Differentiated Assistance: This action will be used to support DA for: ELA: Hispanic learners and socioeconomically disadvantaged learners		

		Math: Hispanic learners  2023 Dashboard: This goal will be used to support subgroups from the 2023 Dashboard who were Red on the Dashboard in the following areas:  ELA: Hispanic and socioeconomically disadvantaged learners  Math: Hispanic learners		
5	2.5 Foster a Staff Culture of Excellence through Lifelong Learning	All staff will engage in a variety of professional development activities that enhance the iLEAD methodology, equity, California Content Standards, and California Standards for the Teaching Profession to increase the effectiveness of instruction to all learners.	\$105,115.00	No

## Goal

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
3	After year 1 analysis of effectiveness of the goal, this goal is remaining the same based on the 2024 CA Dashboard and survey responses, as the goal has been effective in addressing state priorities 5 and 6 and closing outcome disparities.  Champion Empathetic Citizens and Authentic Individuals who feel safe, supported, and encouraged by their school community.	Broad Goal

## State priorities addressed by this goal.

5, 6

#### An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Goal 3 recognizes the whole child and the importance of whole-child education. This broad goal calls on the learning community to CHAMPION each learner in a village mentality of raising the leaders of tomorrow. Addressing state priorities five and six, this goal ensures the development of Authentic Individuals and Empathetic Citizens, two of the school's Learner Outcomes. Data from the California Dashboard, local indicators, and community input were used to develop the goal and actions in addition to local, state, and national trends in school attendance, mental health, and evidence connecting student wellbeing and student achievement. Through evidence-based social-emotional learning, a commitment to individualized learning, and programming that engages today's youth, actions in this goal make a clear connection to success on critical metrics on the California Dashboard in addition to internal metrics.

Actions in this goal will support success in:

- -Attendance and chronic absenteeism
- -Graduation rates and dropout rates
- -Suspension and expulsion rates
- -Learner safety, connection, and wellbeing
- -Personalized/individualized learning

# **Measuring and Reporting Results**

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
1	CALPADS Attendance Rates (State Priority 5)	2022-2023 Attendance Rate: 88.1%	2023-2024 Attendance Rate: 88.6%		Increase 5%	Increased .5%

2	CA School Dashboard: Chronic Absenteeism (State Priority 5)	2023: 47% chronically absent (red) 22.7% above state level  African American 2023 Dashboard: 52.2% chronically absent (red) 15.8% above state level  English learners: 48.9% chronically absent (red) 22.6% above state level  White: 35.6% chronically absent (red) 14.9% above state level	2024: 42.0% chronically absent (yellow) declined 4.2% and 24.3% above state level  African American 2023 Dashboard: 51.9% chronically absent (red) 20.6% above state level  English learners: 51.5% chronically absent (red) 31.4% above state level  White: 26.7% chronically absent (orange) 13.2% above state level	Decrease 5%	All learners Declined 4.2%  African American Learners Declined .3%  English learners: Increased 2.6%  White: Decreased 8.9%
3	CALPADS: Middle School Dropout Rate (State Priority 5)	2023: Middle School: 0%	2024: Middle School: 0%	Maintain below 1%	Maintained Target Met
4	CA School Dashboard: Suspension Rate (State Priority 6)	2023: 5.7% suspended (orange) 1.8% above state level  African American 11.1% suspended (red) 1.6% above state level  Socioeconomically Disadvantaged 6.1% suspended (red) 2.3% above state level	2024: 5.6% suspended (orange) decreased by .3% and 2.4% above state level  African American 10.6% suspended (orange) 2.2% above state level  Socioeconomically Disadvantaged 6.1% suspended (green) 2.1% above state level	Decrease by 6%	All Learner Decreased .3%  African American Decreased .5%  Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Maintained

5	CA School Dashboard: Expulsion Rate (State Priority 6)	2023: 0	2024: 0	Maintain below 1%	Maintained Target Met
6	Annual Educational Partner Survey: Student Perception of School Safety and Connectedness (State Priority 6)	Baseline 2024-2025: 77% of learners reported that they "feel safe" and "know who to talk to and/or what to do if I feel unsafe".		Target: Increase to and maintain at or above 80%	N/A
7	Extracurricular Opportunities Offered (State Priority 6)	2024: 5 extra-curricular opportunities offered annually	2025: 5 extra-curricular opportunities offered annually	Maintain at or above 3 opportunities	Maintained Target Met

# Goal Analysis for 2024-2025

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

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

Overall implementation for Goal 3 during the 2024-2025 school year demonstrated both noteworthy successes and areas for continued focus in nurturing the whole-child. The goal supported increased counseling services for high-needs learners and implementation of a social-emotional learning curriculum, which is designed to increase engagement. Learners reported feeling safe and knowing who to talk to if they felt unsafe, and staff reported overall positive work and school environments. A restorative practices training in partnership with LAIRP supports MTSS for behavior and learner well-being.

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

Material differences between budgeted and estimated actual expenditures, as well as planned and estimated actual percentages of improved services, for the 2024-2025 school year are primarily attributable to fluctuations in student enrollment and Average Daily Attendance (ADA). These changes directly impacted Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) allocations, necessitating adjustments to planned spending. Additionally, the school received one-time local and state grant funding that was not initially accounted for in the budget. This funding altered the overall LCFF spending priorities and consequently led to deviations between budgeted and estimated actual expenditures and the associated percentages of improved services. The school's agility in adapting to these financial shifts allowed for continued prioritization of identified evidence-based initiatives and programs important to the school community, even as the specific allocation of funds evolved throughout the year.

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

All actions in goal 3 proved to be highly effective, with all metrics associated with this goal generating positive year 1 outcomes.

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

There are no planned changes to the goal, metrics, target outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice. Implementation within each action will be thoughtfully planned and executed by school leadership and staff to make adjustments in areas where metrics declined.

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

### **Actions**

2 3. Sy (re	3.2 Implement Multi-Tiered Systems of SEL Support (repeated expenditure, Goal 3, Action 1)	Leadership and Learning Support will provide training, resources, and support for all staff to utilize Love and Logic, 7 Habits, and Restorative Practices through a trauma-informed lens to support a safe, positive, and restorative learning environment where discipline is used as an effective tool in developing self-efficacy and resilience in all learners.  Using MTSS, the school will provide training, resources, and supports to staff, families, and learners so that all learners have access to appropriate SEL systems and strategies to support mental health, safety, and well-being. Using MTSS, the school will provide training, resources, and supports to counselors, staff, families, and learners so that all learners have access to appropriate	\$0.00	No No
Sy (re	Systems of SEL Support (repeated expenditure, Goal 3, Action 1)	learners so that all learners have access to appropriate SEL systems and strategies to support mental health, safety, and well-being. Using MTSS, the school will provide training, resources, and supports to counselors, staff, families, and learners so that all learners have access to appropriate		No
		SEL systems and strategies to support mental health, safety, and well-being and reduce chronic absenteeism and suspension rates, with a particular focus on suspension rates for African American learners and socioeconomically disadvantaged learners and chronic absenteeism rates for African American learners, white learners, and English learners. All learners will have access to high-quality counseling and resources to enforce a high standard of excellence.		
C	Counseling and Services	Leadership will ensure increased access and improved services for English learners, homeless youth, foster youth, and socioeconomically disadvantaged youth to increase SEL, graduation rates, and access to additional services needed that remove barriers to learning.	\$530,336.00	Yes
E:	Engaging School Environment That Learners Are Excited About	All staff will personalize learning and ensure that all learners have opportunities to feel engaged in whole-child education. The school will provide events, extracurricular offerings, leadership opportunities, and meet the community needs as indicated through educational partner feedback to support engagement. Re-engagement and support systems will be implemented to support families in meeting high attendance expectations.  Differentiated Assistance: This action will be used to support DA in the following: Chronically Absent for African American learners  Suspension for African American learners and socioeconomically disadvantaged learners	\$705,745.00	No
		Based on the 2023 Dashboard, this action will support the following:		

-African American learners, White learners, and English Learners were red on the 2023 California Dashboard for Chronic Absenteeism -African American learners and socioeconomically disadvantaged learners were red on the 2023 California Dashboard for Suspension rates	

# Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students for 2025-2026

Total Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants	Projected Additional 15 percent LCFF Concentration Grant
\$2,476,495.00	\$1,257,407.00

#### Required Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the LCAP Year

Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year	LCFF Carryover — Percentage	LCFF Carryover — Dollar	Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year
24.53%	0.00%	\$0.00	24.53%

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

# **Required Descriptions**

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

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

Goal and Action #(s)	Identified Need(s)	How the Action(s) Address Need(s) and Why it is Provided on an LEA-wide or Schoolwide Basis	Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness
Goal 1, Action 3	In the first year of the implementation of the new local control and accountability plan, feedback from our educational partners was used to analyze the impact of the goals and actions as well as to continue to prioritize and align spending to actions/metrics. Specifically, feedback came from annual surveys from families, staff, and learners.  It was determined that while progress was made in this action item in the 24-25 school year, funding should continue to make lasting progress.  Socioeconomically disadvantaged learners were 10 points lower in ELA on the 2023 California Dashboard than the all-student group and 7 points lower in Math on the 2023 California Dashboard than the all-student group. English Learners were 21 points lower in ELA on the 2023 California Dashboard than the all-student group and 15 points lower in Math on the 2023 California Dashboard than the all-student group. Foster youth were 11 points lower in ELA on the 2023 California Dashboard than the all-student group and 3 points lower in Math on the 2023 California Dashboard than the all-student group and 3 points lower in Math on the 2023 California Dashboard than the all-student group and 3 points lower in Math on the 2023 California Dashboard than the all-student group.	Based on best practices, root cause analysis, and staff listening sessions, the school will continue to fund classified support staff and additional credentialed staff to better support the needs listed above. High-quality staff allows for the implementation of multi-tiered systems of support for academic intervention. Small groups, individual tutoring, team teaching, and additional 1:1 meeting time with learners and families provide a safety net of additional support using evidence-based strategies that increase engagement and academic achievement.  These actions are being provided on a school-wide basis because all learners can benefit from additional staffing, as an intervention at the school happens in a push-in model that supports inclusion and the success of all learners in a project-based learning environment.	Success will be tracked through SARC teacher assignment data, annual surveys, and monthly observation and discussion in leadership and operations meetings. (metric 1.2)

Goal 1, Action In the first year of the implementation of the new local control and accountability plan, feedback from our educational partners was used to analyze the impact of the goals and actions as well as to continue to prioritize and align spending to actions/metrics. Specifically, feedback came from annual surveys from families, staff, and learners.

It was determined that while progress was made in this action item in the 24-25 school year, funding should continue to make lasting progress.

that family connection to academic engagement is high with a 95% satisfaction rate, families of English learners reported a 1% lower engagement rate with the school than the allfamily survey results. tate-wide data also shows a higher instance of adverse childhood experiences for socioeconomically disadvantaged, homeless, and foster youth. This data, along with listening session data shows the need for a trauma-informed, culturally competent approach that engages the whole community in learner success. Family surveys also indicated a strong need for iSUPPORT meetings, in-person activities and meet ups, and family support, particularly those families of students with disabilities.

The school will prioritize funding to increase/improve services through leadership and office support to provide culturally competent, trauma-informed family support and engagement. The school will continue to staff personnel and prioritize ELAC engagement. The school will also provide family engagement sessions and community partnership opportunities to ensure the school-home connection supports achievement and wellbeing. And lastly, family communications in the home language as requested, and systems for strong school-tohome communication appropriate for the learning and general community.

While overall annual family survey data indicated These actions are being provided on a school-wide basis because all learners benefit from culturally responsive, trauma-informed practices that bridge the school-to-home connection and engage the whole family in learning.

Success will be tracked through parent engagement opportunities, Dashboard local indicator survey rubrics, annual surveys, and monthly observation and discussion in leadership and operations meetings. (metric 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6)

# Goal 2, Action

In the first year of the implementation of the new local control and accountability plan, feedback from our educational partners was used to analyze the impact of the goals and actions as well as to continue to prioritize and align spending to actions/metrics. Specifically, feedback came from annual surveys from families, staff, and learners.

It was determined that while progress was made in this action item in the 24-25 school year. funding should continue to make lasting progress.

iLEAD Lancaster showed as orange for Math and Yellow for ELA on the 2023 California Dashboard. Socioeconomically disadvantaged learners were 11 points lower in ELA on the 2023 California Dashboard than the all-student group and 19 points lower in Math on the 2023 California Dashboard than the all-student group.

Through root cause analysis and listening sessions with staff and learners, more curricula and materials that support MTSS Tier II and III are needed to support high-needs learners. The team has completed root cause analysis and research to identify and will purchase and implement culturally competent and evidence-based resources for small group and individual instruction/assessment to promote growth and achievement in California State Standards.

These actions are being provided on a school-wide basis because all struggling learners can benefit from MTSS and because of the model of project-based learning at SCVi lends itself well to tier II and III intervention initiatives for all learners. MTSS groupings and resources provide personalized support for each individual learner to help them meet their needs. It is impossible to implement an MTSS program with fidelity for only some student groups, and therefore, this action is schoolwide.

Success will be tracked through NWEA MAP scores, CAASPP and CAST scores, annual surveys, and monthly observation and discussion in leadership and operations meetings. (metric 2,5, 2.6, 2.9, 2.10)

Goal 3, Action In the first year of the implementation of the new local control and accountability plan, feedback from our educational partners was used to analyze the impact of the goals and actions as well as to continue to prioritize and align spending to actions/metrics. Specifically, feedback came from annual surveys from families, staff, and learners.

It was determined that while progress was made in this action item in the 24-25 school year, funding should continue to make lasting progress.

The 2023 Chronic Absenteeism rate for English Learners was 2% higher than the all-student group and for socioeconomically disadvantaged learners was 4% higher than the all-student group.

The school will continue to increase counseling services for high-needs learners (socioeconomically disadvantaged, English Learner, socioeconomically disadvantaged learners) has been proven to increase attendance rates and socialemotional wellbeing. Additionally, listening sessions with learners indicated a need for more social-emotional support, Social Emotional Curriculum that is trauma-informed and culturally competent will be used during advisory, additional counseling sessions for unduplicated learners, and intentional student activities and engagement sessions will help support attendance, social-emotional wellbeing, and creating a culture of college/career readiness for all.

Success will be tracked through attendance data, chronic absenteeism rates, dropout rates, annual surveys, and monthly observation and discussion in leadership and operations meetings. (metric 3.7)

#### **Limited Actions**

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

Goal and Action #(s)	Identified Need(s)	How the Action(s) are Designed to Address Need(s)	Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness
Goal 2, Action 3	In the first year of the implementation of the new local control and accountability plan, feedback from our educational partners was used to analyze the impact of the goals and actions as well as to continue to prioritize and align spending to actions/metrics. Specifically, feedback came from annual surveys from families, staff, and learners.  It was determined that while progress was made in this action item in the 24-25 school year, funding should continue to make lasting progress.  The percentage of English Learners making progress toward English proficiency on the California Dashboard as well as the percentage of learners reclassified in 2023 is high, demonstrating that planned supplemental and concentration grant funding in the past has shown results. However, survey response data for academic engagement and school fit for English Learners was 1% lower than the all-student group. There is a strong need to continue delivering ongoing, effective ELD programming and instruction with an emphasis on learner buy-in and engagement.	The school will continue to use data platforms to design and implement personalized ELD programs for each learner based on evidence and learner growth, engage English Language families and community, provide professional development for credentialed teachers and classified staff, and purchase materials related to ELD programming. The school will also purchase and implement a new ELD-designated curriculum to address engagement with ELD programming.	Success will be tracked through California Dashboard data, reclassification data, annual surveys, and monthly observation and discussion in leadership and operations meetings. (metric 2.9, 2.10)

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

N/A

#### **Additional Concentration Grant Funding**

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

Additional concentration grant add-on funding will be used to hire/retain personnel in the following areas: counseling, social work, tutors, and bilingual staff.

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

# **Action Tables**

# **2025-2026 Total Planned Expenditures Table**

LCAP Year (Input)	(Input Dollar Amount) Supplemental and/or		3. Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year (2 divided by 1)	LCFF Carryover — Percentage (Input Percentage from Prior Year)	Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year (3 + Carryover %)	
2025-2026	\$10,097,828.00	\$2,476,495.00	24.53%	0.00%	24.53%	

Totals:	LCFF Funds	Other State Funds	Local Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Total Personnel	Total Non-personnel
Totals:	\$7,226,327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,226,327.00	\$5,119,237.00	\$2,107,090.00

Goal #	Action #	Action Title	Student Group(s)	Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?		Unduplicated Student Group(s)	Location	Time Span	Total Personnel	Total Non- personnel	LCFF Funds	Other State Funds	Local Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Planned Percentage of Improved Services
1	1	1.1 Maintain Safe, Clean, Welcoming School Facilities	All	No				Ongoing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
1	2	1.2 Fund High-Quality Staff	All	No				Ongoing	\$3,130,437	\$113,680	\$3,244,117	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,244,117	0.00%
1	3	1.3 Fund High-Quality Staff Who Bridge Learning Gaps	All	Yes	Schoolw ide	English learner (EL), Foster Youth, Low Income	All Schools	Ongoing	\$1,305,411	\$127,894	\$1,433,305	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,433,305	0.00%
1	4	1.4 Inclusively Collaborate with Educational Partners	All	No				Ongoing	\$0	\$110,984	\$110,984	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,984	0.00%
1	5	1.5 Prioritize Active Engagement with Educational Partners with a Focus on Unduplicated Pupils	Student with Disabilities (SWD), All	Yes	Schoolw ide	Low Income, Foster Youth, English learner (EL)	All Schools	Ongoing	\$0	\$108,240	\$108,240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$108,240	0.00%
1	6	1.6 Build Social Capital and Recognize and Celebrate Learner Achievement	All	No				Ongoing	\$0	\$11,588	\$11,588	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,588	0.00%
2	1	2.1 Ensure Access to Standards-Aligned, Tier I Instructional Materials	All	No				Ongoing	\$0	\$290,852	\$290,852	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$290,852	0.00%
2	2	2.2 Ensure Access to Standards-Aligned, Tier II and III Instructional Materials	Long-term English learner	Yes	Schoolw ide	English learner (EL), Foster Youth, Low Income	All Schools	Ongoing	\$0	\$262,602	\$262,602	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$262,602	0.00%

2	3	2.3 Deliver Effective ELD Programming	English learner (EL), Long-term English learner	Yes	Limited	English learner (EL)	All Schools	Ongoing	\$0	\$142,012	\$142,012	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$142,012	0.00%
2	4	2.4 Implement MTSS and PBL Instruction and Assessment with Fidelity	Low Income, Hispanic or Latino, All	No				Ongoing	\$0	\$127,268	\$127,268	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$127,268	0.00%
2	5	2.5 Foster a Staff Culture of Excellence through Lifelong Learning	All	No				Ongoing	\$0	\$105,115	\$105,115	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$105,115	0.00%
3	1	3.1 Commit to Proactive and Restorative Discipline Practices	Low Income, African- American, All	No				Ongoing	\$0	\$154,163	\$154,163	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$154,163	0.00%
3	2	3.2 Implement Multi-Tiered Systems of SEL Support (repeated expenditure, Goal 3, Action 1)	All	No				Ongoing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
3	3	3.3 Increase and Improve Counseling and Services for High-Needs Learners		Yes	Schoolw ide	English learner (EL), Foster Youth, Low Income	All Schools	Ongoing	\$206,551	\$323,785	\$530,336	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$530,336	0.00%
3	4	3.4 Nurture a Safe and Engaging School Environment That Learners Are Excited About	English learner (EL), African- American, All, White	No				Ongoing	\$476,838	\$228,907	\$705,745	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$705,745	0.00%

# **2025-2026 Contributing Actions Table**

1. Projected LCFF Base Grant	2. Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants	3. Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year (2 divided by 1)	LCFF Carryover – Percentage (Percentage from prior year)	Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year (3 + Carryover %)	4.Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)	5.Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (%)	Planned Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year (4 divided by 1, plus 5)		Total LCFF Funds
\$10,097,828.00	\$2,476,495.00	24.53%	0.00% - No Carryover	24.53%	\$2,476,495.00	0.00%	24.53%	Total:	\$2,476,495.00
								<b>LEA-wide Total:</b>	
								<b>Limited Total:</b>	\$142,012.00

Schoolwide

Total:

\$2,334,483.00

Goal #	Action #	Action Title	Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?	Scope	Unduplicated Student Group(s)	Location	Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions(LCFF Funds)	Planned Percentage of Improved Services (%)
1	3	1.3 Fund High-Quality Staff Who Bridge Learning Gaps	Yes	Schoolwide	English learner (EL), Foster Youth, Low Income	All Schools	\$1,433,305.00	0.00%
1	5	1.5 Prioritize Active Engagement with Educational Partners with a Focus on Unduplicated Pupils	Yes	Schoolwide	Low Income, Foster Youth, English learner (EL)	All Schools	\$108,240.00	0.00%
2	2	2.2 Ensure Access to Standards-Aligned, Tier II and III Instructional Materials	Yes	Schoolwide	English learner (EL), Foster Youth, Low Income	All Schools	\$262,602.00	0.00%
2	3	2.3 Deliver Effective ELD Programming	Yes	Limited	English learner (EL)	All Schools	\$142,012.00	0.00%
3	3	3.3 Increase and Improve Counseling and Services for High- Needs Learners	Yes	Schoolwide	English learner (EL), Foster Youth, Low Income	All Schools	\$530,336.00	0.00%

# 2024-2025 Annual Update Table

Totals:	Last Year's Total Planned Expenditures (Total Funds)	Total Estimated Actual Expenditures (Total Funds)
Totals:	\$8,709,779.00	\$7,925,813.00

Last Year's Goal#	Last Year's Action#	Prior Action/Service Title	Contributed to Increased or Improved Services?	Last Year's Planned Expenditures (Total Funds)	Estimated Actual Expenditures (Input Total Funds)
1	1	1.1 Maintain Safe, Clean, Welcoming School Facilities	No	\$874,162.00	\$820,712.00
1	2	1.2 Fund High-Quality Staff	No	\$2,818,188.00	\$3,320,971.00
1	3	1.3 Fund High-Quality Staff Who Bridge Learning Gaps	Yes	\$1,731,439.00	\$1,326,787.00
1	4	1.4 Inclusively Collaborate with Educational Partners	No	\$49,412.00	\$84,347.00

1	5	1.5 Prioritize Active Engagement with Educational Partners with a Focus on Unduplicated Pupils	Yes	\$101,000.00	\$89,478.00
1	6	1.6 Build Social Capital and Recognize and Celebrate Learner Achievement	No	\$20,000.00	\$26,888.00
2	1	2.1 Ensure Access to Standards-Aligned, Tier I Instructional Materials	No	\$224,011.00	\$276,166.00
2	2	2.2 Ensure Access to Standards-Aligned, Tier II and III Instructional Materials	Yes	\$535,964.00	\$317,594.00
2	3	2.3 Deliver Effective ELD Programming (repeated expenditure, Goal 1, Action 3)	Yes	\$0.00	\$108,034.00
2	4	2.4 Implement MTSS and PBL Instruction and Assessment with Fidelity	No	\$3,000.00	\$325,841.00
2	5	2.5 Foster a Staff Culture of Excellence through Lifelong Learning	No	\$150,984.00	\$96,945.00
3	1	3.1 Commit to Proactive and Restorative Discipline Practices	No	\$104,000.00	\$182,496.00
3	2	3.2 Implement Multi-Tiered Systems of SEL Support (repeated expenditure, Goal 3, Action 1)	No	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	3	3.3 Increase and Improve Counseling and Services for High-Needs Learners	Yes	\$443,430.00	\$462,025.00
3	4	3.4 Nurture a Safe and Engaging School Environment That Learners Are Excited About	No	\$1,654,189.00	\$487,529.00

# **2024-2025 Contributing Actions Annual Update Table**

6.Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (Input Dollar Amount):	4.Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)	7.Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds)	Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (Subtract 7 from 4)	5.Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (%)	8.Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services(%)	Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (Subtract 5 from 8)
\$2,303,918.00	\$2,811,833.00	\$2,303,918.00	\$507,915.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00% - No Difference

Last Year's Goal#	Last Year's Action#	Prior Action/Service Title	Contributed to Increased or Improved Services?	Last Year's Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds)	Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions(Input LCFF Funds)	Planned Percentage of Improved Services	Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services(Input Percentage)
1	3	1.3 Fund High-Quality Staff Who Bridge Learning Gaps	Yes	\$1,731,439.00	\$1,326,787.00	0.00%	0.00%
1	5	1.5 Prioritize Active Engagement with Educational Partners with a Focus on Unduplicated Pupils	Yes	\$101,000.00	\$89,478.00	0.00%	0.00%
2	2	2.2 Ensure Access to Standards-Aligned, Tier II and III Instructional Materials	Yes	\$535,964.00	\$317,594.00	0.00%	0.00%
2	3	2.3 Deliver Effective ELD Programming (repeated expenditure, Goal 1, Action 3)	Yes	\$0.00	\$108,034.00	0.00%	0.00%
3	3	3.3 Increase and Improve Counseling and Services for High-Needs Learners	Yes	\$443,430.00	\$462,025.00	0.00%	0.00%

# 2024-2025 LCFF Carryover Table

9.Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (Input Dollar Amount)	6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants	LCFF Carryover – Percentage (Percentage from prior year)	10. Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Current School Year (6 divided by 9 + Carryover %)	Actual Expenditures for Contributing	<b>Actual Percentage</b>	11. Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (7 divided by 9, plus 8)	12. LCFF Carryover – Dollar Amount (Subtract 11 from 10 and multiply by 9)	13. LCFF Carryover – Percentage (12 divided by 9)
\$9,615,376.00	\$2,303,918.00	0.00%	23.96%	\$2,303,918.00	0.00%		\$0.00 - No Carryover	0.00% - No Carryover

# **Local Control and Accountability Plan Instructions**

**Plan Summary** 

**Engaging Educational Partners** 

**Goals and Actions** 

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

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

### Introduction and Instructions

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

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

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

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

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

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

The revised LCAP template for the 2024–25, 2025–26, and 2026–27 school years reflects statutory changes made through Senate Bill 114 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), Chapter 48, Statutes of 2023 and Senate Bill 153, Chapter 38, Statues of 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

# **Plan Summary**

# **Purpose**

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

# Requirements and Instructions

#### **General Information**

A description of the LEA, its schools, and its students in grades transitional kindergarten–12, as applicable to the LEA. LEAs may also provide information about their strategic plan, vision, etc.

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

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

#### **Reflections: Annual Performance**

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

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

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

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

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

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

EC Section 52064.4 requires that an LEA that has unexpended Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant (LREBG) funds must include one or more actions funded with LREBG funds within the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 LCAPs, as applicable to the LEA. To implement the requirements of EC Section 52064.4, all LEAs must do the following:

- For the 2025–26, 2026–27, and 2027–28 LCAP years, identify whether or not the LEA has unexpended LREBG funds for the applicable LCAP year.
  - o If the LEA has unexpended LREBG funds the LEA must provide the following:
    - The goal and action number for each action that will be funded, either in whole or in part, with LREBG funds; and
    - An explanation of the rationale for selecting each action funded with LREBG funds. This explanation must include:
      - An explanation of how the action is aligned with the allowable uses of funds identified in <u>EC Section 32526(c)(2)</u>;
      - An explanation of how the action is expected to address the area(s) of need of students and schools identified in the needs assessment required by <u>EC Section 32526(d)</u>.
        - o For information related to the allowable uses of funds and the required needs assessment, please see the Program Information tab on the <u>LREBG Program Information</u> web page.
      - Actions may be grouped together for purposes of these explanations.
      - The LEA may provide these explanations as part of the action description rather than as part of the Reflections: Annual Performance.
  - If the LEA does not have unexpended LREBG funds, the LEA is not required to conduct the needs assessment required by EC
     Section 32526(d), to provide the information identified above or to include actions funded with LREBG funds within the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 LCAPs.

#### **Reflections: Technical Assistance**

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

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

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

#### **Comprehensive Support and Improvement**

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

#### Schools Identified

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# **Engaging Educational Partners**

# **Purpose**

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

This section is designed to reflect how the engagement of educational partners influenced the decisions reflected in the adopted LCAP. The goal is to allow educational partners that participated in the LCAP development process and the broader public to understand how the LEA

engaged educational partners and the impact of that engagement. LEAs are encouraged to keep this goal in the forefront when completing this section.

# Requirements

**School districts and COEs:** <u>EC Section 52060(g)</u> and <u>EC Section 52066(g)</u> specify the educational partners that must be consulted when developing the LCAP:

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

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

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

**Charter schools:** <u>EC Section 47606.5(d)</u> requires that the following educational partners be consulted with when developing the LCAP:

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

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

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

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

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

#### Instructions

Respond to the prompts as follows:

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

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

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

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

Complete the table as follows:

#### **Educational Partners**

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

#### **Process for Engagement**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Goals and Actions**

# **Purpose**

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

Local Control and Accountability Plan Instructions

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

# Requirements and Instructions

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

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

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

#### Requirement to Address the LCFF State Priorities

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

Respond to the following prompts, as applicable:

### Focus Goal(s)

#### Description

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

• An LEA develops a Focus Goal to address areas of need that may require or benefit from a more specific and data intensive approach.

• The Focus Goal can explicitly reference the metric(s) by which achievement of the goal will be measured and the time frame according to which the LEA expects to achieve the goal.

#### Type of Goal

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

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

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

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Explain why the LEA has chosen to prioritize this goal.

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

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

#### Description

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

Focus goals for Equity Multiplier schoolsites must address the following:

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

• The common issues the schoolsites are experiencing in credentialing, subject matter preparation, and retention of the school's educators, if applicable.

#### Type of Goal

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

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

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

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Explain why the LEA has chosen to prioritize this goal.

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

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

- Equity Multiplier funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, funding provided to Equity Multiplier schoolsites for purposes of the LCFF, the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P), the Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists (LCRS) Grant Program, and/or the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP).
- This means that Equity Multiplier funds must not be used to replace funding that an Equity Multiplier schoolsite would otherwise
  receive to implement LEA-wide actions identified in the LCAP or that an Equity Multiplier schoolsite would otherwise receive to
  implement provisions of the ELO-P, the LCRS, and/or the CCSPP.

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

#### **Broad Goal**

#### Description

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

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

#### Type of Goal

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

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

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

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

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

### **Maintenance of Progress Goal**

#### Description

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

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

#### Type of Goal

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

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

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

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

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

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

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

- LEAs must identify metrics for specific student groups, as appropriate, including expected outcomes that address and reduce disparities in outcomes between student groups.
- The metrics may be quantitative or qualitative; but at minimum, an LEA's LCAP must include goals that are measured using all of the applicable metrics for the related state priorities, in each LCAP year, as applicable to the type of LEA.
- To the extent a state priority does not specify one or more metrics (e.g., implementation of state academic content and performance standards), the LEA must identify a metric to use within the LCAP. For these state priorities, LEAs are encouraged to use metrics based on or reported through the relevant local indicator self-reflection tools within the Dashboard.
- Required metrics for LEA-wide actions: For each action identified as 1) contributing towards the requirement to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, including long-term English learners, and low-income students and 2) being provided on an LEA-wide basis, the LEA must identify one or more metrics to monitor the effectiveness of the action and its budgeted expenditures.
  - These required metrics may be identified within the action description or the first prompt in the increased or improved services section, however the description must clearly identify the metric(s) being used to monitor the effectiveness of the action and the action(s) that the metric(s) apply to.
- Required metrics for Equity Multiplier goals: For each Equity Multiplier goal, the LEA must identify:
  - The specific metrics for each identified student group at each specific schoolsite, as applicable, to measure the progress toward the goal, and/or
  - The specific metrics used to measure progress in meeting the goal related to credentialing, subject matter preparation, or educator retention at each specific schoolsite.
- Required metrics for actions supported by LREBG funds: To implement the requirements of EC Section 52064.4, LEAs with
  unexpended LREBG funds must include at least one metric to monitor the impact of each action funded with LREBG funds included in the
  goal.
  - The metrics being used to monitor the impact of each action funded with LREBG funds are not required to be new metrics; they
    may be metrics that are already being used to measure progress towards goals and actions included in the LCAP.

Complete the table as follows:

#### Metric #

Enter the metric number.

#### Metric

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

#### Baseline

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

#### Year 1 Outcome

• When completing the LCAP for 2025–26, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies.

 Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one-year LCAP may provide the Year 1 Outcome when completing the LCAP for both 2025–26 and 2026–27 or may provide the Year 1 Outcome for 2025–26 and provide the Year 2 Outcome for 2026–27.

#### Year 2 Outcome

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

#### Target for Year 3 Outcome

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

#### Current Difference from Baseline

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

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

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

#### **Goal Analysis:**

Enter the LCAP Year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Describe the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions to date in making progress toward the goal. "Effectiveness" means
  the degree to which the actions were successful in producing the target result and "ineffectiveness" means that the actions did not
  produce any significant or targeted result.
  - o In some cases, not all actions in a goal will be intended to improve performance on all of the metrics associated with the goal.
  - When responding to this prompt, LEAs may assess the effectiveness of a single action or group of actions within the goal in the context of performance on a single metric or group of specific metrics within the goal that are applicable to the action(s). Grouping actions with metrics will allow for more robust analysis of whether the strategy the LEA is using to impact a specified set of metrics is working and increase transparency for educational partners. LEAs are encouraged to use such an approach when goals include multiple actions and metrics that are not closely associated.
  - Beginning with the development of the 2024–25 LCAP, the LEA must change actions that have not proven effective over a three-year period.

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

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

#### **Actions:**

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

#### Action #

Enter the action number.

#### Title

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

#### Description

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

#### **Total Funds**

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

#### Contributing

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

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

### **Required Actions**

#### For English Learners and Long-Term English Learners

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

#### For Technical Assistance

• LEAs eligible for technical assistance pursuant to *EC* sections 47607.3, 52071, 52071.5, 52072, or 52072.5, must include specific actions within the LCAP related to its implementation of the work underway as part of technical assistance. The most common form of this technical assistance is frequently referred to as Differentiated Assistance.

#### For Lowest Performing Dashboard Indicators

- LEAs that have Red Dashboard indicators for (1) a school within the LEA, (2) a student group within the LEA, and/or (3) a student group within any school within the LEA must include one or more specific actions within the LCAP:
  - The specific action(s) must be directed towards the identified student group(s) and/or school(s) and must address the identified state indicator(s) for which the student group or school received the lowest performance level on the 2023 Dashboard. Each

student group and/or school that receives the lowest performance level on the 2023 Dashboard must be addressed by one or more actions.

These required actions will be effective for the three-year LCAP cycle.

#### For LEAs With Unexpended LREBG Funds

- To implement the requirements of EC Section 52064.4, LEAs with unexpended LREBG funds must include one or more actions supported with LREBG funds within the 2025–26, 2026–27, and 2027–28 LCAPs, as applicable to the LEA. Actions funded with LREBG funds must remain in the LCAP until the LEA has expended the remainder of its LREBG funds, after which time the actions may be removed from the LCAP.
  - OPrior to identifying the actions included in the LCAP the LEA is required to conduct a needs assessment pursuant to <u>EC Section 32526(d)</u>. For information related to the required needs assessment please see the Program Information tab on the <u>LREBG Program Information</u> web page. Additional information about the needs assessment and evidence-based resources for the LREBG may be found on the <u>California Statewide System of Support LREBG Resources</u> web page. The required LREBG needs assessment may be part of the LEAs regular needs assessment for the LCAP if it meets the requirements of *EC* Section 32526(d).
  - School districts receiving technical assistance and COEs providing technical assistance are encouraged to use the technical
    assistance process to support the school district in conducting the required needs assessment, the selection of actions funded by
    the LREBG and/or the evaluation of implementation of the actions required as part of the LCAP annual update process.
  - o As a reminder, LREBG funds must be used to implement one or more of the purposes articulated in <u>EC Section 32526(c)(2)</u>.
  - LEAs with unexpended LREBG funds must include one or more actions supported by LREBG funds within the LCAP. For each
    action supported by LREBG funding the action description must:
    - Identify the action as an LREBG action;
    - Include an explanation of how research supports the selected action;
    - Identify the metric(s) being used to monitor the impact of the action; and
    - Identify the amount of LREBG funds being used to support the action.

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

## **Purpose**

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

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

## **Statutory Requirements**

An LEA is required to demonstrate in its LCAP how it is increasing or improving services for its students who are foster youth, English learners, and/or low-income, collectively referred to as unduplicated students, as compared to the services provided to all students in proportion to the increase in funding it receives based on the number and concentration of unduplicated students in the LEA (*EC* Section 42238.07[a][1], *EC* Section 52064[b][8][B]; 5 *CCR* Section 15496[a]). This proportionality percentage is also known as the "minimum proportionality percentage" or "MPP." The manner in which an LEA demonstrates it is meeting its MPP is two-fold: (1) through the expenditure of LCFF funds or through the identification of a Planned Percentage of Improved Services as documented in the Contributing Actions Table, and (2) through the explanations provided in the Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students section.

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

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

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

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

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

• Conclusory statements that a service will help achieve an expected outcome for the goal, without an explicit connection or further explanation as to how, are not sufficient.

• Further, simply stating that an LEA has a high enrollment percentage of a specific student group or groups does not meet the increased or improved services standard because enrolling students is not the same as serving students.

## **For School Districts Only**

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

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

## Requirements and Instructions

Complete the tables as follows:

## Total Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants

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

## Projected Additional 15 percent LCFF Concentration Grant

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

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

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

## LCFF Carryover — Percentage

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

## LCFF Carryover — Dollar

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

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

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

## Required Descriptions:

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

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

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

Complete the table as follows:

## Identified Need(s)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Limited Actions**

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

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

Complete the table as follows:

## Identified Need(s)

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

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

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

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

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

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

- For each action with an identified Planned Percentage of Improved Services, identify the goal and action number and describe the methodology that was used.
- When identifying a Planned Percentage of Improved Services, the LEA must describe the methodology that it used to determine the contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage. The percentage of improved services for an action corresponds to the amount of LCFF funding that the LEA estimates it would expend to implement the action if it were funded.

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

## **Additional Concentration Grant Funding**

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

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

Provide the following descriptions, as applicable to the LEA:

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

Complete the table as follows:

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

## **Action Tables**

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

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

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

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

## Total Planned Expenditures Table

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

- LCAP Year: Identify the applicable LCAP Year.
- 1. Projected LCFF Base Grant: Provide the total amount estimated LCFF entitlement for the coming school year, excluding the supplemental and concentration grants and the add-ons for the Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant program, the former Home-to-School Transportation program, and the Small School District Transportation program, pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8). Note that the LCFF Base Grant for purposes of the LCAP also includes the Necessary Small Schools and Economic Recovery Target allowances for school districts, and County Operations Grant for COEs.

See *EC* sections 2574 (for COEs) and 42238.02 (for school districts and charter schools), as applicable, for LCFF entitlement calculations.

- 2. Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants: Provide the total amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grants estimated on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated students for the coming school year.
- 3. Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year: This percentage will not be entered; it is calculated based on the Projected LCFF Base Grant and the Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants, pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8). This is the percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all students in the coming LCAP year.
- LCFF Carryover Percentage: Specify the LCFF Carryover Percentage identified in the LCFF Carryover Table from the prior LCAP year. If a carryover percentage is not identified in the LCFF Carryover Table, specify a percentage of zero (0.00%).
- Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year: This percentage will not be entered; it is calculated based on the Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year and the LCFF Carryover Percentage. This is the percentage by which the LEA must increase or improve services for unduplicated pupils as compared to the services provided to all students in the coming LCAP year.
- Goal #: Enter the LCAP Goal number for the action.
- Action #: Enter the action's number as indicated in the LCAP Goal.
- Action Title: Provide a title of the action.
- **Student Group(s)**: Indicate the student group or groups who will be the primary beneficiary of the action by entering "All," or by entering a specific student group or groups.

- Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?: Type "Yes" if the action is included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement; OR, type "No" if the action is **not** included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement.
- If "Yes" is entered into the Contributing column, then complete the following columns:
  - Scope: The scope of an action may be LEA-wide (i.e., districtwide, countywide, or charterwide), schoolwide, or limited. An action that is LEA-wide in scope upgrades the entire educational program of the LEA. An action that is schoolwide in scope upgrades the entire educational program of a single school. An action that is limited in its scope is an action that serves only one or more unduplicated student groups.
  - Unduplicated Student Group(s): Regardless of scope, contributing actions serve one or more unduplicated student groups.
     Indicate one or more unduplicated student groups for whom services are being increased or improved as compared to what all students receive.
  - Location: Identify the location where the action will be provided. If the action is provided to all schools within the LEA, the LEA must indicate "All Schools." If the action is provided to specific schools within the LEA or specific grade spans only, the LEA must enter "Specific Schools" or "Specific Grade Spans." Identify the individual school or a subset of schools or grade spans (e.g., all high schools or grades transitional kindergarten through grade five), as appropriate.
- **Time Span**: Enter "ongoing" if the action will be implemented for an indeterminate period of time. Otherwise, indicate the span of time for which the action will be implemented. For example, an LEA might enter "1 Year," or "2 Years," or "6 Months."
- **Total Personnel**: Enter the total amount of personnel expenditures utilized to implement this action.
- **Total Non-Personnel**: This amount will be automatically calculated based on information provided in the Total Personnel column and the Total Funds column.
- LCFF Funds: Enter the total amount of LCFF funds utilized to implement this action, if any. LCFF funds include all funds that make up an LEA's total LCFF target (i.e., base grant, grade span adjustment, supplemental grant, concentration grant, Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant, and Home-To-School Transportation).
  - Note: For an action to contribute towards meeting the increased or improved services requirement, it must include some measure
    of LCFF funding. The action may also include funding from other sources, however the extent to which an action contributes to
    meeting the increased or improved services requirement is based on the LCFF funding being used to implement the action.
- Other State Funds: Enter the total amount of Other State Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
  - Note: Equity Multiplier funds must be included in the "Other State Funds" category, not in the "LCFF Funds" category. As a
    reminder, Equity Multiplier funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, funding provided to Equity Multiplier schoolsites for
    purposes of the LCFF, the ELO-P, the LCRS, and/or the CCSPP. This means that Equity Multiplier funds must not be used to

replace funding that an Equity Multiplier schoolsite would otherwise receive to implement LEA-wide actions identified in the LEA's LCAP or that an Equity Multiplier schoolsite would otherwise receive to implement provisions of the ELO-P, the LCRS, and/or the CCSPP.

- Local Funds: Enter the total amount of Local Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
- Federal Funds: Enter the total amount of Federal Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
- Total Funds: This amount is automatically calculated based on amounts entered in the previous four columns.
- **Planned Percentage of Improved Services**: For any action identified as contributing, being provided on a Limited basis to unduplicated students, and that does not have funding associated with the action, enter the planned quality improvement anticipated for the action as a percentage rounded to the nearest hundredth (0.00%). A limited action is an action that only serves foster youth, English learners, and/or low-income students.
  - As noted in the instructions for the Increased or Improved Services section, when identifying a Planned Percentage of Improved Services, the LEA must describe the methodology that it used to determine the contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage. The percentage of improved services for an action corresponds to the amount of LCFF funding that the LEA estimates it would expend to implement the action if it were funded.

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

## Contributing Actions Table

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

## Annual Update Table

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

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

## **Contributing Actions Annual Update Table**

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

- 6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants: Provide the total amount of LCFF supplemental and
  concentration grants estimated based on the number and concentration of unduplicated students in the current school year.
- Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions: Enter the total estimated actual expenditure of LCFF funds used to implement this action, if any.
- Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services: For any action identified as contributing, being provided on a Limited basis only to unduplicated students, and that does not have funding associated with the action, enter the total estimated actual quality improvement anticipated for the action as a percentage rounded to the nearest hundredth (0.00%).
  - o Building on the example provided above for calculating the Planned Percentage of Improved Services, the LEA in the example implements the action. As part of the annual update process, the LEA reviews implementation and student outcome data and determines that the action was implemented with fidelity and that outcomes for foster youth students improved. The LEA reviews the original estimated cost for the action and determines that had it hired additional staff to collect and analyze data and to coordinate supports for students that estimated actual cost would have been \$169,500 due to a cost of living adjustment. The LEA would divide the estimated actual cost of \$169,500 by the amount of LCFF Funding identified in the Data Entry Table and then convert the quotient to a percentage. This percentage is the Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services for the action.

## LCFF Carryover Table

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

## Calculations in the Action Tables

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

## **Contributing Actions Table**

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

## **Contributing Actions Annual Update Table**

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

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

 This amount is the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (7) subtracted from the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4).

## • 5. Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (%)

o This amount is the total of the Planned Percentage of Improved Services column.

## • 8. Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (%)

o This amount is the total of the Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services column.

## • Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (Subtract 5 from 8)

 This amount is the Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (5) subtracted from the Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (8).

## **LCFF Carryover Table**

- 10. Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Current School Year (6 divided by 9 plus Carryover %)
  - This percentage is the Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (6) divided by the Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (9) plus the LCFF Carryover – Percentage from the prior year.
- 11. Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (7 divided by 9, plus 8)
  - This percentage is the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (7) divided by the LCFF Funding (9), then converting the quotient to a percentage and adding the Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (8).
- 12. LCFF Carryover Dollar Amount LCFF Carryover (Subtract 11 from 10 and multiply by 9)
  - If the Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (11) is less than the Estimated Actual Percentage to Increase or Improve Services (10), the LEA is required to carry over LCFF funds.

The amount of LCFF funds is calculated by subtracting the Estimated Actual Percentage to Increase or Improve Services (11) from the Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (10) and then multiplying by the Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (9). This amount is the amount of LCFF funds that is required to be carried over to the coming year.

## • 13. LCFF Carryover — Percentage (12 divided by 9)

 This percentage is the unmet portion of the Percentage to Increase or Improve Services that the LEA must carry over into the coming LCAP year. The percentage is calculated by dividing the LCFF Carryover (12) by the LCFF Funding (9). California Department of Education November 2024



# iLEAD Lancaster Instructional Continuity Plan Board Approved:

The purpose of the Instructional Continuity Plan (ICP) is to ensure that iLEAD Lancaster can continue to provide high-quality education for all learners with minimal disruption in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

## **Guiding Principles**

- Maintain the safety and well-being of learners, staff and families.
- Provide clear communication to all community partners regarding expectations and resources during an emergency.
- Ensure continuity of instruction through independent study and/or hybrid frameworks.

### **Communication Plan**

In the event of an emergency, iLEAD Lancaster will establish two-way communication with staff, learners, and families as soon as practicable and no later than 5 calendar days following the emergency. This will be established via email communication through Mail Chimp and/or a platform such as Parent Square, with phone calls or home visits to families or staff who are not reachable. These efforts to establish communication with staff and learners will be tracked via a survey, response form, and/or a communication log. The communication would also include information on how to obtain technology, such as laptops or hotspots, if a learner's technology was damaged, destroyed or inaccessible during the emergency.

Ongoing communication and support throughout the emergency would be maintained as follows, with translation and interpretation services available as needed.

#### **Learners and Families**

- General Communication: Maintain regular updates via current modes of communication, such as email, weekly Monday Messages, a platform such as ParentSquare, SMS, online learning platforms, Zoom and/or the school's website.
- Academics: Using communication tools such as the ones listed in the general communication section above, iLEAD Lancaster facilitators and staff will connect

with learners daily in the virtual and/or Hybrid learning environment. This includes continuing to reach out to learners not consistently checking in and/or completing work.

 Social Emotional/Mental Health: Facilitators, counselors, psychologists and/or school social workers will connect with families in need of additional support via phone, email, Zoom and/or in-person.

## <u>Staff</u>

Maintain internal communications via current modes of communication, such as email, phone, SMS, staff newsletters/meetings, operations updates, director updates, Zoom and/or Google meets.

## **Community Partners**

Inform relevant agencies and partners of the school's operational status and any needed support through virtual meetings, surveys and/or online feedback. Links to meetings such as School Site Council, iSupport, ELAC, and/or board meetings are placed on the website and/or sent using the parent communication platform.

## **Contingency Plan**

Should a catastrophic event occur impacting all school operations, the school will provide information on other options for enrollment.

## **Emergency Home and/or Hybrid Learning Plan**

iLEAD Lancaster's plan to provide access to in-person or remote instruction via independent study, as soon as practicable, but no later than 10 instructional days following the emergency is as follows:

### **Technology and Access**

• Device Availability: Using a technology survey or a similar means for gathering information, iLEAD Lancaster would ensure all learners continue to have access to necessary technology including Chromebooks or other similar devices. Wi-Fi hotspots will be provided to any learner who has limited connectivity due to housing status, financial need or immediate need based on the emergency. In cases where a family still might not have internet access, distance learning packets and instructional materials will be supplied as needed.

#### Technical Support:

- In the event of an emergency, all iLEAD Lancaster facilitators will be trained on the distance learning platform(s). All Student Support staff will be trained in conducting IEP meetings and providing services, both Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI) and Designated Instructional Services (DIS) for learners with special needs, via Zoom.
- Tech support would be provided by the school during school hours, and families would have the capability to complete technology tickets so that technical support is provided in a timely manner.

o To utilize online platforms and resources, professional learning opportunities for families on how to use the digital tools and best support their children in on-site and distance learning would be provided by the school. Special consideration is given to understanding the "on-site" and "off-site" schedules, as well as how to best support their children in a distance learning environment. Links to training would be shared by facilitators, in parent newsletters, and/or on iLEAD Lancaster's website.

### **Instructional Strategies**

 Schedule: iLEAD Lancaster will make every effort to maintain a consistent schedule, similar to the regular onsite schedule, in the event of an emergency requiring a transition to hybrid or distance learning. Facilitators would provide instructional blocks, whether on-site or through distance learning, and remain available to families for instructional and social emotional support during school hours. If a child missed a check in, the facilitator would reach out directly to the family.

The daily schedule, with links, would be communicated to learners. During the period of independent study, each day of assigned work, as well as synchronous and asynchronous instruction learning opportunities, would be equivalent to that of classroom instructional time as follows:

Instructional Time Requirements : 175 Days		
Grade: Kinder	36,000	206 minutes: 3 hrs 36 minutes
Grades: 1st -3rd	50,400	288 minutes: 4 hrs 48 minutes
Grades: 4th-8th	54,000	309 minutes: 5 hrs 9 minutes

- Hybrid Learning: If possible, iLEAD Lancaster would offer an on-site Hybrid academic schedule. This schedule would include live instructional and SEL times, as well as morning meeting/advisory. On the days of home instruction, learners would access their academic content asynchronously with facilitator support available during school hours.
- Online Learning: Should an emergency necessitate a move to part- or full-time independent study, facilitators' courses would be set up in the online platform. Blocks of time would continue to be set aside for individualized, targeted intervention, as well as direct instruction in ELA and mathematics.
- Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning: Whether or not learners participate in a hybrid or virtual setting, all learners would have opportunities for daily live interaction, per EC 43503, with their facilitators and peers, in morning meeting/advisory and live lessons. The purpose of daily live interaction is to provide instruction, monitor progress, and maintain school/social connectedness. iLEAD Lancaster would provide

- synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities following its <a href="Curriculum and Instruction Independent Study Board Policy">Curriculum and Instruction Independent Study Board Policy</a> and procedures.
- Curriculum and Instruction: Depending upon the emergency, instruction
  would be delivered virtually and/or through a hybrid model using the
  existing curriculum so that the continuity of instruction would continue.
  This would include curriculum such as EL Education, Bridges
  Mathematics, Open Up Resources, DreamBox, science and history
  workshops and humanities, as well as other online programs provided
  through Clever.

Each learner would continue to develop their individualized learning plan with their facilitator, and they would work together on any changes needed as learners adjust to a new learning environment. Intervention blocks would also be in place to provide small groups and 1:1 intervention and instruction. As part of a continuous cycle of inquiry and assessment, facilitators would periodically meet with the school director to review learning goals for the curricular areas they teach.

 Learning Loss Strategies: iLEAD Lancaster would establish a schedule for further individualized instruction and intervention to help mitigate learning loss during the emergency. These times would also be used to address the individual needs of English Learners, SED, foster, or learners facing homelessness. Intervention programs such as Dream Box and Delta Math would be utilized by facilitators to further personalize instruction in ELA and Mathematics. The learner's individualized learning plan, along with NWEA MAP and formative assessment data, would be utilized to identify and target areas of need.

In the event a learner is absent from distance and/or hybrid learning, the following steps will be taken (and interpreted or translated into other home languages, as needed):

- 1. The facilitator will reach out to families the same day via telephone, SMS or email
- 2. An absence verification will go out via Parent Square or Pathways notifying families that the learner was marked absent in class for that day.
- 3. Office staff will follow up with families on Mondays for absences recorded the previous week in order to verify attendance and mark excused or unexcused absences.
- 4. Other school personnel, such as school counselors, the care team, the homeless/foster liaison, the school social worker, and/or student support, may also be involved in contacting families and reengaging the learner as needed.
- 5. School personnel may conduct home visits as needed.
- 6. During reengagement activities, staff will verify that the learner has access to technology and internet services, as well as check on health and wellness.

 Independent Study Attendance: If the emergency requires a hybrid or independent study setting for 16 days or longer, the school would follow policies and procedures as outlined in its <u>Curriculum and Instruction Independent Study</u> <u>Board Policy</u> and <u>Independent Study Truancy Policy</u>.

### Assessment and Accountability

- Whether formative or summative, continue administering assessments such as NWEA MAP, CAASPP, ELPAC, and other school and/or statewide assessments. All facilitators and families would be trained on how to complete the assessment from home.
- Monitor adequate progress for learner success following iLEAD Lancaster's <u>Curriculum and Instruction Independent Study Board Policy</u>, <u>Independent Study Truancy Policy</u> and procedures.

## Support Services

- Counseling and Mental Health Services: Each day, during morning meetings/advisory, facilitators would allow space for learners to practice stress management or mindfulness practices. To meet the specific needs of a learner or family, the school counselor and psychologist would be available to provide ongoing support. This might include virtual social interaction opportunities such as "lunch bunch" opportunities for learners to have interactions with their friends and classmates. iLEAD California and iLEAD Lancaster staff collaborate to present workshops and webinars on adult and learner mental health, trauma responsiveness, suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, and resilience that could be provided virtually as needed. Mental health resources are available on iLEAD Lancaster's website, and the school would make additional resources available as needed based on the emergency situation.
- **Special Education Services:** iLEAD Lancaster would maintain compliance with IEPs through virtual support and accommodations/modifications.
- **English Learners:** Access to a full curriculum in all content areas would still be provided, whether in a virtual or hybrid setting. This includes integrated and designated ELD and interventions.
- Meal Program: iLEAD Lancaster's food service operations will continue to follow national, state, and local health and safety guidelines during an emergency. All learners will be able to pick up free or reduced-price meals from iLEAD Lancaster daily, regardless of whether they are attending on-site or distance learning, and the schedule would be communicated to all families. Additionally, resources for additional food support would be provided to families within the affected community.

## **Professional Development**

iLEAD Lancaster facilitators participate in professional development through both asynchronous and synchronous platforms throughout the school year. Live Zoom office hours would be provided so that facilitators could receive individualized support on all distance learning issues. Technology support is also available by completing a technology ticket.

## **Return to Campus**

In cases where learning was solely virtual, the following action steps will be executed prior to returning to campus:

- Review and implement processes and procedures from the school's safety plan that are specific to the particular emergency.
- Conduct an internal assessment of site needs, such as safety and repairs, instructional materials, and/or food services.
- Ensure staff are trained and prepared to return to in-person instruction.
- Notify families and staff of the return date and any pertinent information.
- Identify any ongoing needs specific to the emergency and staff, families, and/or learners.

## **Review and Adaptation**

iLEAD Lancaster will annually review its Instructional Continuity Plan to adapt to new circumstances or feedback from community partners as applicable.



## **Immigration Enforcement Policy**

Board Approved:

## Responding to On-Campus Immigration Enforcement

iLEAD Lancaster staff shall notify the school Director, or designee of any request by an immigration or law-enforcement officer for school or learner access, requests for review of school documents, or requests of the services of lawful subpoenas, petitions, complaints etc., as soon as possible.

In addition, if an officer appears on campus specifically for immigration-enforcement purposes, iLEAD Lancaster staff must take the following actions:

- 1. Advise the officer that school staff must have the Director or designee review written notification prior to beginning with request;
- 2. Ask to see (and make a copy of or note) the officer's name and badge number;
- 3. Ask the officer for her/his reason for being on school grounds and document it;
- 4. Ask the officer to produce any documentation that authorizes school access;
- 5. Make copies and retain a copy of all documents provided by the officer. Retain one copy for school records;
- 6. If the officer asserts that special exigent circumstances exist and demands immediate access to the campus, iLEAD Lancaster staff should comply and contact the Director or designee.

If the officer does not declare that exigent circumstances exist, iLEAD Lancaster staff shall inform the officer that the school must consult its own legal counsel before proceeding. In the event the officer presents a federal judicial warrant (search and seizure warrant or arrest warrant), consultation with the School's legal counsel shall be made before providing the agent access to the person or materials specified in the warrant if feasible.

iLEAD Lancaster staff should not consent to access by an immigration-enforcement officer, except as described above. At the same time, staff shall never physically impede an officer, even if the officer appears to be exceeding the authorization given under a warrant or other document. If the officer enters without consent, staff shall document his or her actions while on campus.

iLEAD Lancaster staff shall provide notes of the interaction to the school's legal counsel and provide the governing board a report of the interaction as timely as possible. These notes must include, but are not limited to:

- 1. List or copy of the officer's credentials and contact information;
- 2. List of all school staff who communicated with the officer;
- 3. Details of the officer's request;
- Information on whether the officer presented a warrant or subpoena to accompany his/her request, the information/access requested and proof that the warrant was/wasn't signed;
- 5. iLEAD Lancaster staff's response to the officer's request;
- 6. Any further action taken by the officer;
- 7. Photo or copy of all/any information presented by the agent.

Any attempt by a law-enforcement officer to access a school site or a learner for immigration-enforcement purposes should be reported to the Bureau of Children's Justice in the California Department of Justice at BCJ@doj.ca.gov.

#### Parental Notification

Before a learner can be interviewed or searched by any officer seeking to enforce civil immigration laws at the school, iLEAD Lancaster staff must receive consent from the learner's parent or guardian, unless the officer presents a valid, effective warrant signed by a judge or a valid, effective court order, stating otherwise.

iLEAD Lancaster staff must immediately notify the learner's parents or guardians if a law-enforcement officer requests or gains access to a learner for immigration-enforcement purposes unless that access was in compliance with a warrant or subpoena that restricts the disclosure of the information to the parent or guardian.



# 2025-2026 Family Guidebook

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to iLEAD Lancaster Charter School! You are part of a ground-breaking, innovative program designed to meet your child's individual needs and to foster in them a love of learning and the desire to be the leaders of the future.

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School may be different from some of your child's previous educational experiences. First, your child will participate in an interdisciplinary academic learning environment where they will make connections among various areas of study including language arts, history, science, the arts and technology. This setting will allow them to move at their own pace through inquiry-based learning strategies. Your child will also learn experientially through many field trips visiting local parks, beaches, organizations, businesses, and museums. Participation in these experiences will help your child apply their classroom learning. Finally, your child's growth will be measured along a continuum and in a variety of ways that demonstrate learning. In essence, your child will be empowered to take ownership of their learning experience.

Your experience as a parent/guardian at iLEAD Lancaster Charter School may also be different than what you have experienced at your previous schools. To make the transition a smooth one for your learner(s) and yourself, we encourage families to keep updated and informed about school events and parent/guardian programs. We encourage and depend upon our parents/guardians to be actively engaged both in and outside of their learner's classroom. You will work harder here as a parent/guardian, but your rewards will be tenfold. If you feel that you need support in any given area, please don't hesitate to ask for a meeting with your child's classroom facilitator, or another adult on campus that can advocate for you or your child. We work as a team in this environment and the only effective way to do that is to communicate and ask questions.

The Family Guidebook is designed to share iLEAD Lancaster Charter School's philosophy, expectations for learners and families, and other school information.

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## **SECTION 1:**

## **iLEAD SCHOOLS' EDUCATIONAL OVERVIEW**

## **OUR MISSION AND VALUES**

## **iLEAD Schools Mission Statement**

Free to Think. Inspired to Lead.

## **Vision Statement**

At iLEAD, we strive to be a beacon of innovation and creativity, fostering a culture of curiosity and leadership. Our commitment to unlocking the potential of our learners and the communities we serve is unwavering. We believe that by empowering people to become Lifelong learners, Empathetic citizens, Authentic individuals, and Design thinkers, we can create a better future for all.

## **Schoolwide Learner Outcomes**

We believe that education should extend beyond traditional academic knowledge. Our purposeful approach revolves around the iLEAD Schoolwide Learner Outcomes; a collective vision that encapsulates our aspirations for each individual's education. The iLEAD Schoolwide Learner Outcomes serve as our compass, guiding us in shaping a child's educational journey. In the course of a child's career with iLEAD Schools, our learners will engage with a relevant and rigorous curriculum that will prepare them for success personally and professionally. The following are the expected Schoolwide Learner Outcomes that our learners develop:

## i-LEAD by being a/an...

#### **Lifelong Learner**

I am a self-directed learner, focused on personal growth and development.

## **Empathetic Citizen**

I seek to understand and appreciate what others are thinking, feeling, or experiencing.

#### **Authentic Individual**

I am true to myself, my personality, values, beliefs, and principles.

#### **Design Thinker**

I am a creative, imaginative individual who explores original ideas, takes risks, and develops innovative solutions that I share with others.

## OUR METHODOLOGY

Through individualized learning, project based learning (PBL), and social emotional learning (SEL) iLEAD's hope is to inspire learners to become lifelong learners, empathetic citizens, authentic individuals and design thinkers. iLEAD Schools promotes active learning methods and opportunities for self-directed learning.

## **Individualized Learning**

Individualized learning is an educational approach that tailors instruction to the unique needs, abilities, and interests of each learner. It recognizes that individuals have distinct learning styles, paces, and preferences, and aims to create a personalized learning experience to optimize their educational outcomes. Through the use of a wide variety of technology, materials, activities, and assessments, individualized learning provides learners with customized content, pace, and feedback, allowing them to progress at their own speed, explore areas of interest, and receive targeted support where needed. This learner-centered approach promotes autonomy, engagement, and mastery by acknowledging and addressing the diverse learning needs of each learner.

To that end, at the start of each school year, each learner, together with their facilitator and parents/guardians, creates an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) that includes individual academic goals (aligned to Common Core State Standards) and social and emotional goals. These goals are incorporated into projects throughout the year, monitored, assessed, and reflected on by the learner and their facilitator. This experience creates a powerful incentive for learners to develop their skills, through the communication of high expectations, public display of meaningful work, and opportunities to showcase talents in modalities that best suit learners' distinct learning styles.

## **Project-Based Learning (PBL)**

Over the past 100 years, the world we live in has radically changed. If we as a society are going to keep up, the way we educate our children must also change. Project-based Learning (PBL) is a teaching methodology that actively engages learners by challenging them to deeply investigate a personally interesting and complex question, problem or challenge. Then from this deep investigation, create and publically present something unique and original and authentic in response.

Project-Based Learnings' time has come. The experience of thousands of teachers across all grade levels and subject areas, backed by research, confirms that PBL is an effective and enjoyable way to learn – and develop deeper learning competencies required for success in college, career, and civic life. Why are so many educators across the United States and around the world interested in this teaching method? The answer is a combination of timeless reasons and recent developments.

Through the PBL methodology, our learners develop the skills, aptitudes, and attitudes necessary to discover their own path and lead the way into the future. The development of rigorous, authentic projects helps learners bridge the gap between simply remembering instructions and becoming independent lifelong learners.

**PBL makes school more engaging for learners.** Today's learners, more than ever, often find school to be boring and meaningless. In PBL, learners are active, not passive; a project engages their hearts and minds, and provides real-world relevance for learning.

**PBL improves learning.** After completing a project, learners understand content more deeply, remember what they learn and retain it longer than is often the case with traditional instruction. Because of this, learners who gain content knowledge with PBL are better able to apply what they know and can do to new situations.

**PBL builds success skills for college, career, and life.** In the 21st century workplace and in college, success requires more than basic knowledge and skills. In a project, learners learn how to take initiative and responsibility, build their confidence, solve problems, work in teams, communicate ideas, and manage themselves more effectively.

**PBL** helps address standards. The Common Core and other present-day standards emphasize real-world application of knowledge and skills, and the development of success skills such as critical thinking/problem solving, collaboration, communication in a variety of media, and speaking and presentation skills. PBL is an effective way to meet these goals.

**PBL** provides opportunities for learners to use technology. Learners are familiar with and enjoy using a variety of tech tools that are a perfect fit with PBL. With technology, facilitators and learners can not only find resources and information and create products, but also collaborate more effectively, and connect with experts, partners, and audiences around the world.

**PBL makes teaching more enjoyable and rewarding.** Projects allow teachers to work more closely with active, engaged learners doing high-quality, meaningful work, and in many cases to rediscover the joy of learning alongside their learners.

**PBL connects learners and schools with communities and the real world.** Projects provide learners with empowering opportunities to make a difference, by solving real problems and addressing real issues. Learners learn how to interact with adults and organizations, are exposed to workplaces and adult jobs, and can develop career interests. Parents/guardians and community members can be involved in projects.

#### Not just knowing but also DOING

PBL allows learners to apply their learning in real-world scenarios.

#### High levels of engagement

PBL gives learners a voice in their own education, activating their interest, which allows for greater and deeper learning!

## **True learning**

PBL allows us to teach, observe, and measure growth of marketable 21st Century skills such as communication, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Focusing on your learner, not the curriculum, brings learning to life

PBL develops self-empowered learners who can analyze the world they live in, design a better tomorrow, and go create it!

## \*What is PBL? and PBL Outcomes from <u>Buck Institute</u>

## Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

It takes more than book-smarts to be an effective leader. Today's leaders must possess the ability to successfully manage themselves and others. In the digital world we live in, these vital skills are becoming more and more scarce. If schools are not teaching them, we are not preparing our learners. **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)** teaches learners to manage their emotions, resolve conflict, and make responsible and well thought out decisions.

Implementation and evaluation (assessment) of SEL has become an integral part of our approaches to teaching and learning through Project-Based Learning. Based on practices such as the <u>7 Habits of Highly Effective People/Kids/Teens®</u> (Stephen/Sean Covey) we measure and report SEL progress as part of every project, ILP (Individualized Learning Plan) goals, and Reports of Progress.

## 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Stephen Covey's best-selling book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* has been influential in the shaping of iLEAD's approach to lifelong learning. Regular implementation of these habits is encouraged to support positive interactions with oneself and others:

#### • Habit 1: Be Proactive

Proactive people take responsibility by focusing their time and energy on things they can control instead of reacting to or worrying about conditions over which they have little or no control.

#### • Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind

Each day, task, or project should begin with a clear vision of one's desired direction and destination, and then continue by flexing proactive muscles to make things happen.

## • Habit 3: Put First Things First

Life management — define one's purpose, values, roles, and priorities.

#### • Habit 4: Think Win-Win

Win-win is a frame of mind and heart that constantly seeks mutual benefit in all human interactions. A win-win approach means agreements or solutions are mutually beneficial and satisfying.

## • Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then Be Understood

 This habit helps transform communication by actively listening with the intent to understand another's perspective versus filtering things through one's own life experiences and frame of reference.

#### • Habit 6: Synergize

This habit promotes cooperation, teamwork, open-mindedness, and the adventure of finding new solutions to old problems. It thrives on the idea that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

#### • Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Living a life in balance means taking the necessary time to renew one's self. To "sharpen the saw" means having a balanced program for self-renewal in the four areas of life: physical, social/emotional, mental, and spiritual.

## **CURRICULUM**

The research-based instructional approach of Project Based Learning at iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is differentiated to engage learners through hands-on, serious, authentic experiences across subject areas. This methodology allows facilitators to address learners' individual differences, variations in learning styles, intelligence and abilities. Rather than rely on any one series of books, textbooks or guides, we employ multiple materials, resources and strategies to best meet the needs of individual learners.

Curriculum is implemented with the following best practices in education:

**Global Understanding:** 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners are faced with the challenge of engaging in an increasingly interdependent world where knowledge is constantly developing and evolving. Rigorous curriculum covering global connectivity will give learners a sense of belonging in our ever changing world and prepare them to thrive in the global marketplace upon graduation and post-college. Exploring diverse cultures will give learners a positive attitude toward learning and greater understanding of the world around them.

**Engaging Curriculum:** Our curriculum delivers the California content standards through relevant learning experiences that engage learners' interests as they discover underlying concepts and develop a deep understanding of subject matter. Learners are active participants in meaningful exploration, engage in hands-on activities and experiences that build on their prior knowledge. Projects are used as a teaching tool to focus on higher order thinking and real world skills. We will encourage learners to apply their understanding in projects that gradually introduce more complexity, more learner-driven choice of topics and products. The goal is to foster self-motivation and self-directedness, as each learner discovers their unique strengths.

**Multi-age Groupings:** Research supports environments with two or more grades that allow learners the flexibility to progress at their own pace along a continuum of achievement. As such, select grade levels at iLEAD Lancaster Charter School are multi-age environments.

**Facilitator Continuity (Looping):** Multi-year relationships between facilitator and learner provide for deeper knowledge to guide instructional decisions and familiarity with the social-emotional health of a learner (Anderson and Pavan, 1993).

**Advisory/Morning Meetings:** Research shows that when learners feel connected to their school, they do better academically. One of the ways we achieve this with Middle and Diploma Programme learners is through our advisory program. In small group settings, we explore the causes and effects of cultural, personal, and community events. Our primary learners participate in daily morning and/or 'family' (classroom) meetings that provide an opportunity to witness and display social problem solving skills and interactions. These meetings provide learners with the forum to develop social and emotional skills needed to thrive in a collaborative environment.

**California State Academic Standards:** California along with most other States developed and adopted common academic standards in core curriculum areas. They are rigorous, internationally benchmarked, and research- and evidence-based.

Each state, and each district in California decides how they will teach and what resources they will use. More information can be found at www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/ or www.corestandards.org. California's computer-based student testing system ties the standards for English language arts, mathematics, and science called the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). The assessments include the Smarter Balanced Assessment ConsortiumAssessments, California Science Tests (CAST), California Alternate Assessments (CAA), and Standards-based Tests in Spanish (STS) for Reading/Language Arts. Parents/guardians can exempt their child(ren) from CAASPP testing by submitting a letter in writing annually. More information about the CAASPP can be found at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/. [EC 60119, 60604.5, 60615]

**California Healthy Youth Act:** The California Healthy Youth Act requires charter schools to provide pupils with integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention education at least once in middle school and once in high school. It is intended to ensure that pupils in grades 7-8 are provided with the knowledge and skills necessary to: 1) protect their sexual and reproductive health from HIV, other sexually transmitted infections, and unintended pregnancy; and menstrual health 2) develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family; and 3) have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors. It also promotes understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development.

Parents/Guardians have the right to:

- 1. Inspect the written and audiovisual educational materials used in the comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education.
- 2. Request in writing that their child not receive comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education
- 3. Request a copy of Education Codes 51930 through 51939, the California Healthy Youth Act
- 4. Be informed whether the comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education will be taught by district personnel or outside consultants
- 5. Receive notice by mail or another commonly used method of notification fewer than 14 days before the instruction is delivered if arrangements for the instruction are made after the beginning of the school year
- 6. When the district chooses to use outside consultants or to hold an assembly with guest speakers to teach comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, be informed of:
  - a. The date of the instruction
  - b. The name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker

**English Learners Identification Notice:** State law requires that parents/guardians of English learners are to be notified annually if they are identified as one of the following: Long-term English Learner or English learner at risk of becoming a Long-term English Learner. The school coordinator for English Language Development will be sending these notices at the beginning of each school year.

## INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLANS (ILPs) and LEARNER LED CONFERENCES (LLCs)

Each year, learners along with their facilitator(s) create an ILP to guide instruction. Each learner, along with their family and facilitator, work together to monitor the ILP and make adjustments, as needed. The primary goal of the ILP is to ensure that each child will be treated as an individual and therefore will be working toward attainable goals appropriate to their individual development.

Throughout the year, learners will review learning outcomes and set individual goals. They will learn to evaluate their progress toward those goals, starting at a basic level when they are younger and improving their ability to self-assess over time. Throughout the year, learners will meet with their facilitator and their parents/guardians to look critically at what they have accomplished both in formal settings as well as at home with their families. At the end of the spring semester our learners will present their progress in the Learner Led Conference (LLC) Presentations.

Portfolio-based LLCs will help ensure that learners are accountable to themselves, their families, their teachers, and the school community as a whole. Additionally, the experience creates a powerful incentive for learners to develop their skills, through the communication of high expectations, public display of meaningful work, and opportunities to showcase talents in modalities that best suit learners' distinct learning styles.

# SECTION 2: GENERAL OPERATIONS

## OFFICE HOURS 7:30am to 4:30pm

Front Desk Phone Number: (661) 722-4287

#### **SCHEDULE**

See the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School website at <a href="https://www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a> for the most up to date hours, including break and lunch schedule.

#### **INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR**

See the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School website at <a href="www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a> for the current year's Instructional Calendar. If minimum or pupil-free staff development days are scheduled after the start of the school year, the school will notify parents/guardians of affected pupils as early as possible.

#### **STAFF**

See the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School website at <a href="www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a> for staff listings.

#### **POLICIES**

Our school is governed by a set of Policies and Procedures that are updated regularly. If you are interested we encourage you to make an appointment to review the policies and procedures by contacting registrar@ileadlancaster.org or visit <a href="www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a>.

# SECTION 3: DAILY OPERATIONS

## DROP OFF AND VALET PROCEDURES

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School offers a convenient valet drop off system. This is the safest and most efficient way to drop off your learner(s). We strongly encourage all families, regardless of the learner's grade level, to use the valet system.

In order to keep the learners and families safe before and after school, we ask that you follow these parking lot procedures when driving your child to the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School campus;

- Drive slowly and watch for families and children walking through the parking lot;
- Do not use your cell phone while driving in parking lot;
- Give your attention to driving and exiting safely;
- Primary Grade children should be accompanied through the parking lot by a parent/guardian or older sibling.

Please help us keep the valet line safe and efficient by following these guidelines:

- Have your child seated so that they can exit quickly.
- Be prepared- have your child ready to exit with a backpack/school work/ lunch in hand.
- Please pull forward and wait for a valet attendant before exiting the vehicle.
- Make sure your child has exited safely and all volunteers are at a safe distance away from your vehicle
  - before you drive away from the valet drop off area.
- If you need to get something out of your trunk, please park in the parking lot.

For a map and more information please visit our website: www.ileadlancaster.org

## **ATTENDANCE**

We try to make every minute of school engaging for the learners, and our expectation is that all learners will be at school on time and for the entire course of the school day. Learners arriving late could miss important beginning of the day information that is relevant to their education.

### **Absence**

If your child is going to be absent, please email us at <u>Report an Absence</u> or call the attendance line at (661)722-4287 on the morning of the first day of the absence. You may leave a voicemail message when the office is closed.

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School urges parents/guardians to make sure their children attend school regularly and to schedule medical and other appointments after school or during school holidays. iLEAD Lancaster Charter School also asks that travel or other absences be avoided during the time school is in session. The higher the school's daily attendance rate, the more a learner will learn and the greater the amount of funding that the school will receive from the state for classroom instruction, and academic

programs. The school calendar is designed to minimize problems for families which plan vacations around traditional holiday periods, and thereby minimize learner absences.

Following an absence, a learner is required to bring a written excuse from home when returning to school. Illnesses, and doctor and dental appointments are considered excused absences. Absences without a written excuse are recorded as unexcused.

## **Excused Absences**

Pupils, with the written consent of their parents/guardians, may be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral or religious instruction.

No pupil shall have their grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence or absences, if missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time.

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 48200, a pupil shall be excused from school when the absence is:
- (1) Due to their illness, including an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.
- (2) Due to guarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- (3) For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
- (4) For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of their immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than five days if the service is conducted outside California.
- (5) For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
- (6) Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent/guardian, including absences to care for a sick child, for which the school shall not require a note from a doctor.
- (7) For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of their religion, attendance at religious retreats, attendance at an employment conference, or attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization when the pupil's absence is requested in writing by the parent/guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.
- (8) For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.
- (9) For the purpose of spending time with a member of the pupil's immediate family, who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in EC 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment. Absences granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the superintendent of the school.
- (10) For the purpose of attending the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States Citizen.
- (11) For the purpose of participating in a cultural ceremony or event.

## **Excused Absences**

- (12) (A) For the purpose of a middle school or high school pupil engaging in a civic or political event, as provided in subparagraph (B), provided that the pupil notifies the school ahead of the absence.
- (B) (i) A middle school or high school pupil who is absent pursuant to subparagraph (A) is required to be excused for only one school day-long absence per school year.

- (ii) A middle school or high school pupil who is absent pursuant to subparagraph (A) may be permitted additional excused absences in the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 48260.
- (13) (A) For any of the purposes described in clauses (i) to (iii), inclusive, if an immediate family member of the pupil, or a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, has died, so long as the absence is not more than three days per incident.
- (i) To access services from a victim services organization or agency.
- (ii) To access grief support services.
- (iii) To participate in safety planning or to take other actions to increase the safety of the pupil or an immediate family member of the pupil, or a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, including, but not limited to, temporary or permanent relocation. (B) Any absences beyond three days for the reasons described in subparagraph (A) shall be subject to the discretion of the school administrator, or their designee, pursuant to Section 48260.
- (14) Due to the pupil's participation in military entrance processing.
- (15) Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 48260.
- (b) A pupil absent from school under this section shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefore. The facilitator of the class from which a pupil is absent shall determine which tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.
- (c) For purposes of this section, attendance at religious retreats shall not exceed one school day per semester.
- (d) Absences pursuant to this section are deemed to be absences in computing average daily attendance and shall not generate state apportionment payments.
- (e) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
- (1) A "civic or political event" includes, but is not limited to, voting, poll working, strikes, public commenting, candidate speeches, political or civic forums, and town halls.
- (2) "Cultural" means relating to the practices, habits, beliefs, and traditions of a certain group of people.
- (3) "Immediate family," as used in this section, means the parent/guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the household of the pupil.
- (4) "Victim services organization or agency" has the same meaning as defined in paragraph (7) of subdivision (g) of Section 230.1 of the Labor Code.

#### **Tardiness**

We ask that you contact the school if you know your child is going to be tardy. Consistent tardiness will result in learners missing valuable time with their classmates and will require them to make up missed activities.

## **Chronic Absenteeism**

A learner is considered a chronic absentee when they are absent on 10% or more of the school days in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date. Chronic absenteeism includes all absences – excused and unexcused – and is an important measure because excessive absences negatively impact academic achievement and learner engagement.

## **Truancy**

Learners are expected to be in school every school day. Any learner who is absent from school without a valid excuse (46010, 46010.3, 48205 Ed. Code) is considered truant. Missing a class period without a valid excuse is also considered truancy. Truancy is a serious offense and may lead to serious consequences.

## Illness

Any child who becomes ill while at school will be taken to the Health Office and parents/guardians will be called to pick up the sick child. Please note that your child needs to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child needs to take prescription medication on a temporary or permanent basis while at school, an authorization to administer medication must be on file at the school. This form is available on the web-site: Report an Absence

## **Concurrent Enrollment**

All learners may only be enrolled in one school at a time. Learners may not be enrolled in a public and/or charter school and a private school or a public school and charter school at the same time. The school may request proof of disenrollment from previous school prior to registration.

## **Extended School Year - Migrant Education**

Learners who are identified as a "migrant child" in grades TK-6 may be allowed to enroll in two public schools during summer, winter, or other intersessions – both the school in which they last attended and the next intended school to be entered upon the migration with parents from one agricultural work site to another.

## **Independent Study**

Independent Study (IS) is by choice and may not be mandated. Each school that chooses to offer IS must have policies for independent study courses or curriculum equivalent time to complete work expectations equal to what is offered in person. In addition, short-term (less than 15 school days) and long-term (15 or more school days) requires the IS engagement defined per the policies adopted by the local governing board. The IS agreement must be signed within 10 days of the start of short-term IS or prior to beginning long-term IS. IS agreements must be updated to include equitable access to students with disabilities based upon individual student needs. For more information on how our school offers IS options, please contact the office.

## **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE:**

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School offers before and after school care facilitated through Champions, a division of the KinderCare Corporation. For a completed list of days, times, and schedules, please visit

DiscoverChampion.com, email our Champions site Director at <a href="mailto:ch001134@klcopr.com">ch001134@klcopr.com</a>, or call 1-800-246-2154

#### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School offers a school lunch program. iLEAD Lancaster Charter School offers healthy meals every school day because children need healthy meals to learn. Commencing in SY 2025–26 schools serving learners in grades TK–8 must provide two meals free of charge (breakfast and lunch) during each school day to learners requesting a meal, regardless of their free or reduced-price meal eligibility. Schools will still require eligible parents/guardians to submit a Household Data Collection form in order to remain in compliance for accounting purposes only. For more information on the program please see the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School website at <a href="www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a>. Our school is committed to supporting learner health and wellness. Families and community members are invited to help develop and review our <a href="www.wellness.policy">wellness policy</a> twice a year. We value your input! The full policy is reviewed and updated every three years to ensure it stays current, you can find a copy of the wellness policy on our website.

#### **ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School offers several clubs, sports and enrichment classes. For a list of current ongoing extra-curricular offerings, please see the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School Events Calendar at: https://ileadlancaster.org/events/.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School does not provide transportation. Families need to arrange their own transportation to and from campus/studio. Field Studies participation includes transportation details and are arranged on a per field study basis. Please see individual Field Study documentation for further information.

Prior to departure on a school activity trip, all learners riding on a school bus or school activity bus shall receive safety instruction that includes, but is not limited to, location of emergency exits, and location and use of emergency equipment. Instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.

# LOTTERY GUIDELINES

As a charter school, iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is a school of choice, and may have more learners interested in attending the school than there are spaces available. If the number of learners who wish to attend the school exceeds the openings available, entrance shall be determined by single random public drawing in accordance with Education Code §47605(d)(2) and all federal requirements.

# DRINKING WATER

Water plays an important role in maintaining a learner's overall health. Learners, facilitators and staff are allowed to bring and carry water bottles to school and utilize water bottle filling stations that may be found around the campus.

# SECTION 4: LEARNER CONDUCT

#### EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOOL BEHAVIOR

iLEAD Lancaster is dedicated to providing a safe and respectful learning environment where all learners can thrive both academically and social-emotionally. The school is committed to fostering a safe and caring community, believing that learner missteps provide valuable opportunities for growth and development during a learner's formative years. As issues arise, school personnel will directly engage with the learner, exploring options for positive choices, establishing suitable consequences, and guiding them to understand the significance of owning their decisions and behavior.

To foster the social-emotional well-being of each learner, the school embraces several initiatives aimed at developing their social skills. These include:

- **7 Habits of Highly Effective People:** Encourages positive interactions with oneself and others using the instruction and application of Stephen Covey's principles.
- Love and Logic: Provides a discipline and classroom management approach that emphasizes setting clear boundaries with empathy. Learners make choices within these limits, experiencing natural and logical consequences. By empowering learners to make decisions and learn from outcomes, this method promotes responsibility, problem-solving, and self-discipline. Facilitators using Love and Logic often establish a caring, respectful, and motivating classroom, reducing power struggles and enhancing the learning atmosphere.
- **Restorative Practices:** Emphasizes the importance of repairing harm and building relationships using dialogue, empathy, and accountability. Through techniques like community circles and restorative conferences, learners and educators work together to address conflicts, understand the impact of actions, and create solutions that promote healing and a positive school climate. Restorative practices aim to foster a sense of belonging, responsibility, and conflict resolution skills, ultimately leading to a more supportive and inclusive learning environment for all learners.

The school also provides Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) to learners requiring additional social-emotional or behavioral assistance, targeting their specific areas of need.

#### Consequences

The school is dedicated to supporting its learners through ongoing, supportive initiatives and the formation of family partnerships. However, there may be instances where consequences are necessary. The following examples provide a flexible framework for addressing individual needs and diverse circumstances:

- **Warnings and Reminders:** School personnel may bring an area of concern to a learner's attention, providing an opportunity for the learner to make an alternative decision.
- **Reflection Time:** This strategy allows for de-escalation of the situation, providing learners with an opportunity for reflection before tensions rise.
- **Office Referral:** Recent legislative changes have eliminated suspensions for willful defiance in grades K-12. However, school employees can still refer learners to administrators for timely in-school interventions and support if they exhibit willful defiance or disruption.
- Other Means of Correction: This strategy incorporates a variety of support methods and resources, including respectful, relevant consequences, counseling, community service, research projects, and/or continuing education tailored to the specific area of concern.
- **Suspension:** This disciplinary action is governed by the California Education Code and is to be implemented only after alternative methods of correction have proven ineffective in achieving appropriate learner conduct, with certain specified exceptions as provided by law. A suspended learner is not allowed to attend school for a specified period of time as indicated by the suspension. This would include extra-curricular activities during the suspended time period.
- **Recommendation for Expulsion:** The school director must recommend expulsion for certain severe offenses, as outlined in California Education Code Section 48915. However, expulsion is not mandatory in all cases, as the school director may find that expulsion is inappropriate due to the specific circumstances or that an alternative corrective measure would address the situation.
- **Emergency Removal:** Please see the *Emergency Removal* section below.

Any person who witnesses a concern should promptly report this information to school personnel. In potential disciplinary situations, the school director or designee will prioritize staff and learner safety prior to conducting an investigation. This may include actions such as notifying law enforcement, conducting a threat assessment, acquiring medical assistance, separating learners, executing searches, and/or confiscating any items that might endanger the learner or others. During the investigation, the school director will gather all relevant data, such as witness statements and other forms of evidence. Upon review of the investigative findings, appropriate actions for learner misconduct will be determined. The specific course of action taken is confidential to each learner and will only be disclosed to the learner, parent/guardian, applicable school personnel and/or law enforcement.

# **Suspension/Expulsion Procedures**

School suspension and expulsion procedures must follow due process mandates and align with the school's charter and current legislation.

#### **Suspension**

- The school director or administrative designee can suspend a learner if it is determined that the learner has committed an act as defined in EC 48900 and its subsequent sections.
- Suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference with the learner conducted by the director or their designee. The learner will be informed of the disciplinary reason, prior corrective actions as applicable, and presented with evidence, while also having the chance to share their account and evidence. A director or designee can suspend a pupil without a prior conference only in "emergency situations" a clear and present danger to the life, safety, or health of pupils or school personnel. If suspended without a conference, the learner and their parent/guardian must be informed of their right to a conference and to return to school for it. This conference should occur within two school days, unless waived by the pupil or if they are physically unable to attend (e.g., due to incarceration or hospitalization), in which case it will be held as soon as they can return.
- At the time of suspension, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the learner's parent/guardian by telephone, email, or in person.
- Whenever a learner is suspended, the parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the suspension. This notice shall state the specific offenses(s) committed by the learner as well as the date and time when the learner may return to school following the suspension. If school officials wish to ask the parent/guardian to confer regarding matters pertinent to the suspension, the notice may request that they respond to such requests without delay.
- Suspensions, when not including a recommendation for expulsion, shall not exceed five (5) consecutive school days per suspension.
- The school will follow the special procedures for the consideration of suspension and expulsion of or involuntary removal of a learner with exceptional needs.
- Willful defiance will not result in a suspension/expulsion for any grade
- Learners who willfully disclose use of a controlled substance to seek help will not be suspended
- During suspensions of two or more days, learners will receive homework upon request from the parent, guardian, or learner.
- Upon the learner's return, the teacher of any class from which a pupil is suspended may require the suspended pupil to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension. From the day they return to school, the number of days given to accomplish this make-up work shall equal the number of suspension days.
- Suspension decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

#### Recommendation for Expulsion

• Upon a recommendation for expulsion by the School Director, the learner and the learner's parent/guardian or representative will be invited to a conference to determine if the suspension for the learner should be extended pending an expulsion hearing. In such instances when the school has determined a suspension period shall be extended, such extension shall be made only after a conference is held with the learner and the learner's parent/guardian, unless the learner and the learner's parent/guardian fail to attend the conference. This determination will be made by the School Director or designee upon either of the following determinations: (1) the learner's presence will be disruptive to the education process, or (2) the learner poses a threat or danger to others. Upon either determination, the learner's suspension will be extended pending the results of an expulsion hearing.

- The school will follow the special procedures for the consideration of suspension and expulsion of or involuntary removal of a learner with exceptional needs.
- Learners recommended for expulsion are entitled to a hearing to determine whether the learner should be expelled. Unless postponed for good cause, the hearing shall be held within thirty (30) school days after the School Director or designee makes a recommendation for expulsion.
- The parent/guardian may be given the opportunity to withdraw the learner before a decision to expel takes place. It should be noted, however, that when such learner is withdrawn, the expulsion process must continue to be followed to its conclusion.
- Written notice of the hearing shall be forwarded to the learner and the learner's parent/guardian at least ten (10) calendar days before the date of the hearing. The notice shall include:
  - o The date and place of the hearing
  - o A statement of the specific facts, charges, and offense upon which the proposed expulsion is based
  - o A copy of the charter school's disciplinary rules which relate to the alleged violation
  - o Notification of the learner's or parent/guardian's obligation to provide information about the learner's status in charter school to any other district in which the learner seeks enrollment
  - o The opportunity for the learner or the learner's parent/guardian to appear in person or to employ and be represented by counsel
  - o The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing
  - o The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing
  - o The opportunity to question all evidence presented and to present oral and documentary evidence on the learner's behalf including witnesses
- The Hearing Officer shall conduct the expulsion hearing. The Hearing Officer shall hear the case and make the expulsion determination.
- The hearing shall be held in a closed setting unless a public hearing is requested by the learner's parent/guardian in writing at least three (3) calendar days before the hearing date.
- A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made.
- The decision of the Hearing Officer shall be in the form of written findings of fact. If the Hearing Officer decides not to expel, the learner shall immediately be returned to their educational program. If the hearing officer decides to expel, the school shall send written notice of the decision to expel the learner or parent/guardian. This notice shall include the following:
  - o The specific offense committed by the learner
  - Notice of the learner's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the learner seeks to enroll of the learner's status with iLEAD.
- The learner shall have the right of appeal. Within 5 days of an expulsion decision, the family may submit a written appeal to the charter school's governing board. The charter school must then schedule a special board meeting within a reasonable time frame to hear the appeal. During the appeal process, the learner will remain enrolled in the school on independent study. The school board's decision regarding the appeal is final and cannot be further appealed. If the expulsion is upheld by the board, the learner will be disenrolled the same day as the board's final decision.
- The school shall send written notice of the decision to expel to the learner's district of residence. This notice shall include the following:

- o The learner's name
- The specific offense committed by the learner
- Upon expulsion from the charter school, learners will attend school pursuant to the procedures of their district of residence pertaining to expelled learners.
- Learners who are expelled shall be responsible for seeking alternative education programs, including but not limited to programs within their county or school district of residence. The school will work cooperatively with parents/guardians upon request to assist with locating alternative education programs.
- Expelled learners may receive a rehabilitation plan, developed by the Hearing Officer or designee at the time of the expulsion order, including periodic review and assessment for readmission. The plan must specify a date within one year of expulsion in which the learner may reapply to the school for readmission.
- The decision to readmit a learner or to admit a previously expelled learner from another school district, private school, or charter school shall be in the sole discretion of the School Director following a meeting, during a board meeting in closed session, with the learner and guardian or representative to determine whether the learner has successfully completed the rehabilitation plan, if any, and to determine whether the learner poses a threat to others or will be disruptive to the school environment. The learner's readmission is also contingent upon the Charter School's capacity at the time the learner seeks readmission.

#### Requirement of Parent/Guardian School Attendance

Facilitators may require the parent or guardian of a learner who has been suspended by a facilitator to attend a portion of that school day in their learner's classroom. The attendance of the parent or guardian will be limited to the class from which the learner was suspended. A written notice will be sent to the parent or guardian regarding implementation of this requirement. Employers are not allowed to apply sanctions against the parent or guardian for this requirement, if the parent or guardian has given reasonable notice to his/her employer.

# **Emergency Removal**

The school Administrator may perform an emergency removal of a learner from curricular or extracurricular activities or from the grounds if a learner's presence poses a threat and/or danger to any person or property, or if the learner's presence poses an on-going disruption to the educational process. This removal may be done without immediate notice or hearing.

If the removal leads to a suspension any learner so removed shall be given written notice and provided with a hearing within three (3) school days after removal as defined in the Suspension section of this Handbook. If it is probable that the learner is going to be recommended for expulsion, the expulsion process shall be conducted in accordance within the Expulsion section of this Guidebook.

#### **Student Search**

The school director or administrative designee may search the personal property of a learner, the learner, or the backpack or purse if there is a reasonable suspicion to believe the learner may have a concealed weapon, narcotics, stolen property, or contraband. [U.S. Supreme Court Case: New Jersey v. T.L.O. (1985) 469 U.S. 325]

# **Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (E-Cigarettes)**

The school prohibits the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) such as e-cigarettes, hookah pens, cigarillos, and other vapor-emitting devices, with or without nicotine content, that mimic the use of tobacco products on all school property and in school vehicles at all times. ENDS are often made to look like cigarettes, cigars and pipes, but can also be made to look like everyday items such as pens, asthma inhalers and beverage containers. These devices are not limited to vaporizing nicotine; they can be used to vaporize other drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and heroin.

Learners using, in possession of, or offering, arranging or negotiating to sell ENDS can be subject to disciplinary action, particularly because ENDS are considered drug paraphernalia, as defined by 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

# **Tobacco Free Campus**

The use of tobacco and nicotine products is prohibited on school grounds, buildings, and vehicles, and within 250 feet of a youth sports event. Tobacco products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, or an electronic device (e.g., electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah) that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids.

#### Release of Learner to Peace Officer

If an iLEAD Lancaster Charter School official releases your learner from school to a peace officer for the purpose of removing them from the school premises, the school official shall take immediate steps to notify you or a responsible relative of your learner, except when a learner has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse. In those cases, the peace officer will notify the parent/guardian. [EC 48906; PC 11165.6]

#### Parent/Guardian Responsibility

Parents/Guardians are liable for all the damages caused by the willful misconduct of their minor children, which result in death or injury to other learners, school personnel, or school property. Parents/Guardians are also liable for any school property loaned to the learner and willfully not returned. The school may further withhold the grades, diploma, and transcript of the learner until restitution is paid.

If your child commits an obscene act or engages in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupts school activities or otherwise willfully defies the authority of school personnel, and is suspended for such misconduct, you may be required to attend a portion of a school day in your child's classroom. [EC48900.1]

# **Academic Dishonesty**

The school expects learners to do their own work and to succeed in school by their own efforts. Academic dishonesty includes using someone else's answers, writings, or ideas and submitting the work as their own. It also involves using answer keys, teacher's editions, the internet and/or a mobile device to find answers without permission. Additionally, providing answers or allowing someone to use their work is not allowed.

For any learner caught plagiarizing (copying) the writings or ideas of another, providing work for another to copy, or cheating by any other means, disciplinary actions will be taken as deemed appropriate by the facilitator and/or School Director or designee.

# SECTION 5: TECHNOLOGY

#### **ELECTRONICS**

Cell phones, tablets, and other electronic items are often used for instructional practices. We are guiding our learners in appropriate use of technology, helping them to make appropriate choices concerning these items. We realize that many parents/guardians give their children cell phones for safety and convenience. We ask that learners limit use of the phones during the school day to academic purposes only. Families may contact their child in an emergency situation by calling the school office and learners may use cell phones or school phones to contact families in an emergency. Learners should respect their facilitator's requests regarding appropriate time to use technology. Should technology disrupt the learning environment or if used inappropriately, parent/guardian will be notified and cell phones or other devices will be stored in a safe place and returned to the learner at the end of the school day. Continuous misuse of technology will result in consequences.

At iLEAD Lancaster, technology is a powerful learning, collaboration, and creativity tool. iLEAD Lancaster Internet Use Policy, <u>linked here</u>, outlines the full guidelines for responsible and ethical use of technology resources, including cell phones, tablets, Chromebooks, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the Internet. Following these guidelines can create a safe and positive learning environment for all learners and staff. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or the loss of the privilege to use technology and/or civil or criminal liability.

# INTERNET USAGE

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School computers have access to the Internet. The school works diligently to protect our learners from inappropriate content. The iLEAD Lancaster staff work closely in training our learners as to the appropriate use of the Internet. Before using the Internet, parents/guardians and learners should read the following "Network Use Guidelines."

# **NETWORK USE GUIDELINES**

iLEAD School computers provide access to the internet, filtered to protect students from inappropriate content at the network level. We train students on responsible internet use and require both students and parents/guardians to sign a "Network Use Guidelines" agreement.

Equipping our learners with the skills to thrive in the 21st century demands providing them with access to technology, and this is reflected in the integration of computers and educational software into every classroom curriculum. Learners will have email access with filtering and built-in restrictions; iLEAD Lancaster Charter School employs strong guidelines for Web usage and Internet security. We comply with the level of security that the Children's Internet Protection Act and COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act). While we have filters at the network level for inappropriate Websites, there are still

instances when those Websites can come through. Please be assured that iLEAD Lancaster Charter School remains committed to restricting the use of such Websites.

Our school is taking reasonable precautions to restrict access to "harmful matter" and to materials that do not support approved educational objectives. However, on a public network, it is impossible to control all materials. "Harmful matter" means matter that, taken as a whole by the average person applying contemporary statewide standards, describes in a patently offensive way material which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors (Penal Code, section 3 13).

The facilitators/staff will choose resources on the Internet that are appropriate for classroom instruction and/or research for the needs, maturity, and ability of their learners. iLEAD Lancaster Charter Schools takes no responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information from Internet sources. Use of any information obtained through the Internet is at the user's risk.

The purpose of schools having access to the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of the internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of iLEAD Lancaster Charter Schools.

Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the distribution of:

- 1. Any information that violates or infringes upon the rights of any other person.
- 2. Any defamatory, inappropriate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal material.
- 3. Advertisements, solicitations, commercial ventures, or political lobbying.
- 4. Any information that encourages the use of controlled substances or the use of the system for the purpose of inciting crime.
- 5. Any material that violates copyright laws.
- 6. Any vandalism, unauthorized access, "hacking," or tampering with hardware or software, including introducing "viruses" or pirated software, is strictly prohibited.
- 7. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of these privileges.

# **NETIQUETTE (Network Étiquette)**

The use of the Internet requires that you abide by accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Be polite and respectful in all online communication.

- 2. Use appropriate language. In all messages, do not swear or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Anything pertaining to illegal activities is strictly forbidden.
- 3. Maintain privacy. Do not reveal the personal address or phone numbers of yourself or other persons. Before publishing a learner's picture, first name, or work on the Internet, the school must have on file a parent/guardian release authorizing publication.
- 4. Respect copyrights. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be the property of the author and should not be reused without their permission.
- 5. Do not disrupt the network or engage in activities that interfere with others' use.
- 6. Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem, you must notify iLEAD Lancaster School staff.
- 7. Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

#### SUPERVISION AND MONITORING

School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that users are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline or security, of any learner or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

#### CYBERBULLYING

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School provides learners with instruction, in the classroom or other educational settings, that promotes communication, social skills, and assertiveness skills and educates learners about appropriate online behavior and strategies to prevent and respond to bullying and cyberbullying. School staff shall receive related professional development, including information about early warning signs of harassing/intimidating behaviors and effective prevention and intervention strategies. Parents/Guardians, learners, and community members may also be provided with similar information.

Any learner who engages in cyberbullying on school premises, or off campus in a manner that causes or is likely to cause a substantial disruption of a school activity or school attendance, shall be subject to discipline in accordance with school policy. If the learner is using a social networking site or service that has terms of use that prohibit posting of harmful material, the School Director or designee may also file a complaint with the Internet site or service to have the material removed.

# **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY AND AI:**

iLEAD encourages responsible use of AI tools for learning and exploration. Learners must use AI ethically and avoid plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty. AI tools should be used to enhance learning, not replace critical thinking. Learners should always cite their sources when using AI-generated content.

# **SECTION: 6 EXPLORATION (HOME STUDY)**

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

iLEAD Lancaster Charter Schools Exploration is passionate about personalized learning, providing opportunities for each child to thrive through their own individualized learning plan. Families are paired with a credentialed teacher who develops and oversees an individualized learning plan (ILP) based on grade-level standards and the learner's passions. Under the guidance of a credentialed educational facilitator, families can incorporate a variety of learning methods and educational activities to achieve educational goals. Instructional funds are allocated by facilitators to support and enhance each learner's individualized learning plan.

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School dedicated staff partners with each family to plan, advise, and encourage the learner to reach their goals. Each month, the educational facilitator will work with the family to develop meaningful, standards-based assignments using the learner's passions/interests, curriculum, and educational activities. Families meet with their educational facilitator weekly to check in to share all learning activities and assignments from their individualized learning plans completed that week. Work samples are collected for every subject, and parents/guardians sign learning logs to verify daily engagement. At least one weekly meeting a month needs to be face (either in person or via zoom)

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School Exploration also values community, providing opportunities to foster friendships through a variety of field studies, service projects, park days, and family gatherings.

# MASTER AGREEMENT, INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING PLANS AND ASSIGNMENT WORK RECORD

The school's guidelines require a detailed agreement between the learner, parent/guardian, and the credentialed teacher. This agreement is called the Master Agreement, and it must be completed and signed by the learner, parent/guardian, and educational facilitator on or before the learner's start date. An acknowledgment of responsibilities, signed by the learner, parent/guardian, and educational facilitator, emphasizes each person's responsibility in the learner's education.

In addition to the Master Agreement, learners and educational facilitators create Individualized Learning Plans (ILP) on their Assignment Work Records (AWR) to guide instruction. Learners complete the work and activities on their ILP/AWR as assigned by their facilitator each learning period. The primary goal of the ILP/AWR is to ensure that each child is working toward grade-level standards, personal goals, and social-emotional growth.

Throughout the year, learners will review learning outcomes and set individual goals. They will learn to evaluate their progress toward those goals, starting at a basic level when they are younger and improving

their ability to self-assess over time.

#### Attendance

As an independent study program of public charter school, iLEAD Lancaster Charter School has guidelines that govern how attendance is calculated. In independent study, attendance is granted by evaluating two components - the daily engagement (learning log) and completion of assigned work (time value).

- 1. **Engagement**: Learners must be engaged in assigned educational activities listed on the Assignment Work Record/individualized learning plan (ILP) on every school day listed on the school calendar. If a learner does not engage in an assigned educational activity listed on the Assignment Work Record/ILP on a school day, they will be marked absent. The number of days that a learner receives credit for engagement is reflected on the activity log that the parent/guardian signs at the end of each learning period (LP). Engagement is based on daily activities for each school day.
- 2. **Time Value**: Learners must complete, show, and discuss the body of work with their facilitator in all academic subjects as assigned on the Assignment Work Record/individual learning plan (ILP). Generally, the Assignment Work Record/ILP will reflect about an hour of work per subject per day (a little less for TK/K). If a learner does not complete the assigned work in a given subject for the learning period, they will not receive full time value for that subject.

When attendance is claimed at the end of a learning period, the EF takes into consideration both engagement and time value and must claim the lesser of the two.

#### TRUANCY AND COMPLIANCE

Per the Master Agreement, learners not meeting program requirements will be evaluated to determine whether independent study is an appropriate strategy/program. The process may include interventions, Inadequate Progress contracts, and student success team meetings. The school will contact learners and families by phone, email, or in-person meetings to determine interventions needed for success. Any violation of the Master Agreement could result in removal from iLEAD Lancaster Charter Schools Exploration's independent study program.

Per California Education Code Section 51747, the governing board of iLEAD Lancaster Charter School maintains this board policy establishing the criteria before an evaluation is conducted to determine whether it is in the best interest of the student to remain in independent study.

# **Inadequate Progress**

Inadequate Progress, established by this policy, occurs when the student fails to attend one learning period meeting, fails to complete at least 75% of work assigned for one learning period, and/or accumulates 20 absences due to insufficient work completion and/or engagement as evaluated by the facilitator. This is referred to as "Inadequate Progress." Learners making Inadequate Progress are considered to be truant.

# **Evaluation After Truancy**

Once the learner meets the criteria for truancy, an evaluation will be conducted by school administration including the learner's supervising teacher to determine whether it is in the best interest of the learner to remain enrolled in independent study (herein referred to as the "Evaluation"). The Evaluation may include items as outlined on the student's Master Agreement, but is not limited to the review of the following:

- 1. Attendance based on completion of assigned work and daily engagement as quantified by the supervising teacher
- 2. Learner's demonstration of adequate and appropriate progress toward Common Core State Standards due to lack of engagement or insufficient work completion
- 3. Attendance at scheduled school appointments
- 4. Appropriate learning environment
- 5. Parent/Guardian's ability to monitor student learning in the home

As part of the Evaluation process, the learner, parents/guardians, or the learner's educational rights holder (if the learner is a foster child or youth or a homeless child or youth), will be invited to present evidence to the individual(s) conducting the Evaluation. During the Evaluation, the School will determine whether it is in the best interest of the student to remain in independent study. A written record of the findings of any evaluation made pursuant to this subdivision shall be maintained in the student's mandatory interim record.

#### Additional Consideration for Students with a Section 504 Plan or IEP

If the school recommends removal from independent study as a result of the Evaluation and the learner has a Section 504 Plan or IEP, the Charter School shall schedule an IEP meeting or Section 504 meeting (as applicable) following applicable legal timelines, to determine the following:

- 1. Whether the Inadequate Progress (e.g. missed assignments) was caused by or had a direct and substantial relationship to the learner's disability.
- 2. Whether the Inadequate Progress (e.g. missed assignments) was the direct result of the school's failure to implement the IEP or Section 504 Plan, as applicable.

If the answer to either (1) or (2), above, is yes, then the Inadequate Progress is a manifestation of the learner's disability and the school will follow applicable state and federal laws to ensure that the learner is offered a free appropriate public education.

If the answer to either (1) and (2), above, is no, then the learner may be removed from independent study consistent with this policy.

This meeting may be combined with the Evaluation at the discretion of the school.

# Notice of Decision and Opportunity to Request a Hearing Prior to Removal

Once the Evaluation is complete, if it is determined that it is not in the best interest of the learner to remain enrolled in the independent study program, the parents/guardians shall be notified in writing of the school's intent to remove the learner as it is not in their best interest to remain in independent study (hereinafter referred to as the "Notice"). The Notice shall be in the native language of the

parents/guardians and provided no less than five (5) school days before the effective date of learner's removal. The Notice shall include the following:

- 1. The school's intent to remove the learner as it is not in their best interest to remain in independent study.
- 2. The opportunity of the parent/guardian to request a hearing that follows the same procedures as the school uses for expulsions. Parents/Guardians (or the learner if over 18) must submit the request for hearing in writing and the request must be received by the School within five (5) calendar days from the date of the Notice.
- 3. If parents/guardians or learner over 18 requests a hearing:
  - a. It will be scheduled following the school's expulsion hearing procedures as outlined in the school's approved charter.
  - b. The learner shall remain enrolled and shall not be removed until the school issues a final decision.
- 4. If no hearing is requested, the learner shall be removed from the charter school on the date listed on the Notice. The learner's district of residence will be notified of the removal.

The learner and/or parents/guardians will receive a copy of the Notice.

#### NON-TRUANT ABSENCES

Based on how attendance is granted in independent study, the school is required to report attendance based on daily engagement and work completion. If learners are unable to engage or complete work on a school day, they will be marked absent but not considered truant if any of the following circumstances apply.

- a) Notwithstanding Section 48200, a learner shall be excused from school when the absence is:
  - 1. Due to illness, including an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.
  - 2. Due to guarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
  - 3. For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
  - 4. For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of the immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California.
  - 5. For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
  - 6. Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the learner is the custodial parent/guardian.
  - 7. For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of religion, attendance at religious retreats, attendance at an employment conference, or attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization when the learner's absence is requested in writing by the parent/guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.
  - 8. For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.

- 9. For the purpose of spending time with a member of the learner's immediate family, who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in EC 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Absences granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the superintendent of the school district.
- 10. For the purpose of attending the learner's naturalization ceremony to become a United States Citizen.
- 11. For the purpose of participating in a cultural ceremony or event.
- 12. Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of section 48260.
- b) A learner absent from school under this section shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefore. The teacher of the class from which a learner is absent shall determine which tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the learner missed during the absence.
- c) For purposes of this section, attendance at religious retreats shall not exceed four hours per semester.
- d) Absences pursuant to this section are deemed to be absences in computing average daily attendance and shall not generate state apportionment payments.
- e) "Immediate family," as used in this section, means the parent/guardian, sibling, grandparent, or any other relative living in the household of the learner.

#### CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

A learner is considered a chronic absentee when they are absent on 10% or more of the school days in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date. Chronic absenteeism includes all absences – excused and unexcused – and is an important measure because excessive absences negatively impact academic achievement and learner engagement.

# **INSTRUCTIONAL FUNDS**

Instructional funds are public dollars allocated to the school by the state. The educational facilitator, a credentialed teacher within the state of California, will guide families in the selection of academic materials and services from the approved vendor list that supports the educational goals of the learner. As the teacher of record, the facilitator is required to ensure all learners have access to grade-level, standards-based materials. The materials and services ordered will support the assignments, projects, and activities listed on the learner's Assignment Work Record/Individualized Learning Plan (ILP).

2025-2026 Instructional Funds				
Grades TK-K	\$2,700/year			
Grades 1-5	\$3,100/year			
Grades 6-8	\$3,200/year			

Note: Once the school year begins, funds are depreciated based on the learner's start date.

The primary focus is the learner's adequate progress with instructional funds supporting core subjects and other academic areas of need based on internal benchmark testing, state testing, curriculum assessments, and academic progress on the Assignment Work Record/ILP. The educational facilitators and the vendor department will use their professional judgment to evaluate the appropriateness of requested materials and services. The school makes the final determination on the use of funds to support the learner's academic progress.

Orders cannot be placed until the Master Agreement and Acknowledgement of Responsibilities are signed by the learner and parent/guardian. The learner's Assignment Work Record/Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) must reflect the academic plan addressing the core curriculum needs. Core curriculum must be in place prior to requesting supplemental and/or extracurricular materials/courses.

#### LEARNING PERIOD EXPECTATIONS

#### Assignment Work Record/Individualized Learning Plan (ILP)

The Assignment Work Record/individualized learning plan lists assignments and activities that must be completed by the learner during each learning period. The EF ensures that the assignments and activities support grade-level content standards and social-emotional learning. The AWR/ILP also serves as a grade book and goal-setting tool for learners and families. As the credentialed teacher of record, the facilitator will review the assignments and activities listed from each learning period at the meeting, and provide feedback, suggestions, and grade determinations. Learners who are not meeting grade-level expectations are provided intervention support.

The AWR/ILP is maintained by the EF and incorporates assignments that will utilize a variety of materials, resources, and activities. The facilitator will guide the discussion at learning period meetings to plan, review and assign work on the AWR/ILP in collaboration with the learner and family. The unique learning styles and interests of each learner are considered in the development of assignments reflecting state standards. At monthly learning period meetings, the body of work, as listed on the AWR/ILP, is showcased by the learner. The EF will collect samples in each subject area as listed on the Master Agreement. Curriculum purchased with instructional funds and assigned by the teacher of record on the AWR/ILP must be accessible to the teacher for planning purposes and to monitor progress.

The AWR/ILP reflects the grade-level guidelines as defined by the state of California and include:

Instructional Time Requirements (CDE)				
Grade Min/Year		Average Daily		
TK/Kinder	36,000 min	205 min/day		
1st - 3rd	50,400 min	288 min/day		
4th - 8th	54,000 min	308 min/day		

- a. **Assignments**: Curriculum guide, pacing plans, field studies, projects, reports, presentations, videos, writing, experiments, journals, graphic organizers, logs, etc.
- b. **Time Value:** The EF's assignments must meet the instructional time requirements for charter schools as listed by the CDE. The assignments reflect time value for an average student to complete their work by grade-level guidelines. <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/instructionaltime table.asp">https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/instructionaltime table.asp</a>

#### **Learning Period Meetings**

Learners and parents/guardians must participate in regularly scheduled mandatory learning period (LP) meetings at a minimum of every 20 instructional days in addition to weekly check ins. Meeting frequency is subject to California Education Code, and the credentialed teacher can request more meetings as needed to support learner progress. At these meetings, the educational facilitator will review the body of work and collect work samples for each subject as listed on the Master Agreement. The learner will showcase, discuss, and provide work assignments such as projects, essays, assessments, clear photos/videos, and other items that allow the learner to demonstrate learning experiences. Additionally, the facilitator will work in collaboration with the family to assign work for the next learning period meeting. Should an emergency arise, the parent/guardian should communicate with the educational facilitator to reschedule the meeting as soon as possible.

Chronic absences in the form of insufficient work completed and/or missed learning period meetings may result in an evaluation to determine whether independent study is an appropriate strategy/program for the learner. Any violation of the Master Agreement could result in removal from iLEAD Lancaster Charter Schools Exploration's independent study program.

# **Monthly Work Samples**

At the learning period meeting, learners will discuss and show the body of work assigned in the AWR/ILP by their facilitator. This includes all completed assignments from which the educational facilitator will collect work samples per subject listed on the Master Agreement each learning period. Work samples should:

- Demonstrate learning in accordance with the work assigned and grade-level standards as listed for each subject on the AWR/ ILP.
- Reflect original learner work submitted as a hard copy, emailed as a scanned copy, or photo(s).
  - Photo samples: The images should be clear, well-lit, and include the entire sample in the frame. Learners should write (or dictate for primary grades) a caption or description of the learning taking place in the photos. Photos should include learners with their projects when possible.
- Not contain any religious materials or references unless the course on the Master Agreement requires a study of world religions.
- Show math problems worked out or explained by the learner.
- Be evaluated by the educational facilitator.

If the educational facilitator determines additional samples are needed to demonstrate progress and learning in specific areas, the educational facilitator may assign additional work or ask the learner to revise what they have already submitted.

# **Learning Log**

Parents/Guardians must sign a monthly activity log confirming learner engagement in educational activities on school days. Parents/Guardians will be required to sign off on the learning log on the last day of each learning period. Attendance is determined based on the work assignments completed (time value) and the daily engagement (learning log).

Learning Period (LP) End Dates				
LP1	(08/12/2025-9/12/2025)	LP6	(02/09/2026-03/06/2026)	
LP2	(09/15/2025-10/10/2025)	LP7	(03/09/2026-04/03/2026)	
LP3	(10/20/2025-11/14/2025)	LP8	(04/14/2026-05/08/2026)	
LP4	(11/17/2025-12/18/2025)	LP9	(05/11/2026-06/05/2026)	
LP5	(01/13/2026-02/06/2026)			

# Synchronous Instruction and Daily Live Interaction

Learners will be provided opportunities for daily synchronous instruction for grades TK through three, daily live interaction and at-least weekly synchronous instruction for grades four through eight, and at-least weekly synchronous instruction for grades nine through twelve. Participation in the synchronous instruction and daily live interaction are optional but highly encouraged for learners. If a learner does not participate in these optional offerings letters/emails will be sent encouraging learners to attend in order for the school to be in compliance with tiered reengagement.

# ORDERING TECHNOLOGY WITH INSTRUCTIONAL FUNDS

Technology items can be purchased with instructional funds. Families should be aware of the potential benefits and risks that come with technology use. Please contact your Educational Facilitator for further information on purchasing electronics.

#### **Device Usage**

The right to use a school computer at home is a privilege. If learners do not adhere to the rules and guidelines in this Guidebook, the privilege to use their school computer/tablet/electronic device at home may be restricted or eliminated. An Equipment and Technology agreement form must be signed before the EF can place the technology order.

- I. Hardware and Software
  - A. In the box
    - Computer/Electronic Device
    - Power supply
  - B. On the device

Operating System software

#### C. Backup and file storage

- Files are not backed up.
- Computers: Learners need to keep 1/3 of the hard drive space free at all times for optimal operation.

#### D. Software support

- First avenue of support Application's help system (online, email, in person)
- Second avenue of support Google
- Third avenue of support iLEAD Tech Support

#### II. Learner and Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

By allowing learners to use a school-owned electronic device at home, families assume some risk. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for making sure repairs are done and paid for (beyond warranty) or replacement is made in the event of theft, loss or damage due to intentional or unintentional abuse or misuse.

#### A. Handling and care of the device

- Keep the electronic device in a protective case.
- Use the electronic device on a flat, stable surface.
- Do not set books on top of the electronic device.
- Avoid carrying the electronic device with the screen open.
- Be careful not to leave pencils or pens or papers on the keyboard when closing the screen.
- Do not pick up the electronic device by the screen.
- Do not have food or drink around the electronic device.
- Cleaning wipe surfaces with a clean, dry, and soft cloth.
- Avoid touching the screen with fingers, pens, or pencils.
- If hands are dirty, wash them before using the electronic device.
- Do not use the electronic device in a dusty or dirty environment.
- Do not leave the electronic device exposed to direct sunlight or near heat or moisture sources.
- Do not leave the electronic device in a car (heat, theft).

#### B. Power management

- It is the learner's responsibility to recharge the device's battery.
- Whenever the electronic device is not in use, close the screen to put it to sleep in order to extend battery life.

#### C. Transport

- Electronic devices should be transported closed and in their protective case.
- Do not leave the electronic device in a vehicle. Many devices are stolen this way plus heat can be very damaging.

#### D. Ethical and appropriate use

Technology is intended for instructional use and school-related business. It is not intended for commercial use. Users will not engage in unauthorized activities. Any unauthorized activities will result in immediate termination of use and the electronic device must be returned immediately. These include, but are not limited to:

- Accessing data for which users do not have privilege.
- Knowingly deploying viruses.
- Violating copyright laws (music, photos, software) or the privacy rights of others.
- Plagiarism
- Learners will not create, access, download, view, store or print content that:
  - Depicts profanity, obscenity, use of weapons, or violence.
  - o Promotes use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products.
  - Contains sexually explicit or suggestive material.
  - Contains rude, disrespectful, or discourteous expressions inconsistent with civil discourse or behavior.

#### E. Financial responsibility

• Families are responsible for replacement and/or repair costs.

#### F. If electronic device is lost, stolen, or damaged:

- If lost, stolen, or damaged, please notify the school immediately.
- If the electronic device is lost or stolen, a police report is required for coverage.
- If damaged, submit a ticket through iLEAD Tech Support to use the school purchased warranty for damages (if applicable) or technical issues. For damage beyond the warranty, or if warranty has expired, the family is responsible for that cost. For damage beyond normal wear and tear, the family must pay to fix or replace the device. Any costs for repair that are not covered under warranty are the responsibility of the family. If the item is under warranty, the family is responsible for any copay. Failure to pay the repair in a timely manner may mean the learner loses the privilege to have the electronic device.

#### G. Monitoring and supervision

- The electronic device should be used in a location where use can be monitored and supervised by a parent/guardian. Unsupervised use is strongly discouraged (e.g. use in a child's bedroom).
- Use of the electronic device by other family members is not allowed unless listed on the agreement.
- Learners should not allow other learners to borrow their electronic device because they are ultimately responsible for that device.

#### H. Internet access at home

- Learners are allowed to access the internet using broadband or wireless connection.
- While internet filters provide an important level of protection, no filter program provides 100% protection. Monitoring and supervision are still very important.

# SECTION 7: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### **ACCELERATION AND RETENTION PROCEDURES**

Learners are expected to progress through each grade within one year. In unique circumstances, learners may be considered for acceleration or retention. The acceleration and retention process involves parents/guardians, credentialed teachers, counselors, and administrators who carefully review the learner's progress, testing results, academics, and social-emotional needs to make a final decision that is in accordance with state law and board policies. The decision to accelerate or retain a learner is a joint decision between the student study team (including the parent/guardian of the learner) and the school/program director or designee. If a consensus cannot be reached, the final decision resides with the school/site director or designee according to the Board's Acceleration and Retention policy.

#### **ATTIRE**

We do lots of walking, running, sitting on the carpet, art, etc. Therefore, our parents/guardians and learners have found that loose-fitting, comfortable clothing and closed-toed sneakers or comfortable walking shoes work best at our school. Distracting clothing is discouraged and although we do not wish to limit our learners' freedoms by imposing guidelines we will contact the parents/guardians to inform them about the inappropriate choice of clothing when necessary.

# COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

It is always our intent to resolve concerns in the simplest manner for all. If a parent/guardian has a classroom concern, it is expected that they will try to resolve the concern with the classroom facilitator. If the concern is not resolved, please bring your concern to the school administration. Every effort will be made to find a fair resolution through a personal conference or a meeting between the parties involved.

# **EMERGENCY AND HEALTH PROCEDURES**

# **Emergency Medical Authorization**

Each parent/guardian is asked to complete the Emergency Medical Authorization portion of the Enrollment/Information Form and Emergency Contact Information. These forms will include the necessary information the school must have should an emergency arise. It is <u>extremely</u> important that the authorization and Emergency Contact Information be fully completed. If there are any updates to the Emergency Medical Authorization during the year, email <u>Registrar@ileadlancaster.org</u>.

#### LEARNER MEDICATIONS ASSISTANCE

If your learner requires emergency or other medications (such as an inhaler, epi-pen, or oral medication), it must be prescribed by a doctor and will be kept in a locked compartment in the front office. A parent/guardian or guardian must complete a Request for Assistance Concerning Learner Medications

form prior to the learner attending classes at iLEAD Lancaster Charter School. This form is available in the front office or on the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School website at: <a href="https://www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a>

#### **Confidentiality of Medical Information Act**

School linked service coordinators will have access to health care information which complies with federal health insurance requirements. The coordinator must be credentialed and serve with confidentiality requirements per licensed school nurses, marriage and family therapists, educational psychologists, and clinical counselors.

# **Emergency Treatment for Anaphylaxis**

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that can occur after encountering an allergic trigger, such as food, medicine, an insect bite, latex or exercise. Symptoms include narrowing of the airways, rashes or hives, nausea or vomiting, a weak pulse and dizziness. It is estimated that approximately 25% of the anaphylactic reactions occur during school hours to learners who had not previously been diagnosed with a food or other allergy. Without immediate administration of epinephrine followed by calling emergency medical services, death can occur. Being able to recognize and treat it quickly can save lives. Recent changes to EC 49414 now require schools to provide epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses and trained personnel and authorizes them to use epinephrine auto-injectors for any learner who may be experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of known history.

#### **Emergency Medical Care: Epinephrine Auto-Injectors**

EC 49414 requires schools to provide epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses and trained personnel and authorizes them to use epinephrine auto-injectors for any learner who may be experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of known history. Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors must be stored in an accessible location along with a copy of written training material upon need for emergency use. Notice of location must be publicly posted.

# **Entrance Health Screening**

State law requires that the parent/guardian of each pupil provide the school within 90 days after entrance to first grade documentary proof that the pupil has received a health screening examination by a doctor within the prior 18 months. Pupils may be excluded up to 5 days from school for failing to comply or not providing a waiver. Free health screening is available for eligible learners through the Child Health Disabilities Prevention Program.

#### **Oral Health Assessment**

Record of a dental assessment done by a dental professional is required for all kindergarteners and first graders attending public school for the first time. Dental assessments must be completed in the 12 months prior to entry or by May 31st of the pupil's first school year.

# **Health Care Coverage:**

Your child and family may be eligible for free or low-cost health coverage. For information about health care coverage options and enrollment assistance, go to www.CoveredCA.com.

# **Diabetes Type 1:**

Our school is committed to the health of our learners. Diabetes is a health condition characterized by elevated levels of blood glucose. Over time glucose can reach dangerously high levels in the blood, which is called hyperglycemia. Untreated hyperglycemia can result in diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), which is a life-threatening complication of diabetes. Diabetes Type 1 results when the pancreas produces little to no insulin. The exact cause is unknown, but thought to be autoimmune in nature. The condition typically appears in childhood however, it can develop at any age. To find out more information please contact amy.silva@ileadcalifornia.org or can be found here: <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/type1diabetes.asp">https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/type1diabetes.asp</a>

#### **Immunizations**

Learners must be immunized against certain communicable diseases. Learners are prohibited from attending school unless immunization requirements are met for age and grade. The school shall cooperate with local health officials in measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases in school age children. The school may use any funds, property, or personnel and may permit any person licensed as a physician or registered nurse to administer an immunizing agent to any learner whose parents/guardians have consented in writing. Beginning January 1, 2016, parents/guardians of learners in any school will no longer be allowed to submit a personal beliefs exemption to a currently required vaccine. A personal beliefs exemption on file at school prior to January 1, 2016 will continue to be valid until the learner enters the next grade span at kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or 7th grade.

Learners are not required to have immunizations if they attend a home-based private school or an independent study program and do not receive classroom-based instruction. However, parents/guardians must continue to provide immunizations records for these learners to their schools. The immunization requirements do not prohibit learners from accessing special education and related services required by their individualized education programs.

A learner not fully immunized may be temporarily excluded from a school or other institution when that child has been exposed to a specified disease and whose documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization against one of the communicable diseases described above.

#### **Immunizations: HPV: Cancer Prevention**

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School believes in the health and safety of every learner. Pupils in the state are advised to adhere to current immunization guidelines, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians, regarding full human papillomavirus (HPV) immunization before admission or advancement to the eighth grade level of any private or public elementary or secondary school. Per HSC 120336, "HPV vaccination can prevent over 90 percent of cancers caused by HPV. HPV vaccines are very safe, and scientific research shows that the benefits of HPV vaccination far outweigh the potential risks."

#### **Menstrual Products**

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School supports period equity and now provides free and accessible menstrual products, in all women's restrooms and all-gender restrooms, and in at least one men's restroom at

schools serving grades 3 to 12. Notice of this service is required to be posted in a prominent and conspicuous location in every restroom where menstrual products, available and accessible, free of cost, are required to be stocked. The posted notice will contain the name, email and phone of the person responsible for maintaining this supply at this school site.

#### **Physical Examination**

A parent/guardian may file annually with the school director a written statement, signed by the parent/guardian, withholding consent to a physical examination of the pupil. However, whenever there is good reason to believe that the pupil is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the pupil shall be sent home and shall not be permitted to return until school authorities are satisfied that the contagious or infectious disease no longer exists.

#### **Disease Prevention Strategies**

The following procedures should be followed to promote everyday disease prevention strategies according to the Department of Education (https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus):

- If you are sick or feeling unwell, stay home.
- Avoid close contact with those who are already sick.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or the crook of your arm.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth.

# **Pupil Safety: Parental Notification: Synthetic Drugs**

Our school is committed to the safety of all our learners. Although the long-term effects of many synthetic drugs on physical and mental health are not yet known, immediate effects on a learner's education, family, and life could be long-lasting. A synthetic drug is a drug not prescribed by a physician. They have properties and effects similar to a known hallucinogen or narcotic but with a slightly altered chemical structure created to evade existing restrictions against illegal substances.

These drugs may include synthetic cannabinoids, methamphetamines, bath salts, and often fentanyl. Illicit fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin. It is now commonly found in counterfeit prescription pills sold on the internet, including social media platforms, making them available to anyone including minors. The Drug Enforcement Agency reports that 50% of pills confiscated contain enough fentanyl to be lethal. Fentanyl is odorless, tasteless and colorless making it difficult to determine if pills or other substances have been altered with it. Avoiding drug use is the surest way to prevent an overdose. The only safe medications are ones that are prescribed from licensed and accredited medical professionals.

For more information check out: CDPH's Substance and Addiction Prevention Branch https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/sapb/Pages/Fentanyl.aspx

# **Opioid Overdose Prevention**

The current opioid crisis continues to take and threaten lives daily. In an effort to combat a possible opioid overdose during school hours or activities, iLEAD Lancaster will now allow learners in grades 7-8 to carry fentanyl test strips and federally approved opioid antagonists,

such as naloxone (Narcan), while on school premises. (SB 997). Please reach out to the school office with any questions.

#### **Sudden Cardiac Arrest**

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is when the heart stops beating, suddenly and unexpectedly. When this happens, blood stops flowing to the brain and other vital organs. SCA is not a heart attack; it is a malfunction in the heart's electrical system, causing the victim to collapse. The malfunction is caused by a congenital or genetic defect in the heart's structure. SCA is more likely to occur during exercise or sports activity, so athletes are at greater risk. These symptoms can be unclear and confusing in athletes. Often, people confuse these warning signs with physical exhaustion. If not properly treated within minutes, SCA is fatal in 92 percent of cases. In a school district, charter school, or private school that elects to conduct athletic activities, the athletic director, coach, athletic trainer, or authorized person must remove from participation a pupil who passes out or faints, or who is known to have passed out or fainted, while participating in or immediately following an athletic activity. A pupil who exhibits any of the other symptoms of SCA during an athletic activity may be removed from participation if the athletic trainer or authorized person reasonably believes that the symptoms are cardiac related. A pupil who is removed from play may not return to that activity until they are evaluated by, and receive written clearance from, a physician or surgeon. On a yearly basis, an acknowledgement of receipt and review of information regarding SCA must be signed and returned by the pupil and the pupil's parent/guardian or guardian before a pupil participates in specific types of athletic activities which generally does not apply to those conducted during the regular school day or as part of a physical education course.

#### **Medical or Hospital Service**

The school does not provide or make available medical and hospital services for learners who are injured in accidents related to school activity or attendance.

#### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

#### **Drills**

Emergency drills, such as earthquake and fire drills are conducted during the school year. Drills are serious practice so that everyone will be prepared should an emergency occur. Procedures are reviewed with all staff who teach them to learners.

If an emergency occurs during regular school hours, learners will be directed by their facilitator to follow emergency procedures for the specific event. If an emergency occurs when the learners are not on-site, learners will be directed to the supervising aid, parent/guardian volunteer or other school staff member. These supervisors will call iLEAD Lancaster Charter School to provide an update and next steps.

# **Actual Emergency**

If an emergency extends beyond the end of the school day, learners will not be released until it has been determined that it is safe to do so. In the case of an emergency, parents/guardians or an emergency contact are expected to sign learners out, regardless of grade.

If damage is extensive, we ask that you park your car away from the valet areas and walk to the designated location to pick up your child. It is important to keep any lanes open for emergency vehicles only.

When you arrive at the school, an emergency response team (made up of public servants, staff and volunteers) will direct you to the appropriate check out area to sign out your child. If the school building is not considered safe, learners will be congregated in the parking lot away from all buildings. A phone message will be sent to your primary phone number with directions on where to pick up your child. Please do not leave the school.

#### **School Safety Plan**

A Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan has been adopted at iLEAD Lancaster Charter School, which includes a plan for disaster preparedness, emergency procedures and assessment and response to reports of dangerous, violent, or unlawful activities conducted or threatened to be conducted at school, a school activity or on a school bus. Fire and emergency and active shooter drills are held periodically at each school. This plan is available upon request from the school office.

# **FACILITATOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Parents/Guardians may request the following regarding their child's facilitator(s):

- Licensure and certification information
- Emergency or provisional teaching certificate
- Educational background
- Qualifications of Instructional Aides (if applicable)

#### STUDENT RECORDS

A cumulative record, whether recorded by handwriting, print, or other means, must be maintained on the history of a pupil's development and educational progress. The School will protect the privacy of such records. Parents/Guardians have the right to 1) inspect and review the pupil's educational record maintained by the school, 2) request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading, and 3) have some control over the disclosure of information from educational records. School officials with legitimate educational interests may access pupil records without parental/guardian consent as long as the official needs to review the records in order to fulfill their professional responsibility. Upon request from officials of another school district in which a pupil seeks or intends to enroll, the school shall disclose educational records without parental/guardian consent.

A parent/guardian's request to access their pupil's educational records must be submitted in a written form to and the school will have five (5) business days from the day of receipt of the request to provide access to the records. Copies of pupil records are available to parents/guardians for a fee of per page.

Any challenge to school records must be submitted in writing to the School Director, Deborah Autrey. A parent/guardian challenging school records must show that the records are 1) inaccurate, 2) an unsubstantiated personal conclusion or inference, 3) a conclusion or inference outside the observer's

area of competence, 4) not based on the personal observation of a named person with the time and place of the observation noted, 5) misleading, or 6) in violation of the privacy or other rights of the pupil.

**FERPA:** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents/guardians certain rights with respect to their children's education records.

For more information on FERPA, visit the U.S. Department of Education's website at: http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html

**Directory Information:** The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the school to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. "Directory Information" includes one or more of the following items: learner's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent public or private school attended by the learner. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Education Code 49073 permits schools to disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the school that you do not want your student's directory information disclosed without your prior written consent. If you do not wish to have any directory information released to any individual or organization please contact Registrar@ileadlancaster.org.

No information may be released to private profit-making entities, other than employers, prospective employers and representatives of the news media, including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations. Unless the school is providing information for a legitimate educational purpose under FERPA and the California Education Code or directory information, the school shall notify parents or guardians and eligible students—and receive their written consent—before it releases a student's personally identifiable information. The schoolwill not release information to third parties for immigration enforcement purposes, except as required by law or court order.

The deadline to opt out of directory information sharing is within three weeks of enrollment. Directory information regarding a pupil identified as experiencing homelessness shall not be released, unless a parent, or eligible pupil, has provided written consent that directory information may be released.

Note: A school, district, the CDE, or any party that is authorized to receive personally identifiable information from education records may release the records or information without the required written consent if all personally identifiable information has been removed. Authorized parties must make a reasonable determination that a student's identity is not personally identifiable, considering single or multiple releases and taking into account other reasonably available information. This determination must be made before releasing individual or summary student information.

**Pupil Records Obtained from Social Media:** The school may gather information in the forms of video, photograph, blog, texts, and emails, to maintain school and learner safety. All social media information gathered will be destroyed within one year after the learner turns 18 years or older one year after the learner is no longer enrolled, whichever comes first.

#### SERVICES TO DISABLED PUPILS

If a parent/guardian has reason to believe their learner has a disability requiring special services or accommodations, contact the learner's facilitator. The learner will be evaluated to determine whether they are eligible for free special or modified instruction or services. The school has policies guiding procedures for identification and referral. Learners identified with special needs will receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment. Certain special education services can only be provided while the learner is in the state of California. Please contact the case manager or school office if you will be out of state.

# **Child Find System**

Under state law, each public school system is responsible to find children with disabilities in its area Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) - Each public school system is responsible for ensuring that each child with disabilities is served appropriately, at no expense to the parent/guardian in the least restrictive environment.

# **Instruction for Pupils with Temporary Disabilities**

A learner with a temporary disability which makes attendance in the regular day classes or the alternative educational program in which the learner is enrolled impossible or inadvisable may receive individualized instruction provided through independent study, as outlined in the independent study policy. Please contact <a href="Registrar@ileadlancaster.org">Registrar@ileadlancaster.org</a> for further information. Charter schools are not allowed to provide Home Hospital.

A learner with a temporary disability, who is in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding a state hospital, may be deemed to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the school district in which the hospital is located. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school district in which the hospital or other residential health facility is located of the presence of a learner with a temporary disability. Upon receipt of the notification, the district will within five working days determine whether the learner will be able to receive individualized instruction pursuant to EC 48206.3 and, if so, provide the instruction within five working days or less.

A learner with a temporary disability may remain enrolled in the district of residence or charter school and may attend regular classes when not confined to the hospital setting, the total days of instruction may not exceed the maximum of five days with both school settings and attendance may not be duplicated. If necessary, the district of residence may provide instruction in the home for the days not receiving instruction in the hospital setting, depending upon the temporary doctor orders. The supervisor of attendance shall ensure that absences from the regular school program are excused until the pupil is able to return to the regular school program. An honorary high school diploma which is clearly distinguishable from the regular diploma of graduation may be awarded to a learner who is terminally ill, from the resident governing school board, a county office of education or a charter school.

#### **PUPIL FEES**

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is a tuition-free public school and does not have any mandated fees.

#### SEXUAL HARASSMENT

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment. Any learner who engages in sexual harassment of anyone in or from the school may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. The school strongly encourages any learner who feels that they are being or has been sexually harassed on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity by another learner or adult to immediately contact their facilitator, the director, or any school employee. Any employee who receives a report or observes an incident of sexual harassment shall notify the director. Once notified the director or designee shall take the steps to investigate and address the allegation.

Any employee who permits, engages in, or fails to report sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. For a copy of the school's sexual harassment policy or to report incidences of sexual harassment, please contact the school office at: 1661-722-4287.

#### NON DISCRIMINATION

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is committed to providing a safe school environment where all individuals in education are afforded equal access and opportunities. The school's academic and other educational support programs, services and activities shall be free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of any individual based on the person's actual race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental/guardian status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Specifically, state law prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in enrollment, counseling, and the availability of physical education, athletic activities, and sports. Transgender learners shall be permitted to participate in gender-segregated school programs and activities (e.g., athletic teams, sports competitions, and field studies) and to use facilities consistent with their gender identity. The School assures that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission or participation in School programs. Complaints of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying are investigated through the Uniform Complaint Process.

The Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) complaint is a written and signed statement by a complainant alleging a violation of federal or state laws or regulations, which may include an allegation of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying or charging pupil fees for participation in an educational activity or non-compliance. The person who receives the complaint shall respond to the parent/guardian in writing within 60 days. The parent/guardian may appeal to CDE within 15 days if not in agreement with the final report. As laws change, guidebooks will be updated. Please contact school Director, Deborah Autrey at (661) 722-4287 or email deborah.autrey@ileadlancaster.org if you would like more information on how to file a complaint with the school, prior to appealing to the CDE. For more information you may go to the CDE website: https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cp/uc/ucpmonitoring.asp

# HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, INTIMINDATION AND BULLYING PREVENTION WITH THE SAFE PLACE TO LEARN ACT

iLEAD Lancaster Charter Schools is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, violence, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code and EC 220, and disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. All school personnel who witness an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying must take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so. Any student who engages in acts of discrimination, harassment, violence, intimidation, or bullying related to school activity or school attendance occurring within a school of the school district may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. To report an incident and/or to receive a copy of the school's antidiscrimination, anti-harassment, anti-intimidation, and anti-bullying policies, please contact the school office at 1661-722-4287

#### BULLYING

iLEAD Lancaster Charter Schools is committed to the prohibition of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying including cyberbullying on social media. Annual training will be provided to all staff who work with learners, to prevent bullying and cyberbullying. You may find a list of education web pages describing the staff training at: <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/se/bullyres.asp">https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/se/bullyres.asp</a> If you or your child should experience any bullying on campus, at school events, or on the way to or from school, please contact school Director, Deborah Autrey at (661) 722-4287 or email deborah.autrey@ileadlancaster.org to assist you in identifying and stopping this behavior.

# FOSTER AND HOMELESS YOUTH

Foster and homeless youth are allowed educational rights, such as: immediate enrollment, remain in school of origin, enrollment in local comprehensive school, partial credits, graduation with state minimum requirements with possible fifth year/exemption from local graduation requirements, and access to academic resources, services and extracurricular activities. Learners experiencing homelessness have a right to apply for financial aid to seek education beyond high school. Every charter school must appoint a homeless liaison to assist learners and families. Please contact: Kammy Bell (661)722-4287 or <a href="mailto:Kammy.Bell@ileadlancaster.org">Kammy.Bell@ileadlancaster.org</a> for more information of services and policies related to homeless education rights. A local educational agency must provide a remedy to the affected pupil following the Uniform Complaint Procedures.

In addition to parental notification requirements for an involuntary transfer to a continuation school, suspension, or expulsion, to the foster child's attorney and social worker, and, for the child's tribal social worker, if applicable, and county social worker. The attorney and social worker have the same rights as parents during these processes, such as requests for meetings and the ability to inspect all documents.

# **LCFF** and **LCAP**

The school LCAP is available for viewing on our website and is updated annually.

#### SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

The school SARC is available for viewing on <a href="http://sarconline.org">http://sarconline.org</a> and is updated annually.

# DRUG AND ALCOHOL/TOBACCO PREVENTION

iLEAD Lancaster Charter school functions as a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free workplace.

#### PESTICIDE USE

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School may utilize outside companies to control pests. If, in any given situation, non-chemical methods of pest management are ineffective and it is deemed necessary to use a pesticide during the school year, the area of application will be placarded in advance, as required by law. Parents/Guardians who wish to be personally notified of any pesticide applied at an iLEAD location, please contact the office.

# **ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The School maintains and annually updates its management plan for asbestos-containing material in school buildings. For a copy of the asbestos management plan, please contact the school office at (661) 722-4287.

#### MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION POLICY

The Governing Board recognizes that suicide is a major cause of death among youth and should be taken seriously. In order to reduce suicidal behavior and its impact on learners and families, the Director(s) or designee have developed preventive strategies, intervention and postvention procedures. The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and well-being of all learners by having procedures in place to prevent, assess the risk of, intervene in, and respond to suicide.

In order to initiate access to available pupil mental health services, you may contact the following mental health provider: Jose Gonzalez at 661-722-4287. Our school will notify parents/guardians at least twice per year. This is one time through our Annual Notifications, we will also notify you again a second time each school year, by the following means: Back to School August-September and Learner Led Conferences April-June.

A minor who is 12 years of age or older may consent to mental health treatment or counseling services if the minor is mature enough to participate intelligently in the outpatient services or counseling services. The professional person treating or counseling the minor is required to consult with the minor before determining whether involvement of the minor's parent or guardian would be inappropriate. These service providers can bill Medi-Cal as appropriate.

#### FIELD STUDIES

Throughout the school year, learners will take many trips, often planned through facilitator and parent/guardian collaboration. These trips are a part of iLEAD Lancaster Charter School's project-based

curriculum and may include walking trips, trips by private or school vehicles, and buses. Participation is a vital part of the learning process and is strongly encouraged.

A walking field trip permission slip is completed as part of the enrollment packet. Signing the form indicates you have granted your child permission to participate in iLEAD Lancaster Charter School's ongoing walking field trip program throughout the school year. Facilitators will not send home trip slips for each individual walking field trip.

Field Trip Permission Slips will be required for all non-walking field trips. Learners must have a permission slip on file in order to participate in a field trip.

Approved volunteers\* are encouraged to accompany your child's class on a field trip, please let the facilitator know in advance. We appreciate all volunteers for trips. \*See Family Expectations for information on the volunteer process.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES**

#### **Harm or Destruction of Animals**

Any pupil with a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming or destroying an animal, or any part thereof, must inform their facilitator of the objection. Objections must be substantiated by a note from the pupil's parent/guardian.

A pupil who chooses to refrain from participation in an education project involving the harmful or destructive use of an animal may receive an alternative education project, if the facilitator believes that an adequate alternative education project is possible. The facilitator may work with the pupil to develop and agree upon an alternative education project so that the pupil may obtain the knowledge, information, or experience required by the course of study in question.

# Surveys

Our school will not use tests, questionnaires, surveys or examinations containing any questions about the pupil's personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality, and religion, unless the parent/guardian is notified in writing that the test, questionnaire, survey, or examination is to be administered and the parent/guardian consents in writing.

# **Civility on School Grounds**

All school staff, learners, and parents/guardians are required to be civil in all of their interpersonal school-related interactions. Civility does not require unqualified agreement or conformity of opinion. Under no circumstances will uncivil conduct at any school-related activity be tolerated. For purposes of this guidebook, to be civil means to act with self-discipline in a courteous, respectful and orderly way in every interpersonal communication and behavior. It also means that a person will treat other persons as he or she would like to be treated. Uncivil conduct includes, but is not limited to: using an inappropriately loud voice; using profane, vulgar, or obscene words or gestures; belittling, jeering, or taunting; using personal epithets; using violent or aggressive gestures or body-language; repeatedly and inappropriately interrupting another speaker; repeatedly demanding personal attention at inappropriate times; purposefully and inappropriately invading personal space; purposefully ignoring appropriate communications; wrongfully interfering with another person's freedom of movement; wrongfully

invading another person's private possessions; or, any other behavior that inappropriately disrupts school-related activities. An expression of disagreement or a discussion of a controversial viewpoint is not uncivil if such expression or discussion is appropriately presented and does not disrupt a school-related activity.

Any school staff who are uncivil shall be subject to disciplinary action. Any learner that is uncivil shall be subject to disciplinary action. In the event that any learner's parent/guardian is uncivil during a school-related activity, school staff to whom the incivility is directed shall immediately warn the parent/guardian to communicate or act civilly. If the parent/guardian fails to correct the uncivil behavior as directed, the affected school staff shall notify the parent/guardian that the school activity is terminated, and the affected school staff shall refer the matter to the school director or designee for further administrative or legal action, which may include, but may not be limited to, a prohibition from any further participation in school-related activities.

Any person who willfully disturbs any public school or any public school meeting is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). It is unlawful for any person, except a parent/guardian acting toward their minor child, to intentionally or to attempt to injure, intimidate, interfere by force, threat of force, physical obstruction, or nonviolent physical obstruction with any person attempting to enter or exit any public or private school grounds.

# **Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting**

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is committed to protecting all learners in its care. All employees are considered mandated reporters, required by law to report cases of child abuse and neglect whenever there is reasonable suspicion abuse or neglect has occurred. School employees may not investigate to confirm a suspicion.

All complaints must be filed through a formal report, over the telephone, in person, or in writing, with an appropriate local law enforcement agency (*i.e.*, Police or Sheriff's Department, County Probation Department, or County Welfare Department/County Child Protective Services). Both the name of the person filing the complaint and the report itself are confidential and cannot be disclosed except to authorized agencies.

# **Custody Issues**

Custody disputes must be handled by the courts. The school has no legal jurisdiction to refuse a biological parent/guardian access to their child and/or school records. The only exception is when signed restraining orders or proper divorce papers, specifically stating visitation limitations, are on file in the school office. Any learner release situation which leaves the learner's welfare in question will be handled at the discretion of the site administrator or designee. Should any such situation become a disruption to the school, law enforcement will be contacted and an officer requested to intervene. Parents/Guardians are asked to make every attempt not to involve school sites in custody matters. The school will make every attempt to reach the custodial parent/guardian when a parent/guardian or any other person not listed on the emergency card attempts to pick up a child.

# **Electronic Listening or Recording Device**

The use by any person, including a learner of any electronic listening or recording device in any classroom without the prior consent of the facilitator and the school director is prohibited as it disrupts and impairs the teaching process and discipline in the schools. Any person, other than the learner willfully in violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any learner in violation shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

#### **Gun-Free School Zone Act**

California prohibits any person from possessing a firearm on, or within 1,000 feet from, the grounds of a public or private school, unless it is with the written permission of the school Director. This does not apply to law enforcement officers, any active or honorably retired peace officers, members of the military forces of California or the United States, or armored vehicle guards engaged in the performance of, or acting in the scope of, their duties. A person may also be in possession of a firearm on school grounds if the firearm is unloaded and in a locked container or within the locked trunk of a motor vehicle. A violation of this law is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for up to six months, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both imprisonment and fine.

#### **Gun Safety**

This is a reminder that firearms are to be safely stored away from children and teens. The accidental shooting of children and youth is the third leading cause of death, following accidents and suicide. California public schools are mandated to remind families to keep their home safe from such potential dangers. If there is a threat or perceived threat, then the public schools will cooperate with local law enforcement to conduct an immediate threat assessment.

#### Title IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is one of several federal and state anti-discrimination laws that ensure equality in educational programs and activities that receive federal funding. Specifically, Title IX protects male and female pupils and employees, as well as transgender pupils and pupils who do not conform to sex stereotypes, against discrimination based on sex, including sexual harassment. California law also prohibits discrimination based on gender, gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Under Title IX, pupils may not be discriminated against based on their parental/guardian, family, or marital status, and pregnant and parenting pupils may not be excluded from participating in any educational program, including extracurricular activities, for which they qualify. For more information about Title IX, or how to file a complaint of noncompliance with Title IX, contact: Deborah Autrey, School Director, 254 East Ave K 4 Lancaster CA 93535, deborah.autrey@ileadlancaster.org, 661-722-4287.

# **Property Damage**

Parents/Guardians may be held financially liable if their child willfully damages school property or fails to return school property loaned to the child. The school may further withhold the grades, diploma, and transcript of the pupil until restitution is paid.

# **Williams Complaint Policy & Procedure**

Every school must provide sufficient instructional materials. Every learner, including English learners, must have instructional materials to use at home or after school. School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair. There should be no facilitator vacancies or misassignments. If a school is found to have deficiencies in these areas, and the school does not take corrective action, then a complaint form may be obtained at <a href="https://ileadlancaster.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/charter school complaint lancaster.pdf">https://ileadlancaster.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/charter school complaint lancaster.pdf</a>.

Parents/Guardians, learners, facilitators or any member of the public may submit a complaint regarding these issues. However, it is highly encouraged that individuals express their concerns to the school director before completing the complaint forms to allow the school to respond to these concerns.

# **SECTION 8:**

# **COMMUNICATION**

# **COMMUNICATION METHODS**

#### WEBSITE

The best way to keep updated with current events and activities at iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is via the website: <a href="https://www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a>

#### **MONDAY MESSAGE**

Each Monday, school information and reminders are sent home via the Monday Message. You can sign up using a link on the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School website homepage <a href="www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a>

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

You can follow our journey at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ilead.lancaster/">https://www.facebook.com/ilead.lancaster/</a>

#### **CLASS NEWSLETTERS/WEBSITE**

Most facilitators/grade level teams have an informational website. Your learner's facilitator will provide this website information at Meet the Facilitator Night.

#### PHONE/TEXT

You will receive periodic phone calls and/or texts from our automated calling system. These phone calls will contain important information and reminders. In the event of inclement weather or an emergency, we will also utilize this system. Please make sure that we have your current phone number in our system at all times.

To update your information, email: Registrar@ileadlancaster.org.

## SECTION 9: FAMILIES AND ILEAD LANCASTER CHARTER SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

#### FAMILY PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School seeks to make education a community passion. To this end, parent/guardian participation is essential to the success of the education process. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to participate in the operation of the school as an integral part of the staffing and support team and with the charter staff in the development and successful completion of the individual learning plan for your child. The school encourages the participation of parents/guardians for increased parental involvement, but it is not a requirement for acceptance to, or continued enrollment at, school.

It is because of families like you that we are able to offer such a unique program for our children here at iLEAD Lancaster Charter School.

Volunteering and participation are always optional. We do strongly encourage participation in order to foster the home-school connection and work tirelessly to create a culture where families feel welcome to come onto campus often, but of course, we understand that is not an option for every family. If possible, families are asked to participate 40 hours per year, which works out to 1 hour per week or 4 hours per month. These hours can be earned through a variety of opportunities intentionally designed to accommodate a range of schedules and ability to participate, including classroom volunteering, operational / facilities assistance, relevant professional expertise, administrative tasks or by attending Parent University workshops and seminars.

See the Volunteering page for a list of volunteer needs, and watch the Monday Message for current volunteer needs at: Registrar@ileadlancaster.org.

Families having difficulties meeting the participation commitment should contact <a href="Registrar@ileadlancaster.org">Registrar@ileadlancaster.org</a>.

Hours completed off campus or by learner volunteers can be emailed to <a href="Registrar@ileadlancaster.org">Registrar@ileadlancaster.org</a>.

#### **EXAMPLES OF FAMILY VOLUNTEER WORK**

- In-class support as an educator aide
- Adult workshops parents/guardians teaching other parents/guardians
- Outside research in support of specific school projects
- Driving on field trips (must register as driver)
- Organizing a community service project for learners
- Supervising at the school lunch periods, recess, before school
- Operation support maintenance of the campus
- Hosting an activity in your home or business

NOTE: All volunteers working with children must have a current TB test on file which are valid for 4 years, as well as a LiveScan criminal background check. LiveScan screenings are valid for the full duration of stay at the school. LiveScan can be obtained at various LiveScan locations and could take up to 2 weeks to clear. Please see the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School website at <a href="www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a> for a list of locations as well as the necessary LiveScan paperwork.

#### RECORDING VOLUNTEER HOURS

All volunteers should record their volunteer hours into the Check In system located in the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School lobby. Hours completed off-campus can be forwarded to Registrar@ileaslancaster.org

#### VISITORS/OBSERVATION PROCEDURES

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for learners and staff. Visitors/observers will respect confidentiality of all learners and not discuss the details of the classroom observation with anyone outside the school setting without prior written consent.

- All campus visitors/observers must have the consent and approval of the school director/ designee. Permission to visit/observe must be given at the time requested, if at all possible, or within a reasonable period of time following the request. This does not preclude visits occurring the same day as requested. School Director/designee must accompany the visitor/observer to the classroom and remain with them during the visitation/observation..
- Visitors DO have the right to:
  - Request and obtain approval of the school director/designee to enter a school campus.
  - Observe in the classroom or classrooms in which their child is enrolled and/or observe in the classroom or classrooms for the purpose of selecting the school in which their child will be enrolled, within a reasonable period of time after making a request.
  - Request a meeting with the classroom facilitator/provider and/or school director/ designee following the observation; and,
  - Meet with their child's facilitator/provider (s) and/or the school director/ designee, within a reasonable period of time after making a request.
- Visitors DO NOT have the right to:
  - Willfully interfere with the discipline, order, or conduct in any classroom space or activity with the intent to disrupt, obstruct, or inflict damage to property or bodily injury upon any person.
  - Disrupt instructional time, extra-curricular activities, cause disorder, or otherwise disrupt the normal operations of the school.
  - o Audio or video record while in the classroom.
- As we welcome visitors/observers to our school, the guidelines below should be communicated to ensure an enjoyable, productive experience for all:

- Follow the established school procedure in requesting a classroom visitation/observation from the school director/designee and obtain the school director/designee's approval.
- Enter and leave the classroom/space as quietly as possible.
- Do not converse with learners or staff during instructional time.
- o Do not interfere with school activities.
- Keep the length and frequency of the classroom visits/observations reasonable (to be determined by the activity being observed).

Check out with school staff before leaving the campus.

#### **TRADITIONS**

At iLEAD Lancaster Charter School we have several traditions in place. These are the traditions which we consider our cornerstone events:

- Multicultural Feast (Fall)
- Winter Production (Winter)
- Spring School Community Event (ex. Art Festival, BackYard Bash, School Carnival)

You will be notified of the exact dates for these events, as well as other learning displays and community building events in the Monday Message or via the Events Calendar on the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School website. <a href="https://www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a>

# SECTION 10: GOVERNANCE

#### **HISTORY**

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School's Governing Board is composed of community leaders passionate about providing innovative educational opportunities within the Antelope Valley. Each of these Board members came to iLEAD Lancaster Charter School with the vision and ability to create and maintain a successful school. For a list of current board members, please visit the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School website.

#### SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is governed by a California public benefit corporation with IRS 501c3 tax-exempt status. The school is subject to the Bylaws of the corporation. While iLEAD Lancaster Charter School's charter authorizing agency is the Lancaster School District, we are self governed, manage our own operations and maintain our own board of directors.

The listing of the current iLEAD Lancaster Charter School Board of Directors can be found on the iLEAD Lancaster Charter School website: <a href="https://www.ileadlancaster.org">www.ileadlancaster.org</a>

Decisions made by the Board will be on a majority basis. The Board will oversee iLEAD Lancaster Charter School's policies and operations, and will receive regular reports on the school's academic, financial, and operational progress.

Governing board meetings are open to the public and generally regularly on the campus of iLEAD Lancaster Charter School. Meeting notifications are posted on campus prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. Recorded minutes from past meetings are available upon request from the School Administrative office. As a parent, you have a right to participate in open meetings with the school. If you require a translator, one will be provided to you with the time allotment doubled to allow for both English and primary language translation.

## SECTION 11: NOTIFICATIONS

#### TITLE I

Your child is attending a school receiving Title I federal funds through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). At the beginning of each school year, local educational agencies receiving Title I funds are required to notify parents whose learner(s) attend a Title I school that they may request, and the agency will provide the parent/guardians on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding the professional qualifications of the learner's classroom facilitators, including at a minimum:

- 1. Whether the learner's facilitator:
  - Has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the facilitator provides instruction;
  - Is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
  - Is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the facilitator.
- 2. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like this information, please contact the school at 661-722-4287

iLEAD Schools is an innovative public charter school organization that works closely with our learners, families and communities to develop leaders for the 21st century. We do so through a rigorous, project-based curriculum, which gives a great deal of voice and choice to our learners. We feel that our schools are on the forefront of project-based learning which is giving our children the skills to thrive, not only in the future, but to be active members of their community today. We thank you for joining us on this journey.



Email: DON@ctc.ca.gov
Website: www.ctc.ca.gov

#### **DECLARATION OF NEED FOR FULLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS**

Original Declaration of Need for year:	2025	
Revised Declaration of Need for year:		
FOR SERVICE IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF	•	CHARTER SCHOOL
iLEAD Lanca Name of District or Charter:		19646670125559  District CDS Code:
Name of County: Los Angeles		County CDS Code: 19
By submitting this annual declaration, the	he district is certifying the following	<b>;</b> :
A diligent search, as defined bel	low, to recruit a fully prepared teac	her for the assignment(s) was made
<ul> <li>If a suitable fully prepared teach to recruit based on the priority</li> </ul>		trict, the district will make a reasonable effort
scheduled public meeting held on <u>06</u> ,	$\frac{25}{25}$ certifying that there is a yment criteria for the position(s) lis	ed above adopted a declaration at a regularly an insufficient number of certificated persons ted on the attached form. The attached form nsent calendar.
► Enclose a copy of the board agendom With my signature below, I verify that to force until June 30, 2026  Submitted by (Superintendent, Board Sometimes)  Deborah Autrey	he item was acted upon favorably l	by the board. The declaration shall remain in  Director
Name	Signature	Title
Fax Number 254 E. Ave. K-4, Lancaster CA 9	Telephone Number	Date
	Mailing Address	
deborah.autrey@ileadlancaster.	org	
	EMail Address	
FOR SERVICE IN A COUNTY OFFICE OF E	EDUCATION, STATE AGENCY OR NO	ONPUBLIC SCHOOL AGENCY
Name of County		County CDS Code
Name of State Agency		
Name of NPS/NPA		County of Location

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The Superintendent of the County Office specified above adopted a declaration of that such a declaration would be made, the county's, agency's or school's specified	n/, at least 7 certifying that there is an insu	2 hours following his or hufficient number of certif	ner public announcement icated persons who meet
The declaration shall remain in force unt	il June 30,		
► Enclose a copy of the public annound Submitted by Superintendent, Director, of			
Name	Signature		Title
Fax Number	Telephone Number		Date
	Mailing Address		
	EMail Address		
► This declaration must be on file with issued for service with the employing		Credentialing before any	emergency permits will be
AREAS OF ANTICIPATED NEED FOR FULL Based on the previous year's actual nepermits the employing agency estimated Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified identified below.	eds and projections of enro es it will need in each of th	e identified areas during	g the valid period of this
This declaration must be revised by the exceeds the estimate by ten percent. Bo			gency permits applied for
Type of Emergency Permit		Estimated Number N	eeded
CLAD/English Learner Author holds teaching credential)	ization (applicant already	2	
Bilingual Authorization (applie	cant already holds teaching		

#### **LIMITED ASSIGNMENT PERMITS**

credential)

**Resource Specialist** 

**Teacher Librarian Services** 

Limited Assignment Permits may only be issued to applicants holding a valid California teaching credential based on a baccalaureate degree and a professional preparation program including student teaching.

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**Emergency Transitional Kindergarten (ETK)** 

List target language(s) for bilingual authorization:

Based on the previous year's actual needs and projections of enrollment, please indicate the number of Limited Assignment Permits the employing agency estimates it will need in the following areas. Additionally, for the Single Subject Limited Assignment Permits estimated, please include the authorization(s) which will be requested:

TYPE OF LIMITED ASSIGNMENT PERMIT	ESTIMATED NUMBER NEEDED
Multiple Subject	
Single Subject	
Special Education	
TOTAL	

#### **Authorizations for Single Subject Limited Assignment Permits**

SUBJECT	ESTIMATED NUMBER NEEDED	SUBJECT	ESTIMATED NUMBER NEEDED
Agriculture		Mathematics	
Art		Music	
Business		Physical Education	
Dance		Science: Biological Sciences	
English		Science: Chemistry	
Foundational-Level Math		Science: Geoscience	
Foundational-Level Science		Science: Physics	
Health		Social Science	
Home Economics		Theater	
Industrial & Technology Education		World Languages (specify)	

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#### **EFFORTS TO RECRUIT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

The employing agency declares that it has implemented in policy and practices a process for conducting a diligent search that includes, but is not limited to, distributing job announcements, contacting college and university placement centers, advertising in local newspapers, exploring incentives included in the Teaching as a Priority Block Grant (refer to <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov">www.cde.ca.gov</a> for details), participating in state and regional recruitment centers and participating in job fairs in California.

If a suitable fully prepared teacher is not available to the school district, the district made reasonable efforts to recruit an individual for the assignment, in the following order:

- A candidate who qualifies and agrees to participate in an approved internship program in the region of the school district
- An individual who is scheduled to complete initial preparation requirements within six months

EFFORTS TO CERTIFY, ASSIGN, AND DEVELOP FULLY QUALIFIED PERSONNE
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Has your agency established a District Intern program?	Yes Or	No
If no, explain		
Does your agency participate in a Commission-approved college or university internship program?	Yes	No
If yes, how many interns do you expect to have this year?		
If yes, list each college or university with which you participate in an in	ternship progra	m.
If no, explain why you do not participate in an internship program.		

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# School Plan for Student Achievement 2025-2026

## TITLE FUNDING: I and II



#### Title I

Schoolwide Program to upgrade entire educational program of school (People working with kids)

## Title II

Staff training and support (training the people working with kids)

#### Title IV

Well Rounded Education (SEL, technology, removing barriers to learning)

• 24-25

\$265,738

\$32,666

\$17,363 total

total: \$315,767

expected

25-26

\$271,053

3 \$33,319

\$17,710 tota

total: \$322,082

## **This Year's Program**

## **Successes**

- Continued Restorative Practices
- Training for facilitators
- ELA and Math coaching
- Continued interventions
- Growth MAP
- Increased Learner Activities



## **Continued Work**

- Attendance
- Targeted Support

## 25-26 Strategies



- ELA coach (continue)
- Math coach (continue)
- Social Worker (continue)
- Family Engagement and Literacy (expand)



# iLEAD Lancaster Single Plan for Student Achievement 2025-2026

School Name: iLEAD Lancaster

**About the School:** At iLEAD Lancaster, you will find a school that prioritizes a positive, supportive, and inviting environment where our learners (learners) can focus on their development. In addition to academic excellence, we are committed to supporting learners' development of emotional intelligence, life skills, and community engagement. Our facilitators (facilitators) are devoted to providing learners with the best academic and emotional support by way of individualized attention.

#### **School Mission and Vision:**

The mission of iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is to empower learners to become conscientious, compassionate, and responsible citizens of the world. In this process we inspire them to become creative thinkers and leaders with a lifelong love of learning. We accomplish this through individualized instruction, active learning methods, and opportunities for self-directed learning. We celebrate and foster each child's individuality and support each in discovering his or her highest potential. We believe each child will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to achieve his or her fullest potential in preparation for college and the demands of the 21st-century workplace.

The vision of iLEAD Lancaster Charter School is that all learners will possess the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed by mastering academic standards and developing a deep understanding of subject matter. Students will have a heightened awareness of the endless possibilities for their future and will be able to think critically by asking the right questions, especially when confronted with the status quo.

CDS Code:

19 64667 0125559

SSC Approval Date: June 5,2025 Local Board Approval Date:

#### **Purpose**

Briefly describe the purpose of this plan (Select from Schoolwide Program, Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, or Additional Targeted Support and Improvement)

The purpose of this plan is to use a continuous cycle of improvement for a Schoolwide Program and Comprehensive Support and Improvement that increase growth and achievement for learners falling below proficient in English Language Arts and Math, increase staff capacity through professional development, and bolster a program that results in a well-rounded education.

The school's Single Plan for School Achievement goals are based upon a comprehensive needs assessment that includes an analysis of verifiable state data, including information displayed on the most current CA School Dashboard. Other school data, such as NWEA MAP assessments, is utilized to further measure and monitor achievement throughout the school year. School goals are aligned with iLEAD Lancaster's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) goals and include the same metrics/indicators where possible. Input and advice is solicited from key school community members including staff, learners, families, and school leadership.

The school receives Federal Title I, Title II, and Title IV funding. Title I funding is allocated for Math and ELA interventions. Title II is allocated for staff development to ensure equitable access to quality educators. Title IV



funding is used to assure that learners receive a well-rounded education.

#### **ESSA Requirements**

Briefly describe the school's plan for effectively meeting the ESSA requirements in alignment with the Local Control and Accountability Plan and other federal, state, and local programs.

This plan will align our school goals in this SPSA to the school's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) as possible. The school will meet the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) by having fidelity and coherence to the California State Standards and the school's educational program as outlined in the most recent charter petition and the Federal LCAP Addendum. The school will use Project-Based Learning, a focus on social emotional learning (SEL), and personalized support with a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). NWEA MAP assessments in math and reading are given 3 times annually to differentiate learning and target struggling learners for support, as well as monthly data protocol by class/grade level and semester school-wide data protocols. The focus on schoolwide coherence, teamwork, learner engagement, learner achievement is how we will strive to meet the ESSA requirements. Educational partners, including the SSC, staff, governing board, parents, and school leaders will review the SPSA annually and learning data to ensure that it reflects efforts to increase learner growth and achievement through data informed practices. The SPSA compliments the school's LCAP goals and actions to ensure efficiency in evidence-based continuous improvement practices and school resources.

Educational Partner Involvement and Comprehensive Needs Assessment

How, when, and with whom did the school consult as part of the planning process for this SPSA/Annual

Review and Update?

The annual SPSA process starts in the fall for the following school year and is finalized in the spring after learner assessment data and SPSA goals are analyzed. School leadership and staff use verifiable data in the fall to assess Title programming and make adjustments to programming based off the data. The Schoolsite Council meets to review verifiable data from the California Dashboard and Data Quest and give input to implementing programming and meeting goals. The school's ELAC also meets in fall to review verifiable data and provide input on school programming. Lastly, the school's governing board reviews data in the fall.

Frequent feedback and planning conversations happen throughout the school year through program iSUPPORT programs, leadership reflection and professional development, staff collaboration, data protocol meetings, and the school's continuous improvement cycle activities. The school makes a coordinated effort to collect, analyze, and use "Street Data".

During the spring planning process, school leadership sends annual family, learner, and staff surveys using Qualitrics, which uses evidence-based, nationally normed questions to gather feedback and input on school programming and needs for the following school year. The SPSA is analyzed and revised for the following school year by school leadership and the Schoolsite Council and presented to staff for input. The Board approves the SPSA in June alongside the school LCAP.



The school engages in a year-long process of continuous improvement to serve as its comprehensive needs assessment. This includes: analysis of internal and verifiable metrics as aligned to California state required LCAP metrics, annual program evaluation and planning, monthly grade level data protocol meetings, staff and parent meetings, annual survey data, and comprehensive budget analysis and review.

#### **Resource Inequities:**

Briefly identify and describe any resource inequities identified as a result of the required needs assessment, as applicable.

iLEAD Lancaster is a single school LEA and all Title funding is allocated to the school directly.

iLEAD Lancaster, there are many opportunities available to increase the academic performance of learners.

A comprehensive budget and resource analysis was performed. It was determined that no inequities exist in equitable offerings for resources and services.

The school will continue to monitor resource equity for the 2025-26 school year and continue to participate in root cause analysis and action planning through the school's equity taskforce.

#### Goals, Strategies, Expenditures

**Goal 1:** Enhance academic support and interventions in order to address the needs of low-achieving learners and those at risk of not meeting the challenging state standards in Math and ELA.

#### Identified Need

iLEAD Lancaster scored 77.7 points below standard in ELA and 121.1 points below standard in Math for all learners on the 2024 CAASPP, There is a need to increase academic achievement in ELA and Math for identified learners needing intervention based on internal and external scores.

#### **Annual Measurable Outcomes**

Metric	Baseline	Expected Outcome
NWEA ELA MAP Test Scores, specifically the Conditional Growth Index (CGI), a standardized measure of observed learner or school growth compared to the 2020 NWEA student or school growth norms.	Spring CGI in Reading is -0.10 and Math is -0.03	The school to meet or exceed a CGI score of -0 or higher in Spring 2026

#### Strategies/Activities



Activity	Learners to Be Served	Strategy/Activity	Expenditures	
	Description		Amount(s)	Funding Source(s)
Math and ELA Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Support for MTSS Tiers I, II, and III.	All Learners	Designated Curriculum Coaches in ELA and Math. Providers to work with credentialed teachers (facilitators) These employees will design, implement, and monitor MTSS Tier I and II strategies and activities to support math and ELA learning in alignment to California State Standards and school adopted curriculum.	\$231,053	Title I

Annual Review			
SPSA Year Reviewed: 2024-2025	Summary:		
Describe the overall implementation of the strategies/activities and the overall effectiveness of the strategies/activities to achieve the articulated goals.	Small group instruction, interventions, and pull out programs using the curriculum of EL Education and Bridges for Math were implemented successfully. Care team and curriculum coaches were used to support learning and growth in CAASPP and MAP assessments.  iLEAD Lancaster also adopted a new ELA curriculum last year, which teaches the science of reading. Overwhelming recent evidence shows this approach's effectiveness to supporting reading and writing growth and achievement.  Curriculum coaches focused on implementation of Tier I supports through core curriculum and a more effective Tier II program through supplemental curriculum, such as Delta Math and Dreambox.  NWEA MAP CGI Progress: As a learning community, one year of		
	academic growth was met in both reading and math in 24/25, which is the strongest indicator that planned actions were implemented effectively		
Briefly describe any major differences between the intended implementation and/or the budgeted expenditures to implement	No significant differences between the intended implementation or the budgeted expenditures occurred during the 2024-25 school year.		



the strategies/activities to meet the articulated goals.	
Describe any changes that will be made to this goal, the annual outcomes, metrics, or strategies/activities to achieve this goal as a result of this analysis. Identify where those changes can be found in the SPSA.	iLEAD Lancaster will continue utilizing Title I funding for curriculum coaches to support the implementation of MTSS Tier I, II, and III curriculum and instructional strategies for ELA and Math.

**Goal 2:** Improve the quality and effectiveness of facilitators, school director and leaders, and other staff to better meet the needs of learners through ongoing professional development.

#### Identified Need

There is a need to continue to ensure that all staff are appropriately qualified to provide instruction support and social emotional support based on annual staff surveys and requests. In alignment with school goals, facilitator feedback, and California state priorities, the focus of professional development will center around MTSS for the 2025-26 school year.

#### **Annual Measurable Outcomes**

Metric	Baseline	Expected Outcome
% staff trained	0% of facilitators and care team providers trained	100% staff trained

#### Strategies/Activities

		Strategy/Activity Description	Expenditures	
Be Served	Amount(s)		Funding Source(s)	
Training and staff professional development	All learners enrolled in facilitator classes	Facilitators will attend training and support sessions for culturally competent teaching, restorative practices, and MTSS strategies.	\$33,319	Title II

Annual Review		
SPSA Year Reviewed: 2024-2025	Summary:	
Describe the overall implementation of the strategies/activities and the overall	In 2024-25 staff training focused on MTSS and ELA and	



effectiveness of the strategies/activities to	Math Tier 1	
achieve the articulated goals.	100% of staff were trained and this goal was met	
	For the 25-26 year, iLEAD Lancaster will continue with training in Tier 1 and add training in differentiation, literacy/writing and MTSS with a focus on Tier II and Tier III Intervention	
Briefly describe any major differences between the intended implementation and/or the budgeted expenditures to implement the strategies/activities to meet the articulated goals.	No significant differences between the intended implementation or the budgeted expenditures occurred during the 24/25 school year.	
Describe any changes that will be made to this goal, the annual outcomes, metrics, or strategies/activities to achieve this goal as a result of this analysis. Identify where those changes can be found in the SPSA.	iLEAD Lancaster will continue supporting highly qualified teachers through the TIP program. iLEAD Lancaster will also focus professional development on implementing core and supplemental ELA and Math curriculum for Tier I, II, and III programming to increase student achievement on NWEA MAP and CAASPP assessments.	

Goal 3: Decrease Chronic Absenteeism and Increase Engagement				
Identified Need  iLEAD Lancaster had a 47% chronic absenteeism rate compared to the 30% statewide chronic absenteeism rate on the 2023 California Dashboard. There is a need to decrease chronic absenteeism by increasing engagement.				
	Annual Measurable Outcomes			
Metric		Baseline		Expected Outcome
Chronic Abser	nteeism	Absenteeism in 2023-2024: 42.04% Expected Absenteeism in 2024-2025: 42.37%		Decrease 1%
Strategies/Activities				
Activity	Learners to Be Served	Strategy/Activity Description	Expenditures	
			Amount(s)	Funding Source(s)
Social Worker	Learners frequently absent or at risk of chronic absenteeism	Licensed Social Worker to support school attendance, learner engagement, family	\$40,000	Title I



		engagement, and learner support.		
Family and Learner Engagement Activities	All learners Learners frequently absent or at risk of chronic absenteeism	Family and learner engagement activities, training, and education to increase the home-school connection, increase literacy at home, and educate families on the importance of school attendance.	\$17,710	Title IV

Annual Review		
SPSA Year Reviewed: 2024-2025	Summary:	
Describe the overall implementation of the strategies/activities and the overall effectiveness of the strategies/activities to achieve the articulated goals.	In the 2024-25 school year, the school's social worker and all staff engaged in restorative practices and an emphasis on culturally competent teaching to increase engagement and decrease chronic absenteeism.  As of May 2024, it is anticipated that the 2024-2025 chronic absenteeism rate will be 42.37%, which maintained from 2023-2024.	
Briefly describe any major differences between the intended implementation and/or the budgeted expenditures to implement the strategies/activities to meet the articulated goals.	No significant differences between the intended implementation or the budgeted expenditures occurred during the 24/25 school year.	
Describe any changes that will be made to this goal, the annual outcomes, metrics, or strategies/activities to achieve this goal as a result of this analysis. Identify where those changes can be found in the SPSA.	Continue to encourage daily attendance, monitor and track learner attendance, and home visits.	



Budget Summary		
Description	Amount	
Total Funds Provided to the School Through the Consolidated Application	\$322,082	
Total Federal Funds Provided to the School from the LEA for CSI	0	
Total Funds Budgeted for Strategies to Meet the Goals in the SPSA	\$322,082	
Total of federal funds for this school:	\$322,082	

#### Governing Board of iLEAD Lancaster Summary of Compensation and Benefits Survey Data for School Director

#### **June 2025**

IRS rules require fair and reasonable compensation for nonprofit executives. In reviewing the reasonableness of compensation for nonprofit executives, the IRS considers "compensation" broadly and will look at the value of salary, as well as non-fixed compensation (incentive compensation/bonuses), and benefits.

Below is a summary of findings following review and comparison of a sampling of total compensation levels received by educational leaders in California. Compensation figures are from the State Controller's Office or from the Internal Revenue Service (Form 990) for the 2022 or 2023 calendar or fiscal years (the most recent available). Student enrollment figures are from the California School Dashboard for the 2024 calendar year. The School Director of iLEAD Lancaster assists with the oversight of one charter school in Los Angeles County with a total population of approximately 795 students. Based on these facts, this study compared salary packages of similarly situated public school leaders. The seven charter schools surveyed in this summary have an average population of approximately 416 students.

Of the educational leaders sampled, the average total compensation package (base salary plus other compensation) is approximately \$163,057. The average base salary is approximately \$140,046. The range of base salary is \$107,384 to \$171,713. Salaries can range based on many factors such as experience, tenure at the school, student populations, staff size, and location of the charter school.

The compensation information below is from the 2022 and 2023 calendar or fiscal years. As a result, conservatively adding 3% for each year to reach updated figures for the 2025-2026 school year would provide an average total compensation of \$174,471, and an average base salary of \$149,849.

Los Angeles Leadership Academy (Los Angeles County)	349 Students
Middle School Principal	
<b>Total Compensation Package</b>	\$141,128
Base Salary	\$107,384
Other Compensation (Benefits and Retirement)	\$33,744
Los Angeles Leadership Academy (Los Angeles County)	262 Students
K-8 Principal	
<b>Total Compensation Package</b>	\$177,653
Base Salary	\$141,953
Other Compensation (Benefits and Retirement)	\$35,700
New Heights Charter (Los Angeles County)	406 Students
Executive Director	
<b>Total Compensation Package</b>	\$189,913
Base Salary	\$171,713
Other Compensation (Benefits and Retirement)	\$18,200
<b>CHIME Institute's Schwarzenegger Community (Los Angeles</b>	761 Students
County)	
Executive Director	

<b>Total Compensation Package</b>	\$166,751
Base Salary	\$148,057
Other Compensation (Benefits and Retirement)	\$18,694
Extera Public Schools (Los Angeles County)	482 Students
Principal	
<b>Total Compensation Package</b>	\$137,981
Base Salary	\$128,653
Other Compensation (Benefits and Retirement)	\$9,328
Girls Athletic Leadership School (Los Angeles County)	150 Students
Executive Director	
<b>Total Compensation Package</b>	\$172,212
Base Salary	\$160,470
Other Compensation (Benefits and Retirement)	\$11,742
James Jordan Middle School (Los Angeles County)	454 Students
Executive Director	
<b>Total Compensation Package</b>	\$187,231
Base Salary	\$150,623
Other Compensation (Benefits and Retirement)	\$36,608
Odyssey Charter Schools (Los Angeles County)	466 Students
Principal	
<b>Total Compensation Package</b>	\$131,587
Base Salary	\$111,514
Other Compensation (Benefits and Retirement)	\$20,073



#### **Learner Classroom-Based Attendance Policy**

Board Approved: September 10, 2020 June 25, 2025

Believing that children benefit from regular attendance in school, our school iLEAD Lancaster expects each child to attend school every day. If a child cannot attend school, the office staff should be notified of all absences by a telephone call, email or other digital notification, visit to the office, or written note from the parent/guardian, parent representative, or learner (if 18 or older) on the day that the learner is absent for the required attendance tracking by the State of California.

#### **Definitions**

- "Tardy": Learners shall be classified as tardy if the learner arrives after the school's daily start time.
- "Unexcused Absence": A learner shall have an unexcused absence if the learner is absent or is tardy for more than thirty (30) minutes without a valid excuse.
- "Truant": A learner shall be classified as a truant if the learner is absent from school without a valid excuse three (3) full days in one school year, or if the learner is tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three (3) occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof. Any learner who has once been reported as a truant and who is again absent from school without valid excuse one or more days, or tardy on one or more days, shall again be deemed a truant. Such learners shall be reported to the SchoolDirector or designee.
- "Habitual Truant": A learner shall be classified as a habitual truant if the learner is reported for truancy three (3) or more times within the same school year. This generally occurs when the learner is absent from school without a valid excuse for five (5) full days in one school year or if the learner is tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on five (5) occasions in one school year, or

any combination thereof.

• "Chronic Truant": A learner shall be classified as a chronic truant if the learner is absent from school without a valid excuse for ten (10) percent or more of the school days in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date.

#### **Excused Absences for Classroom Based Attendance**

Absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted by law or this Board policy.

A learner's absence shall be excused for the following reasons:

- 1. Personal illness, including an absence for the benefit of the learner's mental or behavioral health;
- 2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer;
- 3. Medical, dental, ophthalmologic, or chiropractic appointments;
- 4. Attendance at funeral services for a member of the immediate family:
  - a. Excused absence in this instance shall be limited to one day if the service is conducted in California or three days if the service is conducted out of state.
  - b. "Immediate family" shall be defined as mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, spouse, son/son-in-law, daughter/daughter-in-law, brother, sister, or any relative living in the learner's immediate household.

For the purpose of attending the funeral services or grieving the death of either a member of the learner's immediate family, or of a person that is determined by the learner's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the learner to be considered the learner's immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than five (5) days per incident. "Immediate family" means the parent or guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the household of the learner.

- 5. For any of the following reasons, if an immediate family member of the learner, or a person that is determined by the learner's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the learner to be considered the learner's immediate family, has died:
  - a. To access services from a victim services organization or agency.
  - b. To access grief support services.
  - c. To participate in safety planning or to take other actions to increase the safety of the learner or an immediate family member of the learner, or a person that is determined by the learner's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the learner to be considered the learner's immediate family, including, but not limited to, temporary or permanent relocation.

Absences under this section shall not be excused for more than three (3) days per incident, unless extended on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the School Director. "Immediate family" means the parent or guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the household of the learner.

#### 5.6. Jury duty in the manner provided by law;

- 7. Participation in religious instruction or exercises. The learner shall be excused for this purpose on no more than four (4) school days per month.
- 8. Authorized parental leave for a pregnant or parenting learner for up to eight (8) weeks, which may be extended if deemed medically necessary by the learner's physician.
- 9. Due to the learner's participation in military entrance processing.
- 10. Authorized at the discretion of the School Director or designee, based on the facts of the learner's circumstances, are deemed to constitute a valid excuse.
- 11. A learner who holds a work permit to work for a period of not more than five (5) consecutive days in the entertainment or allied industries shall be excused from school during the period that the learner is working in the entertainment or allied industry for a maximum of up to five (5) absences per school year subject to the requirements of Education Code section 48225.5.
- 12. In order to participate with a not-for-profit performing arts organization in a performance for a public-school student audience for a maximum of up to five (5) days per school year provided the learner's parent or guardian provides a written note to the school authorities explaining the reason for the learner's absence.
- 13. For the purpose of participating in a cultural ceremony or event. "Cultural" for these purposes means relating to the habits, practices, beliefs, and traditions of a certain group of people.
- 14. For the purpose of a middle or high school learner engaging in a civic or political event as indicated below, provided that the learner notifies the school ahead of the absence. A "civic or political event" includes, but is not limited to, voting, poll working, strikes, public commenting, candidate speeches, political or civic forums, and town halls.
  - a. A middle school or high school learner who is absent pursuant to this provision is required to be excused for only one school day-long absence per school year.
  - b. A middle school or high school learner who is absent pursuant to this provision may be permitted additional excused absences in the discretion of the School Director or designee.
- 6. 15. 6. Justifiable personal reasons, when accompanied by a written request by the parent or guardian and approved by the School Director or his/her designed, including, but not limited to:

For the following justifiable personal reasons, for a maximum of five (5) school days per school year (unless otherwise indicated), upon advance written request by the learner's parent or guardian and approval by the School Director or designee pursuant to uniform standards:

- a. Appearance in court.
- b. Attendance at a funeral service Observance of a holiday or ceremony of their religion.
- c. Observance of a holiday or ceremony of his/her religion—Attendance at religious retreats Attendance at religious retreats shall not exceed one school day per semester.
- d. Attendance at religious retreats-Attendance at an employment conference.
- e. Attendance at an employment conference Attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization.

- f. Attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization
- 7. 16. Serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Elections Code § 12302.
- 8.-17. Spending time with a member of the learner's immediate family, who is in active duty of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Absences granted pursuant to this section shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the School Director or designee.
- 9.18. If a learner is the custodial parent of a child, his/her their absence shall be excused when the child is ill or has a medical appointment during school hours.
- 10.—19. For the purpose of attending the learner's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.

#### -Attendance at religious retreats shall not exceed four hours per semester.

Learners absent for the reasons deemed "excused" shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefore. The facilitator of the class from which a learner is absent shall determine which tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the learner missed during the absence.

In the case of a State declared emergency which requires distance learning attendance will be as follows:

#### Excused Absence

Excused absences in distance learning will follow the attendance guidelines outlined above and may also include reasons that are deemed by the school administrator, based on the learner's eircumstances, as constituting a valid excuse such as the absence was due to lack of connectivity or equipment over which the learner does not have control or any other reason outside of the learner's control.

#### **Method of Verification**

When learners who have been absent return to school, they must present a satisfactory explanation verifying the reason for the absence. The following methods may be used to verify learner absences:

- 1. Written note or email from parent/guardian, parent representative, or learner if 18 or older;
- 2. Conversation, in person or by telephone, between the verifying employee and the learner's parent/guardian, parent representative or learner if 18 or older. The employee

shall subsequently record the following:

- a. Name of learner;
- b. Name of parent/guardian, parent representative, or learner if 18 or older;
- c. Name of verifying employee;
- d. Date or dates of absence; and
- e Reason for absence
- 3. Visit to the learner's home by the verifying employee, or any other reasonable method, which establishes the fact that the learner was absent for the reasons stated. A written recording shall be made, including information outlined above.
- 4. Physician's verification
  - a. When excusing learners for confidential medical services or verifying such appointments, school staff shall not ask the purpose of such appointments but may contact a medical office to confirm the time of the appointment.
  - b. When a learner has had 14 absences in the school year for illness verified by methods listed in #1-#3 above, any further absences for illness must be verified by a physician.

Insofar as class participation is an integral part of the learner's educational experiences, parents/guardians and learners shall be encouraged to schedule medical appointments during non-school hours.

In grades 7 through 12, school authorities may excuse any learner from school to obtain confidential medical services without the consent of the learner's parent/guardian.

Learners in grades K-6 should not be absent from school without their parents/guardians' knowledge or consent except in cases of medical emergency. Learners in grades 7-12 should not be absent from school without their parents/guardians' knowledge or consent except in cases of medical emergency or confidential medical appointments.

#### **Unexcused Absences/Truancy for Classroom Based Attendance**

The School Director or designee shall implement positive steps to reduce truancy and unexcused absences, as a learner's grades may be affected by excessive unexcused absences, as a learner's grades may be affected by excessive unexcused absences.

A maximum of fourteen excused absences are allowed per year. After the 14th excused absence, an illness will be considered excused only if it is documented by a licensed medical physician. Absences beyond the 14th that are not excused by a physician's note will be considered unexcused absences.

When the learner's attendance problems cannot be resolved or is habitual, a learner, parent and/or guardian may:

- receive formal written notice of truancy;
- be compelled to require the learner to attend school as mandated by public schools and laws;
- meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss solutions to the learner's truancy;
- meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss social emotional or academic support for the learner in regards to school;
- look to develop a joint plan to improve the learner's attendance;
- look to seek alternative educational programs may be available through the school:
- be recommended that the parent/guardian accompany the learner to school and attend classes with the learner for one day.

In the case of a State declared emergency which requires distance learning attendance will be as follows:

#### **Unexcused Absence**

An unexeused absence under distance learning would be when no excuse is provided, or when the excuse that is provided is determined not to be valid based on the policy listed above or based on the discretion of a school administrator.

#### **Process for Addressing Truancy**

- 1. Each of the first two (2) unexcused absences or unexcused tardies over 30 minutes will result in a call home to the parent/guardian or learner if 18 or older by the School Director or designee. The learner's classroom teacher may also call home.
- 2. Each of the third (3rd) and fourth (4th) unexcused absences or unexcused tardies over 30 minutes will result in a call home to the parent/guardian by the School Director or designee. In addition, the learner's facilitator may also call home and/or iLEAD Lancaster may send the parent/guardian an e-mail notification. In addition, upon reaching three (3) unexcused absences or unexcused tardies over 30 minutes in a school year, the parent/guardian will receive "Truancy Letter #1" from iLEAD Lancaster notifying the parent/guardian of the learner's "Truant" status. This letter must be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to iLEAD Lancaster. This letter shall also be accompanied by a copy of this Attendance Policy. This letter, and all subsequent letter(s) sent home, shall be sent by email and certified mail, return receipt requested, or some other form of mail that can be tracked. This letter shall be re-sent after a fourth (4th) unexcused absence.
- 3. Upon reaching five (5) unexcused absences or unexcused tardies over 30 minutes, the parent/guardian will receive "Truancy Letter #2," notifying the parent/guardian of the learner's "Habitual Truant" status and a parent/guardian conference will be scheduled to review the learner's records and develop an intervention plan/contract. In addition, iLEAD Lancaster will consult with a school counselor regarding the appropriateness of a

home visitation and/or case management for ongoing support.

- 4. Upon reaching six (6) unexcused absences or unexcused tardies over 30 minutes, the parent/guardian will receive a "Truancy Letter #3" and the learner will be referred to the School Attendance Review Team (SART) and may be referred to a Student Success Team (SST), as described below.
- 5. If the conditions of the SART plan are not met, the learner may incur additional administrative action up to and including disenrollment from iLEAD Lancaster, consistent with the Involuntary Removal Process described below.
- 6. If a learner is absent ten (10) or more consecutive school days without valid excuse and the learner's parent/guardian cannot be reached at the number or address provided in the registration packet and does not otherwise respond to iLEAD Lancaster's communication attempts as set forth above, the learner will be in violation of this Policy and the SART plan (if any) and may be subject to disenrollment in compliance with the Involuntary Removal Process described below. If the learner is disenrolled after the Involuntary Removal Process has been followed, notification will be sent within thirty (30) days to the learner's last known school district of residence.
- 7. Any documentation received by iLEAD Lancaster regarding a learner's enrollment and attendance at another public or private school (i.e., CALPADS report) shall be deemed evidence of a **voluntary** disenrollment and shall not trigger the Involuntary Removal Process below.
- 8. For all communications set forth in this process, iLEAD Lancaster will use the contact information provided by the parent/guardian in the registration packet. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to update iLEAD Lancaster with any new contact information.

#### **School Attendance Review Team Process**

The School Attendance Review Team ("SART") panel will, at a minimum, be composed of a school administrator or designee, teacher of record, and a counselor. The SART panel will discuss the absence problem with the learner's parent/guardian to work on solutions, develop strategies, discuss appropriate support services for the learner and learner's family, and establish a plan to resolve the attendance issue.

- 1. The SART panel shall inform the parent/guardian that no further unexcused absences or tardies can be tolerated.
- 2. The parent/guardian shall be required to sign the plan formalizing the agreement by the parent/guardian to improve the child's attendance or face additional administrative action. The plan will identify the corrective actions required in the future, and indicate that the SART panel shall have the authority to order one or more of the following consequences for non-compliance with the terms of the plan:
  - a. Parent/guardian to attend school with the child for one day
  - b. Learner retention
  - c. Required school counseling

- d. Loss of field trip privileges
- e. Loss of school event privileges
- f. Required remediation plan as set by the SART
- g. Notification to the County District Attorney
- 3. Notice of action recommended by the SART will be provided in writing to the parent/guardian.

#### Process for Learners Who Are Not in Attendance at the Beginning of the School Year

When a learner is not in attendance on the first five (5) days of the school year, iLEAD Lancaster will attempt to reach the learner's parent/guardian on a daily basis for each of the first five (5) days to determine whether the learner has an excused absence, consistent with the process outlined in this policy. If the learner has a basis for an excused absence, the learner's parent/guardian must notify iLEAD Lancaster of the absence and provide documentation consistent with this policy. However, consistent with process below, learners who are not in attendance by the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) day of the school year due to an unexcused absence will be disenrolled from iLEAD Lancaster after following the Involuntary Removal Process described below, as it will be assumed that the learner has chosen another school option.

- 1. Learners who are not in attendance on the first (1st) day of the school year will be contacted by phone to ensure their intent to enroll in iLEAD Lancaster.
- 2. Learners who have indicated their intent to enroll but have not attended by the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) day of the school year and do not have an excused absence will receive an email and/or letter indicating the learner's risk of disenrollment.
- 3. Learners who have indicated their intent to enroll but have not attended by the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day of the school year and do not have an excused absence will receive a phone call reiterating the content of the letter.
- 4. Learners who are not in attendance by the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) day of the school year and do not have an excused absence will receive an Involuntary Removal Notice and the CDE Enrollment Complaint Notice and Form. iLEAD Lancaster will follow the Involuntary Removal Process described below, which includes an additional five (5) school days for the parent/guardian to respond to iLEAD Lancaster and request a hearing before disenrollment.
- 5. iLEAD Lancaster will use the contact information provided by the parent/guardian in the registration packet.
- 6. Within thirty (30) calendar days of disenrollment, iLEAD Lancaster will send the learner's last known school district of residence a letter notifying it of the learner's failure to attend iLEAD Lancaster.
- 7. Any documentation received by iLEAD Lancaster regarding a learner's enrollment and attendance at another public or private school (i.e., CALPADS report) shall be deemed evidence of a voluntary disenrollment and shall not trigger the Involuntary Removal Process below.

#### **Involuntary Removal Process**

No learner shall be involuntarily removed by iLEAD Lancaster for any reason unless the parent or guardian of the learner has been provided written notice of iLEAD Lancaster's intent to remove the learner ("Involuntary Removal Notice"). The Involuntary Removal Notice must be provided to the parent or guardian no less than five (5) schooldays before the effective date of the proposed disenrollment date.

The written notice shall be in the native language of the learner or the learner's parent or guardian or, if the learner is a foster child or youth or a homeless child or youth, the learner's educational rights holder or parent representative. The Involuntary Removal Notice shall include:

- 1. The charges against the learner.
- 2. An explanation of the learner's basic rights including the right to request a hearing before the effective date of the action.
- 3. The CDE Enrollment Complaint Notice and Form.

The hearing shall be consistent with iLEAD Lancaster's expulsion procedures. If the learner's parent, guardian, or educational rights holder requests a hearing, the learner shall remain enrolled and shall not be removed until iLEAD Lancaster issues a final decision. As used herein, "involuntarily removed" includes disenrolled, dismissed, transferred, or terminated, but does not include suspensions or expulsions pursuant to iLEAD Lancaster's suspension and expulsion policy.

Upon a parent's or guardian's request for a hearing, iLEAD Lancaster will provide notice of hearing consistent with its expulsion hearing process, through which the learner has a fair opportunity to present testimony, evidence, and witnesses and confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, and at which the learner has the right to bring legal counsel or an advocate. The notice of hearing shall be in the native language of the learner or the learner's parent or guardian or, if the learner is a foster child or youth or a homeless child or youth, the learner's educational rights holder or parent representative and shall include a copy of iLEAD Lancaster's expulsion hearing process.

If the parent/guardian is nonresponsive to the Involuntary Removal Notice, the learner will be disenrolled as of the effective date set forth in the Involuntary Removal Notice. If the parent/guardian requests a hearing and does not attend on the date scheduled for the hearing, the learner will be disenrolled effective the date of the hearing.

If, as a result of the hearing the learner is disenrolled, notice will be sent to the learner's last known school district of residence within thirty (30) calendar days.

A hearing decision not to disenroll the learner does not prevent iLEAD Lancaster from making a similar recommendation in the future should learner truancy continue or reoccur.

#### **Referral to Appropriate Agencies or County District Attorney**

It is iLEAD Lancaster's intent to identify and remove all barriers to the learner's success, and

iLEAD Lancaster will explore every possible option to address learner attendance issues with the family. For any unexcused absence, iLEAD Lancaster may refer the family to appropriate school-based and/or social service agencies.

If a learner's attendance does not improve after a SART plan has been developed according to the procedures above, or if the parents/guardians fail to attend a required SART meeting, iLEAD Lancaster shall notify the County District Attorney's office, which then may refer the matter for prosecution through the court system. Learners twelve (12) years of age and older may be referred to the juvenile court for adjudication.

#### **Non-Discrimination**

These policies will be enforced fairly, uniformly, and consistently without regard to the characteristics listed in Education Code section 220 (actual or perceived disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Penal Code section 422.55, including immigration status, pregnancy, or association with an individual who has any of the aforementioned characteristics).

#### Reports

The School Director or designee shall gather and report to the Board the number of absences both excused and unexcused as well as learners who are truant, and the steps taken to remedy the problem.

Date: June 2025

#### **ILEAD LANCASTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Topic**: APPROVAL OF AMIRA AS THE SCHOOL'S K-2 SCREENER FOR READING DIFFICULTIES

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the board approve the selection of Amira as the screener for K-2 to identify students at risk for reading difficulties.

#### I. BACKGROUND

In accordance with California Education Code Section 56335, the California Department of Education has mandated that all school districts implement universal screening for risk of dyslexia beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. This legislation requires schools to screen all students in kindergarten through second grade, and selectively screen students in grades three and above who show signs of reading difficulties.

#### **II. STAFF ANALYSIS**

The California Department of Education has approved four evidence-based screening tools that meet the state's rigorous criteria for identifying students at risk of dyslexia and other reading difficulties. After careful consideration, Amira was selected for the following reasons: 1) It provides screening in both English and Spanish; 2) It can be administered whole class instead of one-on-one assessments; 3) It provides in-depth data analysis with results; and 4) can be administered multiple times in one year to track growth. Therefore, it is recommended that the Board approve the adoption of Amira for implementation in the 2025-2026 school year.

#### III. FISCAL IMPACT

Cost for professional development and learner and facilitators licenses for the 2025-26 school year is \$4,800. This will be a yearly fee connected to enrollment in K-2nd. The State has provided one-time funds in the amount of \$4,911 or the 2025-2026 school year and is working on passing legislation to support this continued requirement. This cost has been included in our budget for next year.



## Prop 28

**Annual Review of Plan and Fiscal Update** 

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## **Prop 28 Overview**

In November, Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act was successfully passed by California voters. This measure mandates the establishment of ongoing support for arts instruction in schools starting from the academic year 2023-2024. Specifically, one percent of the K-12 portion of the Proposition 98 funding guarantee from the previous fiscal year, excluding funding allocated for the Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) program, will be earmarked for this initiative.



# **Funding Allocation**

The California Department of Education (CDE) will determine the allocation of grants to individual school sites on an annual basis. Subsequently, each school will have the autonomy to decide which arts education programs they wish to offer. In this decision-making process, school leaders will collaborate with teachers, families, and students, ensuring that the choices made best serve the unique needs of their local school community.



# **Purpose of These Funds**

The funds from Proposition 28 can be utilized for a wide range of arts education purposes. These include, but are not limited to, providing instruction and training, acquiring necessary supplies and materials, and establishing partnerships with arts organizations for enhanced educational programs. The supported art forms include dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts, which may involve folk art, painting, sculpture, photography, craft arts, creative expression (such as graphic arts and design), computer coding, animation, music composition, ensembles, script writing, costume design, film, and video. Prop 28 funding is intended to expand existing arts education at all school sites.



# Use of these funds 24/25

Allocation:

23/24 remaining funds: \$12,524

24/25 allocation: \$ 134,011

Planned expenditures for 24/25:

~\$75,000

Each years allocated funds can be rolled over for 3 years

Program and Personnel Funded:

Lancaster used prop 28 funds to pay for two full time Instructional Specialists to teach art to learners grades k-8

# LEA: iLEAD Lancaster 2024-2025

Priority 1 - Appropriately Assigned Teachers, Access to Curriculum-Aligned Instructional Materials, and Safe, Clean and Functional School Facilities (2024-2025 School
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Number/percentage of misassignments of teachers of English learners, total teacher misassignments, and vacant teacher positions.	0
Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at school and at home.	0%
Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the "good repair" standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies)	0

## Priority 2A - Rate the LEA's progress in providing professional learning for teaching to the recently adopted academic standards and/or curriculum frameworks identified below

	1	2	3	4	5
Content Area	Exploration and Research Phase	Beginning Development	Initial Implementation	Full implementation	Full implementation and Sustainability
ELA					х
ELD					х
Math					х
Next Generation Science Standards					х
History-Social Science					Х

# Priority 2B - Rate the LEA's progress in making instructional materials that are aligned to the recently adopted academic standards and/or curriculum framework identified below available in all classrooms where the subject is taught.

	1	2	3	4	5
Content Area	Exploration and Research Phase	Beginning Development	Initial Implementation	Full implementation	Full implementation and Sustainability
ELA					x
ELD					Х
Math					Х
Next Generation Science Standards					x
History-Social Science					Х

# Priority 2C - Rate the LEA'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 planning, etc.)

	1	2	3	4	5
Content Area	Exploration and Research Phase	Beginning Development	Initial Implementation	Full implementation	Full implementation and Sustainability
ELA					х
ELD					Х
Math					Х
Next Generation Science					
Standards					X
History-Social Science					х

## Priority 2D - Rate the LEA's progress implementing each of the following academic standards adopted by the state board for all students:

	1	2	3	4	5
Content Area	Exploration and Research Phase	Beginning Development	Initial Implementation	Full implementation	Full implementation and Sustainability
Career Technical Education					х
Health Education					х
Physical Education					х
Visual and Performing Arts					х
World Language				х	

# Priority 2E - Rate the LEA's success at engaging in the following activities with teachers and school administrators during the prior school year (including the summer preceding the prior school year).

	1	2	3	4	5
Content Area	Exploration and Research Phase	Beginning Development	Initial Implementation	Full implementation	Full implementation and Sustainability
Identifying the professional learning needs of groups of teachers or staff as in a whole					×
Identifying the professional learning needs of individual teachers					x
Providing support for teachers on the standards they have not yet mastered					x
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Priority 3: The local educational agency (LEA) 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 and to stakeholders and the public through the California School Dashboard (Dashboard).

	Section 1: Building Relationships between School Staff and Families					
	1	2	3	4	5	
Content Area	Exploration and Research Phase	Beginning Development	Initial Implementation	Full implementation	Full implementation and Sustainability	
Rate the LEA's progress in developing the capacity of staff (i.e. administrators, teachers, and classified staff) to build trusting and respectful relationships with families.					x	
Rate the LEA's progress in creating welcoming environments for all families in the community.					x	
Rate the LEA's progress in supporting staff to learn about each family's strengths, cultures, languages, and goals for their children.					x	
Rate the LEA's progress in developing multiple opportunities for the LEA and school sites to engage in 2-way communication between families and educators using language that is understandable and accessible to families.					x	

Building Relationships Dashboard Narrative Boxes (Limited to 3,000 characters)

Narrative #1: Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the LEA's current strengths and progress in Building Relationships Between School Staff and Families.

iLEAD Lancaster is committed to the meaningful engagement of its educational partners in the development of the LCAP. For the annual update, feedback from families, learners, community members, board members, learners, and iLEAD Lancaster staff and leadership was utilized to evaluate program effectiveness and address the state priorities. Upon careful examination of the input received, action steps under iLEAD Lancaster's three existing goals were maintained, expanded or modified to further learner achievement and continue the development of program offerings. During the 2024-25 school year, monthly iSUPPORT meetings, Parent Universities, and Coffees with the Director were held to allow opportunity for school staff and families to connect regarding the school program. Informal feedback was also received by families through family involvement at schoolwide events. ELAC meetings were held in spring and fall for families of EL learners to provide program feedback. School Site Council was held twice to review data and safety and prepare and approve the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement. Both ELAC and SSC had input on the school's LCAP. Additionally, monthly EL collaborations with the EL coordinators across iLEAD Schools provided the opportunity for sharing ideas gathered from facilitator and family feedback on how to improve the English learner program.

Narrative #2: Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the LEA's focus area(s) for improvement in Building Relationships Between School Staff and Families.

iLEAD Lancaster will continue engaging educational partners in its continuous cycle of improvement and strategic planning. A focus on improving the school-home connection around literacy as well as increasing engagement and attendance with educational activities and relationship building will occur in 2025-26.

Narrative #3: Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe how the LEA will improve engagement of underrepresented families identified during the self-reflection process in relation to Building Relationships Between School Staff and Families.

When building relationships between school staff and families, the needs of all learners were considered by looking at the NWEA MAP results, SST, and attendance data by sub-populations. Educational Partner feedback regarding safety, school events, diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) were also considered to develop a well-rounded plan that ensured the needs of all learners were being met. The equity taskforce conducted listening session to different educational partner groups and made systemic recommendations as a result. The actions developed are important for all learners, especially foster/homeless youth, English learners and low-income students. The action steps include growth for educators (professional development in MTSS, best practices and all students to monitor academic, social-emotional and school offerings for all sub-populations. It is a comprehensive plan that considers the data from many angles including stakeholder feedback, parent meetings, academic, SST, and social-emotional data. Staff will provide 1:1 academic and social emotional support for English Learners, Foster Youth and Homeless Learners, as well as low income learners. Through alignment of resources, staff will be able to provide additional services to these three subgroups in order to close achievement gaps. The Foster Youth and Homeless Liaison, and the English Learner Liaison will work together to match the families of English Learners, Foster Youth, and Homeless learners, and low income learners with specific community resources based on the families' needs. The school will continue to increase community partnerships, utilize the campus to provide more in-person services, and utilize as many communication strategies as possible to increase the school-home connection.

	Section 2: Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes					
	1	2	3	4	5	
Content Area	Exploration and Research Phase	Beginning Development	Initial Implementation	Full implementation	Full implementation and Sustainability	
Rate the LEA's progress in providing professional learning and support to teachers and principals to improve a school's capacity to partner with families.					x	
Rate the LEA's progress in providing families with information and resources to support student learning and development in the home.					x	

Rate the LEA's progress in implementing policies or programs for teachers to meet with families and students to discuss student progress and ways to work together to support			
improved student outcomes.			x
Rate the LEA's progress in supporting families to understand and exercise their legal rights and advocate for their own			
students and all students.			x

### **Building Partnerships Dashboard Narrative Boxes (Limited to 3,000 characters)**

Narrative #1: Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the LEA's current strengths and progress in Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes.

iLEAD Lancaster's strength is utilizing SEL and PBL to increase student outcomes at school and home. Our area of improvement would be providing consistent and timely progress toward academic and social emotional goals. We will continue to communicate regularly with weekly facilitator updates, quarterly check ins, use of the Student information System to track progress toward learner outcomes, and assessments data (MAP, MAP Reading Fluency).

Narrative #2: Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the LEA's focus area(s) for improvement in Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes.

When developing each action in our LCAP for iLEAD Lancaster, the needs of all learners were considered by looking at the CA School Dashboard, NWEA MAP results, SST, and attendance data by sub-populations. Stakeholder feedback regarding safety, school events, diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) were also considered to develop a well-rounded plan that ensured the needs of all learners were being met.

Narrative #3: Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe how the LEA will improve engagement of underrepresented families identified during the self-reflection process in relation to Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes.

The actions developed are important for all learners, especially foster youth, English learners and low-income students. The action steps include growth for educators (professional development in DEI, best practices, and SEL) and all students to monitor academic, social-emotional and school offerings for all sub-populations. It is a comprehensive plan that considers the data from many angles including stakeholder feedback, parent meetings, academic, SST, and social-emotional data. The school's ELAC meets in fall and spring. Additionally, the counseling team sends out regular surveys to homeless/foster youth to determine current needs and work to provide resources in response. The school's social worker also works to engage underrepresented families.

#### Section 3: Seeking Input for Decision-Making 1 2 4 5 Full implementation and Content Area Exploration and Research Phase Initial Implementation Full implementation Beginning Development Sustainability Rate the LEA's progress in building the capacity of and supporting principals and staff to effectively engage families in advisory groups and with decision-making. Rate the LEA's progress in building the capacity of and supporting family members to effectively engage in advisory groups and decision-making. Х Rate the LEA's progress in providing all families with opportunities to provide input on policies and programs, and implementing strategies to reach and seek input from any underrepresented groups in the school community. Rate the LEA's progress in providing opportunities to have families, teachers, principals, and district administrators work together to plan, design, implement and evaluate family engagement activities at school and district levels.

Seeking Input for Decision-Making Dashboard Narrative Boxes (Limited to 3,000 characters)

Narrative #1: Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the LEA's current strengths and progress in Seeking Input for Decision-Making.

Twice a year, iLEAD Lancaster learners and staff completed the iLEAD Comprehensive Growth Card, a measure of learner growth in the Schoolwide Learner Outcomes, as well as their progress towards academic and social-emotional goals. Additionally, staff and leadership meetings were held monthly to discuss the program, learner progress, and gather/reflect on suggestions for improvements. Parent, staff, and learner surveys regarding aspects of the program were sent in the spring of 2025 to solicit feedback. These surveys addressed specific aspects of the LCAP (the eight state priorities for the creation of potential action steps). Additionally, in the spring of 2025 iLEAD Schools' Equity Task Force also conducted listening sessions and/or facilitated surveys of staff, leadership and learners. Monthly board meetings were held with the opportunity for anyone from the public to attend (including staff, parents and learners). During the 2024-25 school year, monthly iSUPPORT meetings, Parent Universities, and Coffees with the Director were held to allow opportunity for school staff and families to connect regarding the school program. Informal feedback was also received by families through family involvement at schoolwide events. ELAC meetings were held in spring and fall for families of EL learners to provide program feedback. School Site Council was held twice to review data and safety and prepare and approve the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement. Both ELAC and SSC had input on the school's LCAP. Additionally, monthly EL collaborations with the EL coordinators across iLEAD Schools provided the opportunity for sharing ideas gathered from facilitator and family feedback on how to improve the English learner program.

Narrative #2: Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe the LEA's focus area(s) for improvement in Seeking Input for Decision-Makina.

iLEAD Lancaster will continue its educational partner engagement strategy as described above.

Narrative #3: Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, briefly describe how the LEA will improve engagement of underrepresented families identified during the self-reflection process in relation to Seeking Input for Decision-Making.

iLEAD Lancaster will continue its educational partner engagement strategy as described above. iLEAD Lancaster ensures that translation services are available to families. Survey data is disaggregated by population to ensure that the surveys of underrepresented families are being analyzed and responded to.

## Priority 6: The LEA 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 LEA serves (e.g., K–5, 6–8, 9–12)

Prompt 1 (DATA): Describe the local climate survey data, including available data disaggregated by student groups. LEAs using surveys that provide an overall score, such as the California Healthy Kids Survey, are encouraged to report the overall score for all students as well as available student group scores. Responses may also include an analysis of a subset of specific items on a local survey and additional data collection tools that are particularly relevant to school conditions and climate.

At iLEAD Lancaster, we are committed to nurturing both academic excellence and social-emotional growth through a whole-child educational approach. In Spring 2025, we administered a revised Learner Educational Partner Survey via Qualtrics. The survey gathered input in five key categories: school safety, school connectedness, academic engagement, career connected learning, and college and career readiness (grades 7–12 only).

A total of 343 learners participated, including 302 site-based learners and 41 non-classroom-based learners. The data was disaggregated by grade level, race/ethnicity, and student groups, including English Learners, socio-economically disadvantaged learners, and students with disabilities.

The data reflects positive perceptions of safety and academic engagement across grade levels, with some variation in connectedness and career readiness. These insights are shaping our 2025–26 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) to ensure all learners feel safe, connected, and prepared for their future.

### In order to best review the data from this survey the following presentation was put together to summarize the data:

Link to 2025 Learner Disaggregated School Climate Survey

Prompt 2 (MEANING): Describe key learnings, including identified needs and areas of strength determined through the analysis of data described in Prompt 1, including the available data disaggregated by student group.

The 2025 iLEAD Lancaster survey data provides valuable insights into learner experiences across multiple dimensions.

### School Safety

Overall safety perceptions were strong, with favorable responses ranging from 73% to 81% across all grades. Grade 5 reported the highest safety (80.6%), and subgroup data also reflected positive trends: English Learners (77%), SED learners (76.1%), and SPED learners (68.4%).

### School Connectedness

Connectedness was moderate overall. Younger grades (3–5) reported 69.8%–76.1% favorable responses, while middle grades (6–8) averaged around 63%. Subgroup data revealed lower connectedness for English Learners (63.5%), SED learners (68.1%), and SPED learners (58.8%), indicating a need to enhance peer and adult connections.

### Academic Engagement

Academic engagement was relatively strong across grade levels, with grades 3–6 ranging from 70.8%–75.2%, and grade 8 at 71.3%. Subgroup results showed SPED learners (63.7%) and English Learners (65.8%) had lower engagement than the schoolwide average.

## Career Connected Learning

This area, surveyed among grades 7–8, revealed moderate awareness and participation. Grade 7 reported 65.4% favorable, and grade 8 reported 69.6%. Subgroup trends showed lower scores among English Learners (50%), compared to SED (68.6%) and SPED learners (65%). These results indicate opportunities to improve access to college and career resources across the upper grades.

These patterns highlight strengths in school safety and academic engagement, while identifying growth areas in belonging and future readiness for targeted student groups.

Prompt 3 (USE): Describe any changes to existing plans, policies, or procedures that the LEA determines necessary in order to address areas of need identified through the analysis of local data and the identification of key learnings. Include any revisions, decisions, or actions the LEA has, or will, implement for continuous improvement purposes.

Our 2025 school climate survey provides a well-rounded view of our learning environment, affirming areas of strength while identifying opportunities for improvement. The insights gained from this year's updated survey instrument are serving as a foundational component in shaping our 2025–26 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), with an emphasis on strengthening belonging, engagement, relationships, and school safety.

We are committed to providing an educational experience where all learners feel supported, inspired, and connected. Using the survey data as a guide, we will refine our practices, programs, and supports to ensure every learner feels valued and empowered both academically and emotionally.

This continuous improvement process includes engaging the entire school community—learners, families, facilitators, and school leaders—in collaborative conversations that turn data into action. By addressing areas of need and deepening areas of success, we will continue to cultivate a thriving school climate where every learner can grow, lead, and succeed.

Priority 7: Local educational agencies (LEAs) annually measure their progress in the extent to which students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study that includes the adopted courses of study specified in the California Education Code for Grades 1-6 and Grades 7-12, as applicable, including the programs and services developed and provided to unduplicated students and individuals with exceptional needs

Narrative #1: Briefly identify the locally selected measures or tools that the LEA is using to track the extent to which all students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study, based on grade spans, unduplicated student groups, and individuals with exceptional needs served.

In grades TK-8, the LEA uses the following measures/tools, for all learners, to ensure access to a broad course of study: Individualized Learning plans (ILPs), revised at least once per semester; Presentations of Learning (POLs), presented by each learner throughout the school year; and Showcases of Learning at the end of each year.

Narrative #2: Using the locally selected measures or tools, summarize the extent to which all students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study. The summary should identify any differences across school sites and student groups in access to, and enrollment in, a broad course of study. LEAs may describe progress over time in the extent to which all students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study.

All learners have access, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study as defined by EC sections 51210 and 51220(a)-(i), as all courses offered intentionally follow those codes. All learners identified as unduplicated pupils, as well as individuals with exceptional needs are served via push in services in their classrooms. No learners are removed for services. The use of Individualized Learning plans (ILPs) encourages learners to continually set goals for achievement. Presentations of Learning (POLs) completed at the end of each year, are comprised of cross-curricular materials and projects. Learners present on knowledge gained during the year, as well as discussing plans for academic courses for the following year.

Narrative #3: Given the results of the tool or locally selected measures, identify the barriers preventing the LEA from providing access to a broad course of study for all students

There are no barriers that would prevent the LEA from providing access to a broad course of study for all students.

Narrative #4: In response to the results of the tool or locally selected measures, what revisions, decisions, or new actions will the LEA implement, or has the LEA implemented, to ensure access to a broad course of study for all students?

While there are no new actions needed to ensure access to a broad course of study for all learners, there will be continued support to ensure all learners complete courses successfully.

## **EMPLOYMENT - NEW HIRES**

N/A

## **RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS**

Filsick, Keisi Facilitatoi - Sup 03.19.2	Firsick, Kelsi	Facilitator - Sub	05.19.25
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Moore, Tracy Care Team- Instructional Support 05.30.25

Noyola, Ayby Office Assistant 06.06.25

## **STATUS CHANGE**

NA

**Company name:** iLEAD Lancaster **Report name:** Payment Register

**Report title 2:** 05/15/2025-06/18/2025

**Created on:** 6/18/25

**Location:** 112--iLEAD Lancaster Charter

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Date	Vendor	Amount
5/16/25	AMAZ100Amazon Capital Services (iCA)	4,934.44
5/16/25	BLIC000Blick Art Materials [P]	1,457.42
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5/23/25	NONS000Nonstop Administration & Insurance Services, Inc.	15,118.27
5/28/25	AMAZ100Amazon Capital Services (iCA)	383.36
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Date	Vendor	Amount
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5/28/25	IRVI000Holy Renaissance	1,400.00
5/28/25	PIT112APitney Bowes 3317	6.99
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5/28/25	SCHO009School Pathways LLC	1,798.00
5/28/25	SCOO000Scoot Education	2,303.00
5/28/25	SEAS000Sea Supply	1,239.06
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5/28/25	WAST112CWaste Management 3004	514.43
5/30/25	CIGN003Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company	5,268.52
5/30/25	LEGA003Legal Shield	222.20
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6/2/25	LOSA001Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)	85,138.13
6/3/25	1K6100240Samantha Arnburg	149.60
6/3/25	AMAA000American Martial Arts Academy [S]	239.00
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6/5/25	BAY112A Bay Alarm Company 7272	448.97
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6/5/25	IMAG001Image 2000, Inc	51.71
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6/6/25	AIRM000Air Masters Inc	2,485.00
6/6/25	AMER014American Plumbing Services inc	110.00
6/6/25	CIGN000Cigna Healthcare	2,963.70
6/6/25	CLEA004Clearbrook Farms Inc	674.41
6/6/25	KCEC000KCE Champions LLC	14,878.20
6/9/25	CITY003City of Lancaster	-465.00
6/11/25	AMAZ100Amazon Capital Services (iCA)	920.18
6/11/25	CHRI006Christy White, Inc,	1,600.00
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6/11/25	GOLD000Gold Star Food Inc	1,221.96
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6/11/25	JIVE000GoTo Technologies USA, LLC	25.83
6/11/25	KAIS000Kaiser Foundation Health Plan	26,968.10
6/11/25	LAWO000Law Offices of Young, Minney & Corr, LLP	341.50
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6/11/25	SCOO000Scoot Education	1,645.00
6/12/25	EDTE000EdTech 101	1,742.86
6/17/25	AIN001A Plus In Home Tutors Inc	600.00
6/17/25	AMAZ100Amazon Capital Services (iCA)	366.08
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6/17/25	AVDA000AV Dance Inc	56.00
6/17/25	BAY112ABay Alarm Company 7272	323.97
6/17/25	BRIA001BJ Martial Arts Inc.	254.00
6/17/25	CARO000Carolina Biological Supply Company	83.29
6/17/25	COLO001Colosky's Math Academy	250.00
6/17/25	CONR001Palmdale School of Music Inc.	816.00
6/17/25	CORD000Cordero, Efrain	450.00
6/17/25	DANC006Dance Magic Studios	418.00
6/17/25	DEPA000Antoinette De Paiva	80.00
6/17/25	DEW112ADewey Pest Control 7179**	173.00
6/17/25	EDTE000EdTech 101	36,962.48
6/17/25	FIRS004First Student, Inc	300.00
6/17/25	FRES001Fresh Start Healthy Meals, Inc.	25,560.75
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6/17/25	KRUE001Jeffrey Krueger	156.66
6/17/25	LUND001Lundie, Margie D.	240.00
6/17/25	MCCL000McClure & Co.	551.00
6/17/25	MELB000McClure & Co.  MELB000Mel Booker Music	1,230.00
	MINU000Minuteman Press	430.05
6/17/25	NANN000Nannette Keller LLC	100.00
6/17/25		
6/17/25	ONLI000Online Purchasing Systems	2,624.72

Date	Vendor	Amount
6/17/25	QCLO000QC Locksmiths	32.49
6/17/25	SCOO000Scoot Education	3,619.00
6/17/25	SEAS000Sea Supply	4,194.30
6/17/25	SHRE001Shred-IT, C/O Stericycle, Inc	118.90
6/17/25	SLAV000APlus Tutoring Inc.	2,640.00
6/17/25	STEP000Math Tutoring with Stephanie	300.00
6/17/25	THEH000Hidden Discovery, LLC	315.00
6/17/25	THRI000Thrive Academics, Inc [S]	220.00
6/17/25	VICT000Victorum Lancaster LLC	900.00
6/17/25	WAS112AWaste Management 3003.	1,707.79
6/17/25	WATE002Waterworks Aquatics Pasadena	993.16
6/17/25	WEBB000Savannah Webb	101.91
6/18/25	BOYL000Boyle, Andrew	240.00
6/18/25	THEH000Hidden Discovery, LLC	1,543.00
		\$ 452,197.72

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**Report Name:** Payment Register Summary

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GL Account #	GL Account Description	Total
3401	Health & Welfare Benefits - Credentialed positions	20,502.67
3402	Health & Welfare Benefits - Classified positions	21,701.03
4130	Other Curriculum	2,044.15
4305	Educational Supplies (Classroom, Project, SpEd, Etc)	1,031.19
4310	Science Supplies	1,108.92
4315	Art Supplies	1,998.62
4317	Assessment Supplies	2,619.79
4325	Custodial Supplies	8,523.75
4330	Health & Safety	687.53
4335	Home Study Stipend	25,231.10
4340	Office Supplies	537.05
4345	Printing & Reproduction Supplies	847.14
4420	NonClassroom Furniture & Equipment	303.93
4430	IT Equipment & Supplies	39,744.31
4710	Vended Food Service	84,006.64
4720	Food Supplies	4,685.68
4740	Cafe Other Supplies	34.80
5510	Utilities - Electricity	8,631.97
5520	Utilities - Gas	597.97
5540	Utilities - Trash	2,222.22
5560	Operations - Security	1,051.07
5630	Repairs & Maintenance - Facilities	10,879.52
5650	Repairs & Maintenance - Auto	265.00
5803	Professional Services - Business Services	118.90
5804	Professional Services - Auditing & Tax Preparation	1,600.00
5807	Professional Services - BTSA	7,200.00
5808	Professional Services - Legal Fees	341.50
5827	Operating Expenditures - Other Benefit Fees	4,084.60
5829	Operating Expenditures - Events	1,949.28
5853	Student Services Expenditures - Student & Group Activities	8,830.81
5854	Student Services Expenditures - Electives & Enrichment	44,333.32
5855	Student Services Expenditures - Substitutes	19,740.00
5856	Student Services Expenditures - Student Transportation	6,300.00
5910	Telephone & Fax	187.04
5920	Internet Services	215.60
5940	Postage Expense	116.98
9310	Prepaid Expenditures (Expenses)	11,259.73
9535	Retirement Liability	85,138.13
9547	Credit Card Payable - Lancaster	21,525.78
	Grand Total	\$ 452,197.72