SYCAMORE VALLEY

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LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name: Sycamore Valley Academy

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School Year: 2024-25 LEA contact information:

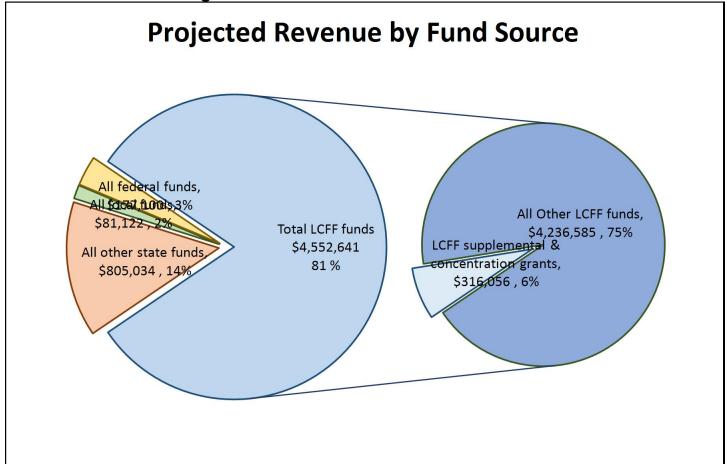
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School districts receive funding from different sources: state funds under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), other state funds, local funds, and federal funds. LCFF funds include a base level of funding for all LEAs and extra funding - called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

Budget Overview for the 2024-25 School Year

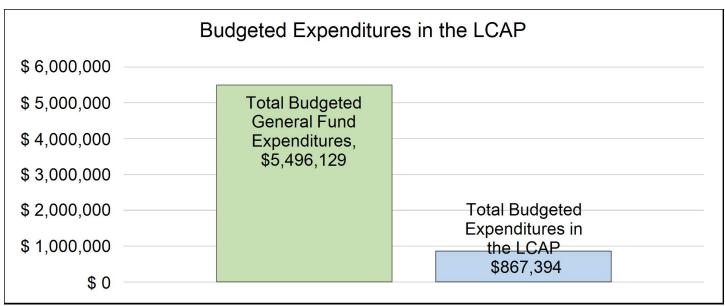


This chart shows the total general purpose revenue Sycamore Valley Academy expects to receive in the coming year from all sources.

The text description for the above chart is as follows: The total revenue projected for Sycamore Valley Academy is \$5,615,897, of which \$4,552,641 is Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), \$805,034 is other state funds, \$81,122 is local funds, and \$177,100 is federal funds. Of the \$4,552,641 in LCFF Funds, \$316,056 is generated based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learner, and low-income students).

LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

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



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

The text description of the above chart is as follows: Sycamore Valley Academy plans to spend \$5,496,129 for the 2024-25 school year. Of that amount, \$867,394 is tied to actions/services in the LCAP and \$4,628,735 is not included in the LCAP. The budgeted expenditures that are not included in the LCAP will be used for the following:

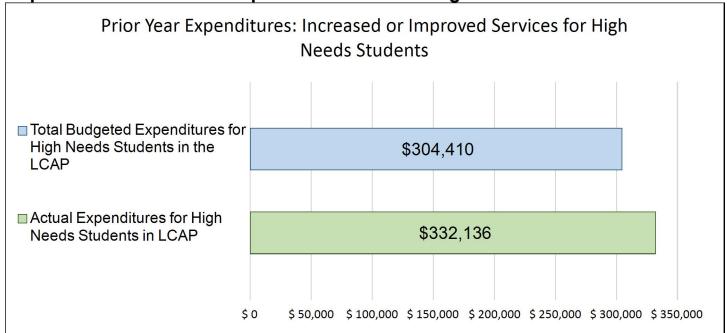
Certificated and classified compensation and health benefits, retirement contributions, and nutritional services

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

In 2024-25, Sycamore Valley Academy is projecting it will receive \$316,056 based on the enrollment of foster youth, English learner, and low-income students. Sycamore Valley Academy must describe how it intends to increase or improve services for high needs students in the LCAP. Sycamore Valley Academy plans to spend \$867,394 towards meeting this requirement, as described in the LCAP.

LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

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



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

The text description of the above chart is as follows: In 2023-24, Sycamore Valley Academy's LCAP budgeted \$304,410 for planned actions to increase or improve services for high needs students. Sycamore Valley Academy actually spent \$332,136 for actions to increase or improve services for high needs students in 2023-24.



2023–24 Local Control and Accountability Plan Annual Update

The instructions for completing the 2023–24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Annual Update follow the template.

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name	Contact Name and Title	Email and Phone
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Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description
1	All students participate in deep instruction with appropriate support and demonstrate academic growth and achievement.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Student Progress on Dashboard Academic Indicators for English Language Arts and Math	All Students ELA - 15.4 points Above Standard (Green), All Students Math- 13.1 points Below Standard (Green) - 2019 Dashboard Results	According to NWEA local assessment for Trimester 2: 4 out of 8 grade levels met	All Students ELA- 17.4 points Below	All Students ELA- 27.2 points Below	2023–24 All Students ELA- 18 points Above
			growth targets for Math, 4 out of 8 grade levels met growth targets for Language Arts (2022-2023)	students are on grade level Trimester 2: 34% of students are on grade level According to iReady diagnostic local assessment for Reading Trimester 1: 31% of students are on grade level	

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
				Trimester 2: 46% of students are on grade level (2023-2024)	
English Learner Progress toward English Language proficiency as measured by the ELPAC	42.9% making progress towards English language proficiency = Low	According to NWEA local assessment for Trimester 2: 5 out of 6 grade levels met growth targets for Language. (June 1) (2021-2022)	English Language Progress- 26.7% making progress towards English language proficiency (2022 Dashboard Results) According to NWEA local assessment for Trimester 2: 5 out of 6 grade levels met growth targets for Language (2022- 2023)	English Language Progress- 33.3% making progress towards English language proficiency (2023 Dashboard Results)	60% making progress towards English language proficiency = High
Teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching.	100% of teachers are appropriately assigned and 65% are fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching.	100% of teachers are appropriately assigned and 72% are fully credentialed in the subject area for the pupils they are teaching. (2021-2022)	100% of teachers are appropriately assigned and 79% are fully credentialed in the subject area for the pupils they are teaching (2022-2023)	100% of teachers are appropriately assigned and 71% are fully credentialed in the subject area for the pupils they are teaching (2023-2024)	100% of teachers are appropriately assigned and 80% are fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching.
Students have sufficient access to standards-aligned instructional	100% of students have sufficient access to standards-aligned	100% of students have sufficient access to standards-aligned	100% of students have sufficient access to standards-aligned	100% of students have sufficient access to standards-aligned	100% of students have sufficient access to standards-aligned

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
materials.	instructional materials.	instructional materials. (2021-2022)	instructional materials. (2022-2023)	instructional materials. (2023-2024)	instructional materials.
Pupil outcomes: Students are satisfied with their academic progress through local organizational survey.	79% of students are satisfied with their academic progress.	70% of students are satisfied with their academic progress. (2021-2022)	68% of students are satisfied with their academic progress. (2022-2023)	69% of students are satisfied with their academic progress. (2023-2024)	95% of students are satisfied with their academic progress.

Goal Analysis

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

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

There are no substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions as the LEA carried out all planned actions for Goal 1 during the 2023-2024 school year including: continued implementation of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and development of expanded TK, development and implementation of academic interventions as part of Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), and instructional staff will utilize local and state student achievement data to inform instructional practices to determine instructional aid support.

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.

Sycamore Valley Academy budgeted to spend \$2,947,209 and estimated actual expenditures are \$2,795,329. Although there is not a significant difference in overall amounts, the LEA did spend less on payroll tied to the actions of developing academic intervention as part of MTSS and certificated staff engaging in data analysis.

An explanation of how effective or ineffective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP cycle.

According to local verifiable data, the LEA's actions are effective in increasing student achievement in math and reading.

According to iReady diagnostic local assessment for Math:

Trimester 1: 19% of students are on grade level

Trimester 2: 34% of students are on grade level 15% increase

According to iReady diagnostic local assessment for Reading:

Trimester 1: 31% of students are on grade level Trimester 2: 46% of students are on grade level

15% increase

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

Due to successful implementation of Transitional Kindergarten for three years, the LEA will continue to increase enrollment of TK through expanded TK. In addition, LEA will continue to utilize i-Ready diagnostic assessment in both reading and math to engage staff in ongoing data analysis to inform instructional practices and academic interventions, support, and acceleration for students.

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.

Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description
2	All students are engaged by connecting their interests and learning to develop awareness of self, community, and world.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
School attendance rate according to P-2 classroom based average daily attendance	95% average daily attendance	92.45% average daily attendance (2021-2022)	93.53% average daily attendance (2022-2023)	P1 attendance rate is 93.95% (2023-2024)	97% average daily attendance
Chronic absenteeism rate through California School dashboard	7.8% of students chronically absent	DataQuest reports 5.7% of students were chronically absent. (2020-2021)	California School Dashboard reports 29.3% of students chronically absent (2021-2022)	California School Dashboard reports 19.6% of students chronically absent (2022-2023)	4% of students chronically absent
Middle school dropout rate according to California Department of Education DataQuest	0% middle school dropout	0% middle school dropout (2020-2021)	0% middle school dropout (2021-2022)	0% middle school dropout (2022-2023)	0% middle school dropout
Pupil suspension rate according to California School dashboard	3.1% suspension rate	2.5% suspension rate (2020-2021)	California School Dashboard reports 3.3% suspension rate (2021-2022)	California School Dashboard reports 4.6% suspension rate (2022-2023)	2% suspension rate

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Pupil expulsion rate according to California Department of Education DataQuest	0% expulsion rate	0% expulsion rate (2020-2021)	0% expulsion rate (2021-2022)	0% expulsion rate (2022-2023)	0% expulsion rate
Pupil, parent, and teacher sense of school safety and school connectedness according to local organization survey	95% of students, 92% of staff, and 100% of parents agree that students and staff are safe at school. 73% of students, 34% of staff, and 74% of parents agree the school offers sufficient extra and co curricular activities.		71% of students, 94% of staff, and 94% of parents agree that students and staff are safe at school. (2022-2023) 76% of students, 97% of staff, and 82% of parents agree the school offers sufficient extra and co curricular activities. (2022-2023)	71% of students, 98% of staff, and 93% of parents agree that students and staff are safe at school. (2023-2024) 85% of students, 98% of staff, and 80% of parents agree the school offers sufficient extra and co curricular activities. (2023-2024)	100% of students, 100% of staff, and 100% of parents agree that students and staff are safe at school. 95% of students, 95% of staff, and 95% of parents agree the school offers sufficient extra and co curricular activities.
School facilities are maintained in good repair to increase engagement to the learning environment as indicated through the local organization survey	Annual FIT report- Overall Rating Good, January 2020	Annual FIT Report- Overall Rating Fair, January 2021 (2021- 2022)	Annual FIT Report- Overall Rating Fair, January 2022 (2022- 2023)	Annual FIT Report- Overall Rating Fair, January 2023 (2023- 2024)	Annual FIT report- Overall Rating Good
A broad course of study is offered to	96% of students, 59% of staff,	97% of students, 79% of staff, and 91% of parents agree the	92% of students, 97% of staff, and 86% of parents agree the	95% of students, 96% of staff, and 88% of parents agree the	95% of students, 95% of staff,

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
students according to local organization survey	and 88% of parents agree the organization has broad offerings in both core subjects and enrichment opportunities.	organization has broad offerings in both core subjects and enrichment opportunities. (2021- 2022)	organization has broad offerings in both core subjects and enrichment opportunities. (2022- 2023)	organization has broad offerings in both core subjects and enrichment opportunities. (2023- 2024)	and 95% of parents agree the organization has broad offerings in both core subjects and enrichment opportunities.

Goal Analysis

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

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

There are no substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions as the LEA carried out all planned actions for Goal 2 during the 2023-2024 school year including: Continued implementation of behavioral interventions as part of Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), expansion of extra and co curricular activities, retainment of full time school psychologist and hiring of school psych intern, continued implementation of music program, facility improvements were made according to Facility Use Agreement (FUA) agreement with Visalia Unified School District, retainment of special education certificated teaching staff, retainment of social worker, and implementation of PowerSchool Attendance Intervention Suite.

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.

Sycamore Valley Academy budgeted to spend \$718,037 and estimated actual expenditures are \$780,130. There are no significant material differences between budgeted expenditures and estimated actual expenditures since all actions were implemented as is and costs remained very close to budgeted.

An explanation of how effective or ineffective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP cycle.

The actions for goal 2 resulted in positive results for the LEA in that attendance percentages increased and chronic absenteeism rate drastically decreased. In addition, there is an increase of students and staff who agree that the LEA offers sufficient extra and co curricular activities which is directly tied to the school expanding offerings and even having a club fair to recruit and encourage participation.

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

Sycamore Valley Academy will continue to prioritize students' social emotional well being through the goal of quality education for the next year's LCAP in that the LEA will continue to prioritize expansion of extra and co curricular activities and PowerSchool Attendance and Intervention Suite. The LEA will also prioritize forming a MTSS team in order to ensure behavioral supports are further fine tuned and solidified.

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.

Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description
	Teachers, staff, and administrators are supported and empowered to continuously improve their practice for the benefit of themselves, their students, and the greater public education system.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Programs and services developed and provided to individuals with exceptional needs including gifted learners and students with disabilities as measured by local organization survey	94% of students, 92% of staff, and 90% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for gifted learners.	88% of students, 86% of staff, and 90% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for gifted learners. (2021-2022)	83% of students, 88% of staff, and 83% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for gifted learners. (2022-2023) 91% of students, 100% of staff, and 92% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for students with disabilities. (2022-2023)	86% of students, 94% of staff, and 91% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for gifted learners. (2023-2024) 90% of students, 91% of staff, and 95% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for students with disabilities. (2023-2024)	100% of students, 95% of staff, and 100% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for gifted learners. 95% of students, 95% of staff, and 95% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for students with disabilities.
Programs and services developed and provided to unduplicated pupils according to local organization survey	99% of students, 42% of staff, and 95% of parents agree the school provides quality	88% of students, 79% of staff, and 97% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for English Language	87% of students, 94% of staff, and 94% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for English Language	87% of students, 83% of staff, and 99% of parents agree the school provides quality instruction for English Language	100% of students, 95% of staff, and 100% of parents agree the school provides quality

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
	instruction for English Language Learners (ELLs).	Learners (ELLs). (2021-2022)	Learners (ELLs). (2022-2023)	Learners (ELLs). (2023-2024)	instruction for English Language Learners (ELLs).

Goal Analysis

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

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

There are no substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions as the LEA carried out all planned actions for Goal 3 during the 2023-2024 school year including: improvement of instruction through Project Based Learning (PBL) and gifted education for all professional development for staff, continued implementation of pre inservice for new and returning staff, and improvement of leadership through administrative professional development opportunities.

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.

Sycamore Valley Academy budgeted to spend \$47,002 and estimated actual expenditures are \$46,170, therefore there is no material difference.

An explanation of how effective or ineffective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP cycle.

The actions for goal 3 resulted in positive results for the LEA in that an increase of students and staff believe the school provides quality education for gifted learners. However, a decrease of students and staff believe the school provides quality education for English Language Learners. A decreased percentage of educational partners believe the school is providing quality education for students with disabilities.

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

The LEA will continue to prioritize professional development in order to provide quality education based on the results from the actions implemented in this goal. Professional development will be focused around training staff on the importance of universal themes to further encourage critical thinking which is vital for gifted education for all to take place.

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Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description
4	The organization operates as a hub of resources, support, and opportunities for its families and greater community.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Comparing school to local education option as measured by organization climate survey	86% of parents believe the charter school is a better option than their local neighborhood school, 11% of parents state the charter school is an equal option to their neighborhood school, and 3% believe the school is a worse option.	81% of parents believe the charter school is a better option than their local neighborhood school, 11% of parents state the charter school is an equal option to their neighborhood school, and 8% believe the school is a worse option. (2021- 2022)	82% of parents believe the charter school is a better option than their local neighborhood school, 16% of parents state the charter school is an equal option to their neighborhood school, and 2% believe the school is a worse option. (2022-2023)	83% of parents believe the charter school is a better option than their local neighborhood school, 13% of parents state the charter school is an equal option to their neighborhood school, and 4% believe the school is a worse option. (2023-2024)	100% of parents believe the charter school is a better option than their local neighborhood school, 0% of parents state the charter school is an equal option to their neighborhood school, and 0% believe the school is a worse option.
Effort the charter school makes to seek parent input according to local organization survey	100% of parents agree that the organization encourages parental involvement.	95% of parents agree that the organization encourages parental involvement. (2021-2022)	87% of parents agree that the organization encourages parental involvement (2022-2023)	92% of parents agree that the organization encourages parental involvement (2023-2024)	100% of parents agree that the organization encourages parental involvement.
Parent participation of local organization survey	168 parents completed the	72 parents completed the local organization	106 parents completed the local	88 parents completed the local organization	200 parents will complete the local

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
	local organization climate survey	climate survey. (2021- 2022)	organization climate survey. (2022-2023)	climate survey. (2023- 2024)	organization climate survey
Parent participation in monthly parent forums		Parent forums have averaged 50 parents in attendance. (2021-2022)	Parent forums have averaged 52 parents in attendance. (2022- 2023)	Parent forums have averaged 32 parents in attendance. (2023-2024)	Parent forums will average 60 parents in attendance.

Goal Analysis

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

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

There are no substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions as the LEA carried out all planned actions for Goal 4 during the 2023-2024 school year including: development of parent and community workshop addressing childhood anxiety, utilization of common messaging platform and social media to communicate events and important information to families, and continued updates of school website to provide centralized access of resources.

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.

Sycamore Valley Academy budgeted to spend \$51,134 and estimated actual expenditures are \$65309, therefore there is not a significant material difference. Some additional monies were spent on adding monthly parent and community outreach videos to further strengthen school to home communication. The videos were also translated in Spanish to also connect with our parents of English Language Learners.

An explanation of how effective or ineffective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP cycle.

Although parents continue to agree that the school encourages parent involvement, there are decreased percentages of parents who believe the school is a better option than their local neighborhood schools from the baseline data. Also, less parents participated in the organization climate survey and attended the monthly parent forums.

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

Based on the perceptions of parents indicted on the organization climate survey, the LEA is developing a comprehensive recruitment and retainment plan to further invest in families which is part of the current strategic planning process and 2024-2025 LCAP.

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

Instructions

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

Complete the prompts as instructed for each goal included in the 2023–24 LCAP. Duplicate the tables as needed. The 2023–24 LCAP Annual Update must be included with the 2024–25 LCAP.

Goals and Actions

Goal(s)

Description:

Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Measuring and Reporting Results

• Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Metric:

• Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Baseline:

• Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Year 1 Outcome:

Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Year 2 Outcome:

Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Year 3 Outcome:

• When completing the 2023–24 LCAP Annual Update, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies.

Desired Outcome for 2023-24:

Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

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

					Desired Outcome
Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	for Year 3
					(2023–24)
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Goal Analysis

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

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

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

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.

An explanation of how effective or ineffective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP cycle.

- Describe the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP cycle. "Effectiveness" means the degree to which the actions were successful in producing the desired result and "ineffectiveness" means that the actions did not produce any significant or desired 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, desired 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.

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Local Control and Accountability Plan

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

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Plan Summary [2024-25]

General Information

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

Our TK-8 instructional approach includes the following elements: multiage grouping, differentiation, project-based learning (or "PBL"), gifted education for all students, development of scholarly habits of mind, enriched curriculum, social and emotional learning, authentic assessment and mastery orientation, and collaboration in the whole school community. TK was added for the 20-21 school year. Our diverse population includes high achievers in need of additional academic challenges, as well as learners not yet proficient with grade level standards, who need intervention strategies and support.

According to the 2023 California School Dashboard, enrollment was 392 students with 37.2% Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, 6.9% English Learners, 0% Foster Youth, and 11.5% Students with Disabilities. The demographic make-up of our student body is 52.8% Hispanic, 35.2% White, 5.1% multiple races, and less than one percent each of African American, American Indian, Asian, and Filipino.

We are a public charter school and are paired with Blue Oak Academy under a single superintendent and leadership structure. For the purpose of LCAP, the plans will be written separately in accordance with state requirements, but there will be many similarities due to common strategic planning with our stakeholders.

Vision

We create an inclusive community with access to rigorous and enriching educational experiences that challenge and support individuals to achieve their personal best and realize new opportunities.

Mission

The mission of our school is to engage every student in a manner which cultivates growth and nurtures their curiosity, creativity, and talents. Our collaborative community empowers students to grow into self-directed thinkers and virtuous citizens, equipped with a love of learning and a love of life; eager to contribute their gifts to a better, more equitable world.

Core Values

Integrity, Individuality, Inclusivity, Inquiry, Innovation

Motto

Elevating Academics in an Enriching Environment.

In 2023-24, we underwent a large-scale strategic planning process with our educational partners, examining student performance, state/local data, school instruction, curriculum, and culture. This new three-year LCAP reflects that work.

Reflections: Annual Performance

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

CA Dashboard Results December 2023

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDICATORS- OVERALL

English Language Arts- Sycamore Valley Academy performed in the "Orange" level overall, averaging 27.2 Points below Standard - This is an average decline of 9.8 points from the prior year. No student subgroups fell into the "Red" or lowest performance level.

Mathematics- performed in the "Yellow" level overall, averaging 52.9 Points below Standard- This is an average increase of 4.1 points from last year. No student subgroups scored in the "Red" level or two levels below the school average.

English Learner Progress- 33.3% of our English Learners made progress towards proficiency- This is an increase of 6.7% from last year. In addition to the growth in those advancing, there was a significant decline in those who decreased in ELPI level from 60% in 2022 to 38.9% in 2023. While we don't want any declines, slowing this trend is an important step to addressing our English Learner needs.

Local Indicator: Implementation of Academic Standards- Continued to meet this standard.

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

Chronic Absenteeism- Sycamore Valley Academy performed in the "Yellow" level overall with 19.6% of students chronically absent- This is a decline of 9.7% from last year. It is still higher than the pre-COVID 2019 baseline rate of 7.9% and we continue to address this area to increase student academic success. No student subgroups were in the "Red" performance level or two levels below the overall school level.

Local Indicator: Access to a Board Course of Study: Continued to meet this standard.

CONDITIONS AND CLIMATE

Suspension Rate: performed in the "Orange" level overall. 4.6% of Sycamore Valley Academy students were suspended 1 or more days in 2022-2023. This level was an increase of 1.3% from the prior year. Our Socioeconomically Disadvantaged group performed in the "Red" zone with 6.3% suspended at least one day that school year. This was an increase of 2.8%. Our LCAP plan this year addresses the needs of this group, targeting behavior interventions specifically as well as overall academic progress.

Local Indicators: Basics: Teachers, Instructional Materials, Facilities- Continued to meet this standard.

Parent and Family Engagement- Continued to meet this standard.

Local Climate Survey- Continued to meet this standard.

Sycamore Valley Academy School had one subgroup perform on the CA Dashboard in the lowest range of "Red" on one indicator. Our Socioeconomically Disadvantaged group scored in the "Red" level in the area of Suspensions. In examining the results for this subgroup, we determined that there was a need for continuing professional development, focused in this area and on evidence-based strategies targeted to meet the behavioral and academic needs of this subgroup.

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Sycamore Valley Academy leverages the CA Dashboard Results from December 2023 to identify key areas for improvement and targeted interventions. The data reveals that while the overall academic performance in English Language Arts (ELA) is at the "Orange" level with a decline of 9.8 points from the previous year, mathematics shows progress, achieving a "Yellow" level with a 4.1-point increase. English Learner Progress also demonstrated significant improvement, with a 6.7% increase in proficiency and a notable decrease in students regressing in their English Learner Progress Indicator (ELPI) level.

To address academic engagement, the school recognizes the challenge of chronic absenteeism, which remains above pre-COVID levels but has decreased by 9.7% from last year. Efforts are being intensified to bring this rate down further, aiming for the pre-pandemic benchmark. Additionally, while the suspension rate rose, placing the school in the "Orange" level overall and highlighting a critical issue within the Socioeconomically Disadvantaged subgroup, targeted behavior interventions and professional development for staff are being implemented to address this concern.

Furthermore, the LCAP underscores the continuous efforts to maintain academic standards, access to a broad course of study, and robust parent and family engagement, as evidenced by meeting all local indicators. By analyzing these comprehensive results, Sycamore Valley Academy is strategically focusing on both academic and behavioral supports to foster a conducive learning environment and enhance student outcomes across all demographics.

Reflections: Technical Assistance

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

Sycamore Valley is not identified for Differentiated Assistance or other technical assistance at this time.

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.

Not Applicable

Support for Identified Schools

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

Not Applicable

Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness

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

Not Applicable

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
Teachers	Staff were asked to complete a climate survey- this year the survey return window was January 5th - February 1, 2024. March 7, 2024- All TACMO staff budget priorities meeting and planning session.
Parents	Parents were engaged through: Monthly Parent Engagement forums to provide educational updates, receive stakeholder input, and answer questions. Session were held each day in the morning and repeated int he evening to accommodate parent schedules. July 20 & 21, 2023 August 22 & 23, 2023 September 25 & 27, 2023 October 24 & 26, 2023 November 27 & 28, 2023 January 22 & 23, 2024 February 26 & 28, 2024 March 18 & 20, 2024 April 22 & 23, 2024 May 20 & 24, 2024 Parents were also asked to complete a climate survey- this year the survey return window was January 5th - February 1, 2024.
	May 20th and 24th- Parent Forums were held to report plans and potential goals to address the 8 state priorities in the 2024-25 LCAP.

Educational Partner(s)	Process for Engagement
	The Parent Advisory Committee (which includes representatives of English Learner, Foster Youth, and Socioeconomically disadvantaged students) was engaged in LCAP feedback on May 20 and 24 and the superintendent responded in writing on May 24, 2024
Administration	Staff were asked to complete a climate survey- this year the survey return window was January 5th - February 1, 2024. March 7, 2024- All TACMO staff budget priorities meeting and planning session.
	May 6, 2024- meeting with the TACMO board Treasurer, CMO admin, and site admin to present strategic planning work to date and update draft budget for 202-2025.
Other School Personnel	Staff were asked to complete a climate survey- this year the survey return window was January 5th - February 1, 2024
	March 7, 2024- All TACMO staff budget priorities meeting and planning session.
Students	Students were asked to complete a climate survey- this year the survey return window was January 5th - February 1, 2024.
	The student advisory group was engaged in LCAP feedback on May 24, 2024 and the superintendent responded in writing on May 24, 2024.
Local Bargaining Units	March 7, 2024- All TACMO staff budget priorities meeting and planning session.
Principal	Staff were asked to complete a climate survey- this year the survey return window was January 5th - February 1, 2024. March 7, 2024- All TACMO staff budget priorities meeting and planning session.

Educational Partner(s)	Process for Engagement
Other Community Leaders	The LCAP mid-year report was presented at the open Board Meeting on Jan. 16, 2024, and all community leaders and members were invited to comment and provide input.
	Survey data of educational partners was presented to the Board on February 20, 2024, at a public meeting of the Board of Education and public comment was welcomed.
	March 19, 2024, the TACMO budget priorities were presented at a public meeting of the Board of Education and public input was welcome.
	April 16, 2024, at a public Board of Education meeting, the ongoing strategic planning and LCAP planning update was presented and public input was welcome.
	May 21, 2024- at a public Board of Education meeting, the draft budget review for 2024-25, including LCAP, was presented to the Board of Directors and public to solicit feedback. Plans and potential LCAP goals were presented. Public Comment was welcome.
	A Public Hearing was held on June 13, 2024, at the Board of Education meeting with comment open to the public and the LCAP was agendized for approval at the Board meeting held on June 18, 2024, with an additional opportunity for public input.
SELPA	The Special Education Local Plan Agency was consulted on April 23, 2024.

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

Teachers

Teachers played a pivotal role in shaping the Local Control Accountability Plan by advocating for professional development opportunities and instructional coaching. Their feedback highlighted the need for consistent literacy instruction across all grade levels, resulting in the adoption of common reading and writing strategies. Additionally, teachers emphasized the importance of a systemic approach to behavior management, leading to aligned behavior interventions supported by assistant principals at both schools. The refinement of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) framework and the addition of Coordination of Services Teams (COST), which includes mental health clinicians and school psychologists, ensure that academic and behavioral supports are effectively coordinated.

Parents

Parents' input was crucial in the development of the LCAP, particularly in the integration of Gifted Education Strategies. They stressed the importance of challenging and enriching academic experiences for all students, which influenced the decision to integrate TK-8 Grade Level Universal Themes into classroom instruction. Parents also supported the need for professional development to ensure teachers are well-equipped to meet diverse student needs. Additionally, their feedback highlighted the importance of expanding extra and co-curricular activities, funding music programs, and hosting parent workshops to retain students and foster family engagement.

Administrators

Administrators' insights were essential in formulating a cohesive plan for professional development and instructional coaching. Their feedback underscored the necessity of a unified approach to literacy instruction and behavior management, ensuring consistency and effectiveness across the district. Administrators also highlighted the importance of assistant principals in supporting these initiatives at both schools. They played a key role in refining the structure for hiring and retaining highly qualified staff, emphasizing the need for differentiated professional development and improved recruitment strategies through job fairs and social media.

Principal

The principal's feedback was instrumental in emphasizing the need for a systemic approach to behavior intervention and management. This led to the allocation of assistant principals to both schools to oversee and implement these strategies effectively. The principal also supported the integration of common literacy instruction and professional development, recognizing their impact on student achievement. Additionally, the principal emphasized the importance of refining the MTSS framework and coordinating academic and behavioral supports through COST.

Other School Personnel

Other school personnel, including support staff and specialists, provided valuable insights into the practical aspects of implementing the LCAP. Their feedback emphasized the need for professional development and instructional coaching to support teachers in delivering high-quality instruction. They also highlighted the importance of a unified behavior management system to create a positive school climate. The addition of instructional aides and the involvement of mental health clinicians and school psychologists were key recommendations from this group.

Students

Students' perspectives were considered in the LCAP, particularly their desire for engaging and challenging academic experiences. Their feedback supported the integration of Gifted Education Strategies and the emphasis on common literacy instruction. Students also expressed the need for a safe and supportive school environment, reinforcing the importance of a systemic approach to behavior management. Their desire for more extra and co-curricular activities influenced the expansion of these programs to retain student interest and engagement.

Other Community Leaders

Community leaders provided a broader perspective on the educational needs and priorities of the district. Their feedback influenced the decision to integrate Universal Themes into the curriculum, ensuring that education is relevant and connected to real-world issues. They also supported the focus on professional development and behavior management to enhance overall school performance and student well-being.

Their input was crucial in developing a comprehensive marketing plan for student recruitment, involving community outreach events and enhanced social media presence.

SELPA

The Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) provided critical input on meeting the needs of students with disabilities. Their feedback ensured that the LCAP included strategies for professional development and instructional coaching that are inclusive and supportive of all students. SELPA's insights also highlighted the importance of aligned behavior interventions to support students with diverse needs, leading to the allocation of assistant principals to oversee these efforts. The refinement of the MTSS framework and coordination of services through COST were also heavily influenced by SELPA's recommendations.

Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
1	Provide Quality Education for All: The goal of providing quality education is paramount for the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) because it ensures that all students have equitable access to high-standard academic opportunities that foster their intellectual, social, and emotional development. Quality education supports diverse learning needs, prepares students for future success, and helps close achievement gaps among different student groups. By focusing on rigorous instruction, effective behavior management, and comprehensive support systems, the LCAP aims to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where every student can thrive and reach their full potential. This foundational goal drives all other initiatives within the LCAP, ensuring a holistic approach to student success and well-being.	Broad Goal

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Priority 1: Basic (Conditions of Learning)

Priority 2: State Standards (Conditions of Learning)

Priority 4: Pupil Achievement (Pupil Outcomes)

Priority 7: Course Access (Conditions of Learning)

Priority 8: Other Pupil Outcomes (Pupil Outcomes)

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Goal 1 (Pillar): Provide Quality Education for All

Action 1- Integrate TK-8 gifted education strategies into differentiated classroom instruction.

Action 2- Implement aligned literacy instruction across all grade levels.

Action 3- Apply a common behavior system across both schools.

Action 4- Systematize a coordination of services team to integrate various academic and behavioral resources for students.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
1.1	SBAC English Language Arts Average Distance from Standard CA School Dashboard	All Students- 27.2 Points Below SED- 67.8 Points Below EL- 98.8 Points Below SWD- 143.2 Points Below Foster Youth- Group size too small for state reporting			All Students- 10 Points Below SED- 45 Points Below EL- 70 Points Below SWD- 110 Points Below Foster Youth- Group size too small for state reporting	
1.2	SBAC Results English Language Arts Met or exceeded standards https://caaspp- elpac.ets.org/caaspp/Def ault	All Students- 40.17% SED- 28.23% EL- 8.33% SWD- 2.5% Foster Youth- Group size too small for state reporting			All Students- 55% SED- 40% EL-20% SWD-15% Foster Youth- Group size too small for state reporting	
1.3	SBAC Mathematics Average Distance from Standard CA School Dashboard	All Students- 52.9 Points Below SED- 88.2 Points Below EL- 149.9 Points Below SWD- 149.8 Points Below Foster Youth- Group size too small for state reporting			All Students- 30 Points Below SED- 60 Points Below EL- 110 Points Below SWD- 110 Points Below	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
					Foster Youth- Group size too small for state reporting	
1.4	SBAC Results Mathematics % Met or exceeded standards https://caaspp- elpac.ets.org/caaspp/Def ault	All Students- 29.45% SED- 14.12% EL- 0.00 SWD- 2.5% Foster Youth- Group size too small for state reporting			All Students- 40% SED- 25% EL- 10% SWD- 15% Foster Youth- Group size too small for state reporting	
1.5	English Learner Progress Indicator % increased one proficiency level or more CA School Dashboard	All English Learners 33.3% increased one proficiency level or more Long Term English Learners (LTEL) Data not included in CA Dashboard until 2024 when baseline will be established			All English Learners 50% Long Term English Learners Establish baseline in 2024 and aim for a 15% increase from the baseline by year 3	
1.6	SBAC CAST Grade 5 and 8 Only CA School Dashboard 2024 and beyond	All Students- 9.4 points below SED- 20.7 points below EL- N/A- small group size in 2022-23 SWD- N/A- small group size in 2022-23			All Students- 5 points above standard SED- 10 points below EL- Establish baseline in 2024 and aim for 10	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
		Foster Youth- Group size too small for state reporting Locally calculated from ETS results for 2023 Baseline			points below standard SWD- Establish baseline in 2024 and aim for 15 points below standard Foster Youth-Group size too small for state reporting	
1.7	SBAC CAST % Met or exceeded standards https://caaspp- elpac.ets.org/caaspp/Def ault	All Students- 39.19% SED- 23.81% EL- N/A- small group size in 2022-23 SWD- 0.0% Foster Youth- Group size too small for state reporting			All Students- 55% SED- 40% EL-Establish baseline in the next assessment and aim for 25% meeting or exceeding standards SWD- 15% Foster Youth-Group size too small for state reporting	
1.8	English Learner Reclassification % of EL students attaining fluency	7.4% (2/ 27) of EL attained fluency 2022-2023			20% attained fluency	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
	CALPADS Report					
1.9	Broad Course of Study is offered and available to all students. The organization has broad offerings in both core subjects and enrichment opportunities. Annual Local Survey	86% of Parents 96% of Students 97% of Staff Agree and Strongly Agree			92% of Parents 98% of Students 98% of Staff Agree And Strongly Agree	
1.10	Programs and Services were developed and provided to individuals with exceptional needs including SED gifted learners, SWD, and English Learners. Annual Local Survey	83% of parents 83% of students 88% of staff Agree and Strongly Agree the school provides quality instructional for gifted learners. 92% of parents 91% of students 100% of staff Agree and Strongly Agree the school provides quality instructional for students with disabilities.			89% of Parents 89% of Students 94% of Staff Agree and Strongly Agree the school provides quality instructional for gifted learners. 98% of Parents 97% of Students 100% of Staff Agree and Strongly Agree the school provides quality instructional for students with disabilities.	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
1.11	Programs and Services were developed and provided to unduplicated students including English Learners. Annual Local Survey	94% of parents 87% of students 94% of staff Agree and Strongly Agree the school provides quality instruction for English Learner students.			98% of Parents 93% of Students 98% of Staff Agree and Strongly Agree the school provides quality instruction for English Learner students.	
1.12	Student Access to Standards-Aligned Curriculum Materials Williams Aligned Self Review	100% of Students have access to aligned materials. Fall 2023 Data			Maintain 100% of students with access to aligned materials	
1.13	Student Satisfaction with Academic Progress Annual Local Survey	71% of students satisfied. Spring 2023 Data			80% of students satisfied.	

Goal Analysis [2023-24]

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

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

Not Applicable.

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.

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

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.

Not Applicable.

Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1.1	Integrate TK-8 gifted education strategies into differentiated classroom instruction.	Integrate TK-8 Grade Level Universal themes into classroom instruction. This includes full day Transitional Kindergarten support with 1 additional full time teacher and 1/2 the salary/benefits of the instructional coach to support these programs.	\$176,664.00	Yes
1.2	Common Literacy Instruction	Research, select, and implement common literacy instruction across all grade levels. This includes aligning report cards, reading, and writing instruction across the organization. 1/2 the cost of the instructional coach's salary benefits will be paid to support this work.	\$65,235.00	Yes
1.3	Align behavior management approaches.	Research, select, and implement a common behavior management program across both schools. This includes the cost of a vice-principal to continue the implementation of behavioral interventions as part of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and the cost of PowerSchool Attendance Intervention Suite to increase student attendance to address chronic absenteeism.	\$156,364.00	Yes

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1.4	Coordination of Services Team (COST)	 Develop the Coordination of Services Team (COST). This includes: Development and implementation of academic interventions as part of Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and related instructional aides' salaries/ benefits Cost of i-Ready diagnostic assessments annually retainment of full-time school psychologist and school psych intern to conduct assessments and provide psych services. Salaries will be split between both charters so each site will pay .5 FTE of each. Expansion of social emotional services through hiring of a Mental Health Clinician- LMFT Title I Funding 	\$397,582.00	Yes

Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
2	Invest in People: The goal of Investing in People is critical to the development of the LCAP because it directly impacts both staff and student recruitment and retention. For staff, this investment ensures the attraction and retention of highly qualified and motivated educators, leading to quality education and professional development opportunities that keep teachers updated with the latest educational practices. This, in turn, enhances job satisfaction, reduces turnover rates, and fosters a positive school culture, creating a stable and effective learning environment. For students, high-quality staff leads to better academic outcomes and engagement, contributing to the school's reputation and attracting more families to enroll their children. Additionally, a safe and supportive environment, bolstered by counselors and support staff, addresses students' social and emotional needs, aiding retention. Investment in staff also extends to extracurricular programs, which engage students and cater to diverse interests, making the school more attractive to prospective students. Overall, focusing on investing in people through the LCAP creates a sustainable, high-quality educational environment that supports both staff and students, leading to improved educational outcomes, a stronger school community, and long-term organization success.	Broad Goal

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Priority 3: Parental Involvement (Engagement)

Priority 5: Pupil Engagement (Engagement)

Priority 6: School Climate (Engagement)

Priority 8: Other Pupil Outcomes (Pupil Outcomes)

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Goal 2 (Pillar): Invest in People

Action 1- Coordinate a CMO-wide structure to hire new staff

Action 2- Implement a complete approach to talent management to retain a high-caliber staff

Action 4- Foster a stronger sense of community and belonging on campus to retain students and families

Action 3- Develop a comprehensive marketing effort for student recruitment

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
2.1	Teachers Appropriately Assigned	100% Appropriately Assigned			Maintain 100% compliance with	
	SAAS Report	2023 SAAS Report				
2.2	Teacher Fully Credentialed in the subject area for the pupils they are teaching. SAAS Report	71% Fully Credentialed 2023 SAAS Report			77% Fully Credentialed	
2.3	Chronic Absenteeism Rate CA School Dashboard	All Students- 19.6% SED- 26.1% EL- 31% SWD- 17.2% Foster Youth- Groups Size too small for state reporting 2023 Dashboard			All Students- 12% SED- 18% EL- 22% SWD- 10% Foster Youth- Groups Size too small for state reporting	
2.4	Middle School Drop-Out Rate CALPADS Report	0% 2022-23 CALPADS Report			Maintain 0%	
2.5	Suspension Rate CA School Dashboard	All Students- 4.5% SED- 6.3% EL- 3.4% SWD- 11.3%			All Students- 3% SED- 4.5% EL- 2.5% SWD- 7%	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
		Foster Youth- Groups Size too small for state reporting 2023 Dashboard			Foster Youth- Groups Size too small for state reporting 2023 Dashboard	
2.6	Expulsion Rate CA School Dashboard	0% 2023 Dashboard			Maintain 0%	
2.7	Facilities Conditions Facilities Inspection Tool Report (FIT)	Overall Fit Report Rating "Fair" Spring 2022			Overall Fit Report Rating "Good"	
2.8	Comparison of charter program to local educational options. (Neighborhood school) Local Survey	83% of parents - better option Spring 2023			90% of parents - better option	
2.9	Efforts by Charter to engage parent input. The organization encourages parental involvement. Local Survey	87% of parents agree and strongly agree Spring 2023			93% of parents agree and strongly agree	
2.10	Parent Participations in local survey. Locally Calculated	106 Parents completed the local organizational climate survey.			150 parents completing the survey	

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
		Spring 2023				
2.11	Parent Participation in Monthly Forums Sign-in Sheets- locally calculated.	52 Parents average attendance at forums 2022-2023			60 Parents Average attendance at forums	
2.12	Parent, Student and Teacher sense of Safety on Campus Local Survey	Parents- 94% Students- 71% Staff- 94% Agree and strongly agree that students and staff are safe at school. Spring 2023 Survey Results			Parents- 98% Students- 90% Staff- 98% Agree and strongly agree that students and staff are safe at school.	
2.13	Parent, Student and Teacher sense of Connectedness to school. Local Survey	Parents- 82% Students- 76% Staff- 97% Agree and strongly agree that the school offers sufficient extra and co-curricular activities. Spring 2023 Survey Results			Parents- 90% Students- 85% Staff- 98% Agree and strongly agree that the school offers sufficient extra and co-curricular activities.	

Goal Analysis [2023-24]

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

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

Not Applicable.

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.

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

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.

Not Applicable.

Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
2.1	Comprehensive new staff hiring structure	 Develop and refine a comprehensive structure to hire new staff. This includes: Complete competitive compensation analysis, expand recruitment to establishing partnerships with external agencies, and central office participation in all job interviews. 1/2 of HR Director salary will be paid to support this goal 	\$61,193.00	Yes
2.2	Retain High Quality Staff	Develop and refine a comprehensive structure to retain high quality staff. This includes: Differentiated professional development for classified and certificated staff.	\$46,868.00	Yes

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
		Improvements of leadership through administrative and professional development. Title II Funding		
2.3	Retain Existing Students	Develop and refine a comprehensive structure to retain existing students. This includes expansion of co-curricular and extracurricular activities as well as continuation of the music program. A focus for this area will be the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged student suspension rate to keep these students in the program and successfully matriculating to high school.	\$98,986.00	Yes
2.4	Student Recruitment	 Develop and refine a comprehensive marketing plan for student recruitment. This includes: Utilization of common messaging platform and social media to communicate events and important information to families. Update of school website to provide centralized access of resources Continued implementation of monthly parent forums, superintendent video messages highlighting organization programs and services, and social media advertising. Associated costs include Bloomz or another parent messaging system license fees,, 1/2 of the Operations Director salary to support website services, and 1/2 the cost of Ellie the Editor and Facebook ads (split between the two charter sites.) 	\$73,981.00	Yes

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

Total Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants	Projected Additional 15 percent LCFF Concentration Grant
\$316,056	\$0

Required Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the LCAP Year

or Impro	ed Percentage to Increase ove Services for the School Year		1	Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year
7.564%		0.000%	\$0.00	7.564%

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 #	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
1.1	Action: Integrate TK-8 gifted education strategies into differentiated classroom instruction. Need: Early literacy skill development, school readiness SEL skills and family childcare needs as shown by school baseline testing, teacher observation and partner input, and parent partner input. Our SED, EL, SWD, and FY students enter with less exposure to early	National Institute of Early Educational Research study, and several others, indicate that full day pre-school and kindergarten programs have a positive, long-term effect on student academic achievement. Additionally, partner education partners state that the full day is better for their student's development and supports community economics with some relief of childcare costs for parents working full time. While this action is primarily targeted for SED, EL, and SWD needs, it will be provided LEA wide.	parent survey results DRDP Results?

Goal and Action #	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
	literacy and school readiness skills and the long-term results show in the gaps for these groups between them and the overall school averages on state testing at all levels.		
	Scope: LEA-wide		
1.2	Action: Common Literacy Instruction Need: SBAC data shows all student groups performing below standard on average in English Language arts. Teachers and administrators report a need for professional development in areas related to literacy and the need to better unpack/understand/align the grade level standards and reporting of progress to parents. Scope: LEA-wide	Coaching has been shown to be the most effective professional development model. Studies find that staff attending trainings often don't implement the routines and new learnings without additional onthe-job coaching support and follow-through. This provides an instructional coach focused on literacy development training. While this action is designed to primarily target the needs of SED, EL, SWD, and FY, the results will benefit all students in these teachers' classes, so it is considered LEA wide.	•
1.3	Action: Align behavior management approaches. Need: SED, EL, and SWD show achievement gaps on the SBAC testing and classroom performance in math, ELA, and ELD.	MTSS is a package of research-based strategies designed to work together as a system to identify, intervene, and support students at all levels in a more individualized approach, based on specific needs- and in a timely way. While this action is primarily targeted for SED, EL, and SWD needs, it will be provided LEA wide.	
	Scope:		

Goal and Action #	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
	LEA-wide		
1.4	Action: Coordination of Services Team (COST) Need: The COVID pandemic has increased the need for these services due to many factors related to isolating SED, EL, and SWD over multiple years. School anxiety, avoidance, socially inappropriate interactions, depression, and other mental health issues have been noted in teacher, student, and parent educational partner feedback. Additionally, their was a serious affect on academic skill development with a need for more small-group and in-class support to help students "catch up" and stay motivated to succeed. Scope: LEA-wide	Provides additional staffing to serve in class and with small-group interventions for academics and mental/behavioral health services.	SBAC results in Math and ELA (SED, FY, EL, SWD) ELPI results
2.1	Action: Comprehensive new staff hiring structure Need: Instability in teaching staff, support staff, and student enrollment has been reported by students, staff, and parents to be a concern affecting students emotionally and academically. Scope: LEA-wide	Teacher experience has been shown to be the strongest indicator of student academic success and maintaining a positive, professional, and supportive work environment is key to retaining quality teachers and support staff.	Teacher survey results- connectedness to school % of teacher fully credentialed

Goal and Action #	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
2.2	Action: Retain High Quality Staff Need: Instability in teaching staff, support staff, and student enrollment has been reported by students, staff, and parents to be a concern affecting students emotionally and academically. Additionally, 71% of our staff have not completed the requirements for preliminary credentials in their assigned area and without additional professional development may struggle to perform at the level of more experienced teachers. Scope: LEA-wide	Advancing staff skills through job-provided training is an evidence-based practice to increase work satisfaction and engagement. Additionally, professional development provides new teachers with additional tools, skills, and concepts to better manage and instruct students for overall success.	% of teachers fully credentialed % of teachers appropriately assigned Teacher survey results-connectedness to school
2.3	Action: Retain Existing Students Need: 76% of students felt connected to school, indicating a need to further engage our student population through extra and co-curricular activities similar to programs they may see at other school sites. Parent, student, and staff input indicates the lack of such activities is a factor in considering other school programs. Scope: LEA-wide	Increases co-curricular and extracurricular activities.	% of students connected to school % of parents connected to school
2.4	Action: Student Recruitment	increases communication to families regarding events, programs, opportunities to provide input,	Parent Survey- Connectedness to school

Goal and Action #	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
	Need: Evidence shows that school stability and connectedness is important to student academic success and emotional development. Parents, students, and staff note that increasing the outreach to partner with parents, maintain enrollment and retain current students is important to the school's success. Scope: LEA-wide	and engages students/families in school news including recognition for student accomplishments. It also allows greater outreach for recruitment of new students to allow the schools to maintain staff and ongoing programs for greater stability for all.	

Limited Actions

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

Goal and Action #	Identified Need(s)	· ,	Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness

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.

This plan contains no actions with a planned percentage to improve services for students.

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.

Sycamore Valley Academy is a single school LEA with an unduplicated pupil percentage less than 55% therefore the LEA does not receive additional concentration funds.

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

2024-25 Total Expenditures Table

LCAP Year	1. Projected LCFF Base Grant (Input Dollar Amount)	2. Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (Input Dollar Amount)	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 %)	
Totals	4,178,433	316,056	7.564%	0.000%	7.564%	

Totals	LCFF Funds	Other State Funds	Local Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Total Personnel	Total Non-personnel
Totals	\$1,018,506.00			\$58,367.00	\$1,076,873.00	\$986,965.00	\$89,908.00

Goal #	Action #	Action Title	Student Gro	oup(s)	Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?	Scope	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	Integrate TK-8 gifted education strategies into differentiated classroom instruction.	Foster	earners Youth Income	Yes	LEA- wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	2024-2025 School Year	\$176,664.0 0	\$0.00	\$176,664.00				\$176,664 .00	
1	1.2	Common Literacy Instruction	English L Foster Low	Learners Youth Income	Yes	LEA- wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	2024-2025 School Year	\$65,235.00	\$0.00	\$65,235.00				\$65,235. 00	
1	1.3	Align behavior management approaches.	Foster	earners Youth Income	Yes	LEA- wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	2024-2025 School Year	\$151,112.0 0	\$5,252.00	\$156,364.00				\$156,364 .00	
1	1.4	Coordination of Services Team (COST)	Foster	earners Youth Income	Yes	LEA- wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	2024-2025 School Year	\$372,582.0 0	\$25,000.00	\$346,981.00			\$50,601.00	\$397,582 .00	
2	2.1	Comprehensive new staff hiring structure	Foster	earners Youth Income	Yes	LEA- wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	2024-2025 School Year	\$61,193.00	\$0.00	\$61,193.00				\$61,193. 00	
2	2.2	Retain High Quality Staff	English L Foster Low	earners Youth Income	Yes	LEA- wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	2024-2025 School Year	\$0.00	\$46,868.00	\$39,102.00			\$7,766.00	\$46,868. 00	
2	2.3	Retain Existing Students	Foster	earners Youth Income	Yes	LEA- wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	2024-2025 School Year	\$98,986.00	\$0.00	\$98,986.00				\$98,986. 00	
2	2.4	Student Recruitment	Foster	earners Youth Income	Yes	LEA- wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	2024-2025 School Year	\$61,193.00	\$12,788.00	\$73,981.00				\$73,981. 00	

2024-25 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 %)	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)	Totals by Type	Total LCFF Funds
4,178,433	316,056	7.564%	0.000%	7.564%	\$1,018,506.00	0.000%	24.375 %	Total:	\$1,018,506.00
								LEA-wide	\$1.018.506.00

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LEA-wide Total:	\$1,018,506.00
Limited Total:	\$0.00
Schoolwide Total:	\$0.00

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	1.1	Integrate TK-8 gifted education strategies into differentiated classroom instruction.	Yes	LEA-wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	\$176,664.00	
1	1.2	Common Literacy Instruction	Yes	LEA-wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	\$65,235.00	
1	1.3	Align behavior management approaches.	Yes	LEA-wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	\$156,364.00	
1	1.4	Coordination of Services Team (COST)	Yes	LEA-wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	\$346,981.00	
2	2.1	Comprehensive new staff hiring structure	Yes	LEA-wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	\$61,193.00	
2	2.2	Retain High Quality Staff	Yes	LEA-wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	\$39,102.00	

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 (%)
2	2.3	Retain Existing Students	Yes	LEA-wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	\$98,986.00	
2	2.4	Student Recruitment	Yes	LEA-wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	\$73,981.00	

2023-24 Annual Update Table

Totals	Last Year's Total Planned Expenditures (Total Funds)	Total Estimated Expenditures (Total Funds)
Totals	\$3,763,382.00	\$3,686,938.00

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	Continued implementation of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and development of expanded TK	Yes	\$110,403.00	\$111,075	
1	Development and implementation of academic interventions as part of Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)		Yes	\$166,955.00	\$192,483	
1	1.3 Instructional staff will utilize local and state student achievement data to inform instructional practices to determine instructional aid support.		No	\$2,669,851.00	\$2,491,771	
2	· ·		No \$149,716.00		\$150,629	
2	2.2	Expansion of extra and co curricular activities	Yes	\$27,052.00	\$28,578	
2	2.3	Retainment of full time school psychologist and hiring of school psych intern	No	\$96,979.00	\$89,978	
2	2.4	Continued implementation of music program	No	\$62,439.00	\$62,818	
2	2.5	Facility improvements will made according to Facility Use Agreement (FUA) agreement with Visalia Unified School District	No	\$208,979.00	\$274,284	
2	2.6	Retainment of special education certificated teaching staff	No	\$96,627.00	\$97,215	
2	2.7	Retainment of social worker	No	\$62,974.00	\$63,357	

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)
2	2.8	Implementation of PowerSchool Attendance Intervention Suite	No	\$13,271.00	\$13,271
3	3.1	Improvement of instruction through Project Based Learning (PBL) and gifted education for all professional development for staff	No	\$40,845.00	\$39,845
3	3.2	Continued implementation of new staff orientation	No	\$2,000.00	\$2,000
3	3.3	Improvement of leadership through administrative professional development opportunities	No	\$4,157.00	\$4,325
4	4.1	Development of fall and spring parent and community workshops	No	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
4	4.2	Utilization of common messaging platform and social media to communicate events and important information to families	No	\$3,642.00	\$3,303
4	4.3	Update of school website to provide centralized access of resources	No	\$46,492.00	\$61,006

2023-24 Contributing Actions Annual Update Table

6. Estimated LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (Input Dollar Amount)	4. Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)	7. Total Estimated Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds)	Difference Between Planned and Estimated Expenditures for Contributing Actions (Subtract 7 from 4)	5. Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (%)	8. Total Estimated Percentage of Improved Services (%)	Difference Between Planned and Estimated Percentage of Improved Services (Subtract 5 from 8)
\$294,579	\$304,410.00	\$332,136.00	(\$27,726.00)	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%

Last Year's Goal #	Last Year's Action #	Prior Action/Service Title	Contributing 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	1.1	Continued implementation of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and development of expanded TK	Yes	\$110,403.00	\$111,075		
1	1.2	Development and implementation of academic interventions as part of Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)	Yes	\$166,955.00	\$192,483		
2	2.2	Expansion of extra and co curricular activities	Yes	\$27,052.00	\$28,578		

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2023-24 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)	Services for the	for Contributing Actions	8. Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (%)	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)
4,016,620	\$294,579	0	7.334%	\$332,136.00	0.000%	8.269%	\$0.00	0.000%

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 LCFF@cde.ca.gov.

Introduction and Instructions

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

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

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

- 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.

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.

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

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

Reflections: Annual Performance

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

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

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

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

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

Reflections: Technical Assistance

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

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

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

Comprehensive Support and Improvement

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

Schools Identified

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

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

Support for Identified Schools

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

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

Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness

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

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

Engaging Educational Partners Purpose

Significant and purposeful engagement of parents, students, educators, and other educational partners, including those representing the student groups identified by 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: *EC* sections <u>52060(g)</u> (<u>California Legislative Information</u>) and <u>52066(g)</u> (<u>California Legislative Information</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: *EC* Section <u>47606.5(d)</u> (California Legislative Information) 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 CDE's LCAP webpage.

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

- For school districts, see Education Code Section 52062 (California Legislative Information);
 - o 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> (California Legislative Information); and
- For charter schools, see <u>Education Code Section 47606.5 (California Legislative Information)</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.

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.

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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: *EC* Section 42238.024(b)(1) (California Legislative Information) requires that Equity Multiplier funds be used for the provision of evidence-based services and supports 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:
 - o 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.

Complete the table as follows:

Metric

Enter the metric number.

Metric

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

Baseline

- Enter the baseline when completing the LCAP for 2024–25.
 - Use the most recent data associated with the metric available at the time of adoption of the LCAP for the first year of the three-year plan.
 LEAs may use data as reported on the 2023 Dashboard for the baseline of a metric only if that data represents the most recent available data (e.g., high school graduation rate).
 - Using the most recent data available may involve reviewing data the LEA is preparing for submission to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) or data that the LEA has recently submitted to CALPADS.
 - Indicate the school year to which the baseline data applies.
 - The baseline data must remain unchanged throughout the three-year LCAP.
 - This requirement is not intended to prevent LEAs from revising the baseline data if it is necessary to do so. For example, if an LEA identifies that its data collection practices for a particular metric are leading to inaccurate data and revises its practice to obtain

- accurate data, it would also be appropriate for the LEA to revise the baseline data to align with the more accurate data process and report its results using the accurate data.
- If an LEA chooses to revise its baseline data, then, at a minimum, it must clearly identify the change as part of its response to the
 description of changes prompt in the Goal Analysis for the goal. LEAs are also strongly encouraged to involve their educational
 partners in the decision of whether or not to revise a baseline and to communicate the proposed change to their educational partners.
- o 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 2024–25 or when adding a new metric.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2024–25 or when adding a new metric.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2025–26 . Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2026–27 . Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2024–25 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.
 - o Beginning with the development of the 2024–25 LCAP, the LEA must change actions that have not proven effective over a three-year period.

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

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

Actions:

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

Action

Enter the action number.

Title

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

Description

• Provide a brief description of the action.

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

Total Funds

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

Contributing

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

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

Required Actions

- LEAs with 30 or more English learners and/or 15 or more long-term English learners must include specific actions in the LCAP related to, at a minimum:
 - Language acquisition programs, as defined in EC Section 306, provided to students, and
 - o Professional development for teachers.
 - o If an LEA has both 30 or more English learners and 15 or more long-term English learners, the LEA must include actions for both English learners and long-term English learners.
- LEAs eligible for technical assistance pursuant to *EC* sections 47607.3, 52071, 52071.5, 52072, or 52072.5, must include specific actions within the LCAP related to its implementation of the work underway as part of technical assistance. The most common form of this technical assistance is frequently referred to as Differentiated Assistance.

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

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

Purpose

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

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

Statutory Requirements

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

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

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

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

LEA-wide and Schoolwide Actions

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

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

For School Districts Only

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

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

Requirements and Instructions

Complete the tables as follows:

Total Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants

• 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 2024-25 Local Control and Accountability Plan for Sycamore Valley Academy

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a percentage rounded to the nearest hundredth (0.00%). A limited action is an action that only serves foster youth, English learners, and/or low-income students.

As noted in the instructions for the Increased or Improved Services section, when identifying a Planned Percentage of Improved Services, the LEA must describe the methodology that it used to determine the contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage. The percentage of improved services for an action corresponds to the amount of LCFF funding that the LEA estimates it would expend to implement the action if it were funded.

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

Contributing Actions Table

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

Annual Update Table

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

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

Contributing Actions Annual Update Table

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

- **6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants:** Provide the total amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grants estimated based on the number and concentration of unduplicated students in the current school year.
- Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions: Enter the total estimated actual expenditure of LCFF funds used to implement this action, if any.

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

LCFF Carryover Table

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

Calculations in the Action Tables

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

Contributing Actions Table

- 4. Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)
 - This amount is the total of the Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds) column.
- 5. Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services
 - o This percentage is the total of the Planned Percentage of Improved Services column.
- Planned Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the coming school year (4 divided by 1, plus 5)

• This percentage is calculated by dividing the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4) by the Projected LCFF Base Grant (1), converting the quotient to a percentage, and adding it to the Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (5).

Contributing Actions Annual Update Table

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

• 6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and Concentration Grants

 This is the total amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grants the LEA estimates it will actually receive based on of the number and concentration of unduplicated students in the current school year.

• 4. Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)

This amount is the total of the Last Year's Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds).

• 7. Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions

- This amount is the total of the Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds).
- Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (Subtract 7 from 4)
 - This amount is the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (7) subtracted from the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4).

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

- 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).

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