



2024-25 Local Performance Indicator Self-Reflection

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Introduction

The California State Board of Education (SBE) approved standards for the local indicators that support a local educational agency (LEA) in measuring and reporting progress within the appropriate priority area.

This template is intended as a drafting tool and based on the Local Performance Indicator Quick Guide published by CDE in January 2024.

Performance Standards

The approved performance standards require an LEA to:

- Annually measure its progress in meeting the requirements of the specific Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) priority.
- Report the results as part of a non-consent item at the same public meeting of the local governing board/body at which the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) is adopted.
- Report results to the public through the Dashboard utilizing the SBE-adopted self-reflection tools for each local indicator.

This Quick Guide identifies the approved standards and self-reflection tools that an LEA will use to report its progress on the local indicators.

Local Indicators

The local indicators address the following state priority areas:

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

LEAs will provide the information below:

- Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at school and at home
- Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies)

Note: The requested information are all data elements that are currently required as part of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC).

Note: LEAs are required to report the following to their local governing board/body in conjunction with the adoption of the LCAP:

- The LEA's Teacher Assignment Monitoring and Outcome data available at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/tamo.asp>.
- The number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at school and at home, and
- The number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the "good repair" standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies)

Implementation of State Academic Standards (LCFF Priority 2)

The LEA annually measures its progress implementing state academic standards; the LEA then reports the results to its local governing board/body at the same public meeting at which the LCAP is adopted and reports to educational partners and the public through the Dashboard.

Parent and Family Engagement (LCFF Priority 3)

This measure addresses Parent and Family Engagement, including how an LEA builds relationships between school staff and families, builds partnerships for student outcomes and seeks input for decision-making.

LEAs report progress of how they have sought input from parents in decision-making and promoted parent participation in programs to its local governing board or body using the SBE-adopted self-reflection tool for Priority 3 at the same public meeting at which the LEA adopts its LCAP, and reports to educational partners and the public through the Dashboard.

School Climate (LCFF Priority 6)

The LEA administers an annual local climate survey that captures a valid measure of student perceptions of school safety and connectedness, in at least one grade within each grade span(s) the LEA serves (e.g., TK-5, 6-8, 9-12), and reports the results to its local governing board/body at the same public meeting at which the LCAP is adopted and to educational partners and the public through the Dashboard.

Access to a Broad Course of Study (LCFF Priority 7)

The LEA annually measures its progress in the extent to which students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study that includes the adopted courses of study specified in the California Education Code (EC) for Grades 1-6 and Grades 7-12, as applicable, including the programs and services developed and provided to unduplicated students and individuals with exceptional needs; the LEA then reports the results to its local governing board/body at the same public meeting at which the LCAP is adopted and reports to educational partners and the public through the Dashboard.

Coordination of Services for Expelled Students – County Office of Education (COE) Only (LCFF Priority 9)

The COE annually measures its progress in coordinating services for foster youth; the COE then reports the results to its local governing board/body at the same public meeting at which the LCAP is adopted and reports to educational partners and the public through the Dashboard.

Coordination of Services for Foster Youth – COE Only (LCFF Priority 10)

The COE annually measures its progress in coordinating services for foster youth; the COE then reports the results to its local governing board/body at the same public meeting at which the LCAP is adopted and reports to educational partners and the public through the Dashboard.

Self-Reflection Tools

An LEA uses the self-reflection tools included within the Dashboard to report its progress on the local performance indicator to educational partners and the public.

The self-reflection tools are embedded in the web-based Dashboard system and are also available in Word document format. In addition to using the self-reflection tools to report its progress on the local performance indicators to educational partners and the public, an LEA may use the self-reflection tools as a resource when reporting results to its local governing board. The approved self-reflection tools are provided below.

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

LEAs will provide the information below:

- Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at school and at home
- Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies)

Note: The requested information are all data elements that are currently required as part of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC).

Note: LEAs are required to report the following to their local governing board/body in conjunction with the adoption of the LCAP:

- The LEA’s Teacher Assignment Monitoring and Outcome data available at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/tamo.asp>.
- The number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at school and at home, and
- The number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies)

Academic Year	Total Teaching FTE	Clear	Out-of-Field	Intern	Ineffective	Incomplete	Unknown	N/A
2021-2022	65.6	40%	58.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	1.4%

Access to Instructional Materials	Number	Percent
Students Without Access to Own Copies of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials for Use at School and at Home	0	0

Facility Conditions	Number
Identified Instances Where Facilities Do Not Meet The “Good Repair” Standard (Including Deficiencies and Extreme Deficiencies)	0

Implementation of State Academic Standards (LCFF Priority 2)

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

OPTION 1: Narrative Summary (Limited to 3,000 characters)

In the narrative box provided on the Dashboard, identify the locally selected measures or tools that the LEA is using to track its progress in implementing the state academic standards adopted by the state board and briefly describe why the LEA chose the selected measures or tools.

Additionally, summarize the LEA's progress in implementing the academic standards adopted by the SBE, based on the locally selected measures or tools. The adopted academic standards are:

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

Excel Academy Charter School (EACS) delivers a high-quality model of education rooted in personalized learning, flexible schedules, and proven multi-tiered systems of support for all TK-12 grade students. EACS offers students various equity based curriculum options that are vetted for standards alignment and a high level of rigor. Teachers, students, and parents consistently collaborate to properly pace and design an instructional program to successfully work through grade-level Common Core State Standards with pre-approved curriculum options. EACS gathers baseline data from internal assessments, such as the i-Ready benchmark diagnostic assessments in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC), and the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) results. The goal of EACS is to increase the percentage of students who are meeting or exceeding standards in both ELA and math by 2% each year. All assessment results are regularly presented to the local governing board, to educational partners, and through the California School Dashboard. EACS has established baseline data of college and career readiness and strives to increase this by 2% annually. EACS aims for students to complete all standards in ELA, math, science, social studies, visual and performing arts, physical education, health, and world languages while working to be creative and complex thinkers, effective communicators, community and global participants, and empowered, independent learners.

Mission Statement -

Excel Academy Charter School will provide a flexible, personalized learning experience where teachers and parents collaborate to provide academic excellence and social and emotional foundations to instill a love for learning in each individual student.

Implementation of State Academic Standards (LCFF Priority 2)

OPTION 2: Reflection Tool

Recently Adopted Academic Standards and/or Curriculum Frameworks

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

Rating Scale (lowest to highest):

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

Academic Standards	1	2	3	4	5
ELA – Common Core State Standards for ELA					5
ELD (Aligned to ELA Standards)					5
Mathematics – Common Core State Standards for Mathematics					5
Next Generation Science Standards				4	
History-Social Science					5

2. Rate the LEA's progress in making instructional materials that are aligned to the recently adopted academic standards and/or curriculum frameworks identified below available in all classrooms where the subject is taught.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest):

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

Academic Standards	1	2	3	4	5
ELA – Common Core State Standards for ELA					5
ELD (Aligned to ELA Standards)					5
Mathematics – Common Core State Standards for Mathematics					5
Next Generation Science Standards				4	
History-Social Science					5

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

Rating Scale (lowest to highest):

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

Academic Standards	1	2	3	4	5
ELA – Common Core State Standards for ELA					5
ELD (Aligned to ELA Standards)					5
Mathematics – Common Core State Standards for Mathematics					5
Next Generation Science Standards				4	
History-Social Science					5

Other Adopted Academic Standards

4. Rate the LEA's progress implementing each of the following academic standards adopted by the state board for all students.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest):

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

Academic Standards	1	2	3	4	5
Career Technical Education					5
Health Education Content Standards					5
Physical Education Model Content Standards					5
Visual and Performing Arts					5
World Language					5

Support for Teachers and Administrators

5. Rate the LEA's success at engaging in the following activities with teachers and school administrators during the prior school year (including the summer preceding the prior school year).

Rating Scale (lowest to highest):

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

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

Optional Narrative (Limited to 1,500 characters)

6. Provide any additional information in the text box provided in the Dashboard that the LEA believes is relevant to understanding its progress implementing the academic standards adopted by the state board.

All English Learner (EL) students complete assigned targeted ELD curriculum and virtual live instruction that is taught by a Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development (CLAD) credentialed educator. EL students receive both asynchronous instruction through online programs and synchronous, small group designated instruction. For asynchronous work, EL students in grades K-3 utilize Imagine Language and Literacy, and students in grades 4-12 complete lessons through English 3D with support from their EL teacher. In addition to the assigned ELD online curriculum and designated instruction, Long-Term English Learners (LTELs) receive individualized intervention through the Student Success Team (SST) to gain English proficiency.

ETL science courses are offered to students in grades 7-8. Students will be using the Bright Thinker curriculum along with integrated NGSS standards and personalized lab kits that will provide students a hands-on opportunity to generate problem solving and answer scientific questions. Students in grades 9-12 also participate in ETL courses using Bright Thinker curriculum (i.e. biology, chemistry, and physics).

Parental Involvement and Family Engagement (LCFF Priority 3)

Introduction

Family engagement is an essential strategy for building pathways to college and career readiness for all students and is an essential component of a systems approach to improving outcomes for all students. More than 30 years of research has shown that family engagement can lead to improved student outcomes (e.g., attendance, engagement, academic outcomes, social emotional learning, etc.).

Consistent with the California Department of Education's (CDE's) Family Engagement Toolkit: ¹

- Effective and authentic family engagement has been described as an intentional partnership of educators, families and community members who share responsibility for a child from the time they are born to becoming an adult.
- To build an effective partnership, educators, families, and community members need to develop the knowledge and skills to work together, and schools must purposefully integrate family and community engagement with goals for students' learning and thriving.

The LCFF legislation recognized the importance of family engagement by requiring LEAs to address Priority 3 within their LCAP. The self-reflection tool described below enables LEAs to reflect upon their implementation of family engagement as part of their continuous improvement process and prior to updating their LCAP.

For LEAs to engage all families equitably, it is necessary to understand the cultures, languages, needs and interests of families in the local area. Furthermore, developing family engagement policies, programs, and practices needs to be done in partnership with local families, using the tools of continuous improvement.

Instructions

This self-reflection tool is organized into three sections. Each section includes research and evidence-based practices in family engagement:

1. Building Relationships between School Staff and Families
2. Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes
3. Seeking Input for Decision-Making

Based on an evaluation of data, including educational partner input, an LEA uses this self-reflection tool to report on its progress successes and area(s) of need related to family engagement policies, programs, and practices. This tool will enable an LEA to engage in continuous improvement and determine next steps to make improvements in the areas identified. The results of the process should be used to inform the LCAP and its development process, including assessing prior year goals, actions and services and in modifying future goals, actions, and services in the LCAP.

LEAs are to implement the following self-reflection process:

1. Identify the diverse educational partners that need to participate in the self-reflection process in order to ensure input from all groups of families, staff and students in the LEA, including families of unduplicated students and families of individuals with exceptional needs as well as families of underrepresented students.
2. Engage educational partners in determining what data and information will be considered to complete the self-reflection tool. LEAs should consider how the practices apply to families of all student groups, including families of unduplicated students and families of individuals with exceptional needs as well as families of underrepresented students.
3. Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, identify the number which best indicates the LEA's current stage of implementation for each of the 12 practices using the following rating scale (lowest to highest):
 - 1 – Exploration and Research
 - 2 – Beginning Development
 - 3 – Initial Implementation
 - 4 – Full Implementation
 - 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability
4. Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, respond to each of the prompts pertaining to each section of the tool.
5. Use the findings from the self-reflection process to inform the annual update to the LCAP and the LCAP development process, as well as the development of other school and district plans.

Sections of the Self-Reflection Tool

Section 1: Building Relationships Between School Staff and Families

Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, identify the number which best indicates the LEA's current stage of implementation for each practice in this section using the following rating scale (lowest to highest):

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

Practices	Rating Scale Number
1. Rate the LEA's progress in developing the capacity of staff (i.e., administrators, teachers, and classified staff) to build trusting and respectful relationships with families.	5
2. Rate the LEA's progress in creating welcoming environments for all families in the community.	5
3. Rate the LEA's progress in supporting staff to learn about each family's strengths, cultures, languages, and goals for their children.	5
4. Rate the LEA's progress in developing multiple opportunities for the LEA and school sites to engage in 2-way communication between families and educators using language that is understandable and accessible to families.	5

Building Relationships Dashboard Narrative Boxes (Limited to 3,000 characters)

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

Excel Academy Charter School (EACS) believes in fostering strong educational partnerships between the school, parents, students, and all educational partners through continued communication, collaboration, and transparency. EACS values educational partner input to reflect on the school's overall progress, successes, continuous improvement, and to identify and establish the next steps to drive instruction, school-wide goals, and student learner outcomes. Building strong connections with students and parents leads to increased student engagement, learning, and achievement. The dedication of the EACS staff has ensured consistent and valued communication between all educational partners. The number one priority of EACS is the success of all students academically, socially, and emotionally. Through our systems in place, all students' individual needs are addressed and supported as each student is encouraged and guided to meet or exceed grade level expectations. Based on the input survey results, parents and students agree that EACS is dedicated to providing an education that denotes excellence.

Overall Satisfaction Report: Based on 351 parent/guardian responses:

98.6% of survey respondents agree that the school has supported students attaining their academic goals. (3% increase from 2023)

98.3% of survey respondents overall agree that the school provides input opportunities for parents/guardians to participate in the school and their child's education. (2% increase from 2023)

98.6% of survey respondents agree that students have access to rigorous curriculum and resources that allow them to access and master grade level standards in the core content areas. (0.2% increase from 2023)

99.4% of survey respondents agree that EACS clearly communicates academic expectations and encourages academic excellence in all forms of communication. (2% increase from 2023)

Overall Satisfaction Report: Based on 123 student responses (grades 6-12)

96.7% of survey respondents agree that their teacher cares about their education and is committed to helping them succeed.

95.1% of survey respondents agree that the curriculum provides challenging grade level instruction and assessments of their academic progress, and students feel safe and welcome to discuss their progress with their teachers.

95.1% of survey respondents agree that EACS does a great job communicating with students.

Meaning: Overall high satisfaction rate with the school program.

Use: EACS will maintain focus on student progress and success through transparency, consistent communication and collaboration with educational partners, and by providing resources, support, and opportunities for all students to continue to grow as lifelong learners. EACS will survey educational partners for feedback and analyze the areas that can be maintained and improved upon.

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

Based on the analysis of the positive educational partner feedback and collected data, EACS will continue to implement the proven successful communicative practices in place to keep educational partners informed and connected to student education. EACS is driven to staying on top of the latest trends in education and communication platforms to provide a consistent, open line of communication with all educational partners. EACS is always focused on building participation at SSC, ELAC, and PAC meetings which will remain an area of improvement.

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

EACS is committed to encouraging parental participation and involvement by providing flexible, personalized learning through a customized course of study that will educate, motivate, and instill a love of learning in each individual student. Parents are provided with training and learning opportunities, in addition to workshops on a variety of topics, for example, EL progress and the reclassification process, parent portal resources, webinars, curriculum menus, Parent Summit informational, Parent Power-Up education events, Back to School events, and teacher/parent training. Teachers and parents work closely to foster a positive relationship that maintains high expectations and promotes academic excellence for all students creating the next generation of leaders. Parents are informed of all communication tools that are available to provide them direct access to their teachers, staff, resources, and all school related meetings. All school related notifications, meeting agendas and minutes, approved policies, informational meetings, and community events are readily made available through Beehively (main platform for communication) and the EACS website and handbook. The LEA's Title 1 Coordinator, Intervention Coordinator, and school counselors actively continue to reach out to homeless and foster youth, and students needing academic and social emotional support. Parents/guardians are informed well in advance and encouraged to attend all quarterly SSC, ELAC, and PAC meetings. The minutes, agendas, and recordings are posted on the EACS website. EACS is working to find ways to enhance and encourage more parent/guardian participation in SSC, ELAC, and PAC meetings. EACS is moving in the direction of providing parents/guardians and students opportunities to promote and shed light on multicultural awareness by focusing on heritage, customs, and traditions through discussions and presentations that will inspire greater attendance.

Section 2: Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes

Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, identify the number which best indicates the LEA's current stage of implementation for each practice in this section using the following rating scale (lowest to highest):

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

Practices	Rating Scale Number
5. Rate the LEA's progress in providing professional learning and support to teachers and principals to improve a school's capacity to partner with families.	5
6. Rate the LEA's progress in providing families with information and resources to support student learning and development in the home.	5
7. Rate the LEA's progress in implementing policies or programs for teachers to meet with families and students to discuss student progress and ways to work together to support improved student outcomes.	5
8. Rate the LEA's progress in supporting families to understand and exercise their legal rights and advocate for their own students and all students.	5

Building Partnerships Dashboard Narrative Boxes (Limited to 3,000 characters)

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

EACS' commitment to encouraging parental involvement, by developing a trusting and respectful relationship between the school staff and families, is important to building and sustaining positive relationships. EACS develops a strong school-home partnership through the use of communication tools that provide parents with access to the student's teacher, current information about the school, access to students' academic information through a parent portal, opportunities to participate and provide input in teacher-parent/student meetings, parent meetings, and governing board meetings. All applicable notifications are posted on the school website and in the parent handbook. A part of the role of the counselor includes communicating with educational partners about their legal rights. Our Intervention Coordinator shares Title I and Title III related parent rights, applicable policies, and encourages education partnership participation. In conformity with Senate Bill 1375, the school posts information on the school website identifying the school's Title IX/Uniform Complaint Procedure Coordinator, the rights of students and the responsibilities of schools, and a description of how to file a complaint. The school website and the parent/student handbooks contain information about the Annual Notice of Uniform Complaint Procedures. The Notice of Procedural Safeguards is provided to parents of students with an IEP on an annual basis. The notice is provided electronically by email in English or Spanish and is also offered to parents at every IEP meeting. If the parent is a non-native English speaker, a translator is present to provide translation of the document. Parents/guardians have the opportunity to communicate with their students' teachers on a regular basis and are encouraged to reach out through email and by phone to set-up meetings

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

Based on the analysis of educational partner input, EACS will continue to focus on partnership and student outcome improvement by offering additional parent education opportunities both in person and virtual, annual surveys, and SSC, ELAC, and PAC meetings.

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

EACS' LCAP Goal 3 focuses specifically on establishing connections and partnerships with our families and the surrounding community to increase engagement, involvement, and ensure safety and satisfaction to support student learning and achievement for all students including English Learners (EL), other unduplicated student groups, and students with disabilities (SWDs). Effective and meaningful transparent communication will provide all educational partners opportunities for input in decision making for policy and program improvement. The teacher-parent-student relationship is at the core of student success. EACS will provide students with equity based instruction and the necessary individualized resources, interventions, and support that is critical for growth and progress while keeping parents/guardians informed and involved.

Section 3: Seeking Input for Decision-Making

Based on the analysis of educational partner input and local data, identify the number which best indicates the LEA's current stage of implementation for each practice in this section using the following rating scale (lowest to highest):

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

Practices	Rating Scale Number
1. Rate the LEA's progress in building the capacity of and supporting principals and staff to effectively engage families in advisory groups and with decision-making.	5
2. Rate the LEA's progress in building the capacity of and supporting family members to effectively engage in advisory groups and decision-making.	5
3. Rate the LEA's progress in providing all families with opportunities to provide input on policies and programs, and implementing strategies to reach and seek input from any underrepresented groups in the school community.	5
4. Rate the LEA's progress in providing opportunities to have families, teachers, principals, and district administrators work together to plan, design, implement and evaluate family engagement activities at school and district levels.	5

Seeking Input for Decision-Making Dashboard Narrative Boxes (Limited to 3,000 characters)

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

Educational Partner Input data:
 2020-21: 66 Educational Partner Input Survey Participants
 2021-22: 220 Educational Partner Input Survey Participants
 2022-23: 304 Educational Partner Input Survey Participants
 2023-24: 351 Educational Partner Input Survey Participants

EACS is focused on providing effective and meaningful communication that will provide all educational partners opportunities for input in decision making that concerns the equity based education and instruction of all students, as well as the quality of the school program. Communication about opportunities to provide input is provided through social media platforms, including Beehively, as well as during SSC, ELAC, and PAC meetings. There were 351 participants in the LCAP Parent/Guardian Input Survey and 123 participants in the LCAP Student Input Survey which

was a positive increase in survey respondents from the previous school year. EACS shared the survey results with educational partners during the ELAC and SSC meetings and in the monthly newsletters.

Meaning: There has been an increase of survey participants due to the ongoing efforts of the increase communication to educational partners to participate in providing survey input.

Use: EACS will continue to monitor the level of educational partner participation in input opportunities and continue to research strategies to encourage participation

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

EACS annually measures growth and progress by seeking input and feedback from all educational partners through annual surveys, teacher/student/parent meetings, board meetings, and through program participation in SSC, ELAC, and PAC meetings. EACS reports the collected results to all educational partners in order to promote transparency and collaboration. Empowering educational partners to provide input and feedback, and participate in decision making, ultimately creates a positive environment where staff, parents/guardians, students, and members of the community and governing board have the opportunity for their voices to be shared and heard. EACS will continue to discuss best practices and train staff on effective strategies for family communication and outreach that ultimately centers around the need for inclusion, building trust, and collaboration. The ultimate goal is for EACS staff to work alongside educational partners in a manner that leads to a positive and successful school environment where students thrive and become lifelong learners.

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

Although the survey results did not indicate or reveal less engagement from underrepresented families, communication remains a top priority by focusing on strengthening collaboration and participation of all families by providing meaningful in-person and virtual support, guidance, and resources. Through multiple measures of communication, in order to seek input for decision making, EACS will reach out to all parents/guardians with consistent reminders of upcoming events and meetings to attend. All parents/guardians will be notified in a timely manner if there are concerns regarding student social and academic achievement.

School Climate (LCFF Priority 6)

Introduction

The initial design of the Local Control Funding Formula recognized the critical role that positive school conditions and climate play in advancing student performance and equity. This recognition is grounded in a research base demonstrating that a positive school climate directly impacts indicators of success such as increased teacher retention, lower dropout rates, decreased incidences of violence, and higher student achievement.

In order to support comprehensive planning, LEAs need access to current data. The measurement of school climate provides LEAs with critical data that can be used to track progress in school climate for purposes of continuous improvement, and the ability to identify needs and implement changes to address local needs.

Introduction

LEAs are required, at a minimum, to annually administer a local climate survey. The survey must:

- Capture a valid measure of student perceptions of school safety and connectedness in at least one grade within each grade span the LEA serves (e.g. TK-5, 6-8, 9-12); and
- At a minimum, report disaggregated data by student groups identified in California Education Code 52052, when such data is available as part of the local school climate survey.

Based on the analysis of local data, including the local climate survey data, LEAs are to respond to the following three prompts. Each prompt response is limited to 3,000 characters. An LEA may provide hyperlink(s) to other documents as necessary within each prompt:

Prompt 1 (DATA): Describe the local climate survey data, including available data disaggregated by student groups. LEAs using surveys that provide an overall score, such as the California Healthy Kids Survey, are encouraged to report the overall score for all students as well as available student group scores. Responses may also include an analysis of a subset of specific items on a local survey and additional data collection tools that are particularly relevant to school conditions and climate.

Students in grades 6-12

98% of survey respondents agree that their teacher is available to speak with them when they need guidance.
95% of survey respondents agree that the curriculum provides challenging grade level instruction and assessment of their academic progress.
93.5% of survey respondents agree that the curriculum and instruction are engaging and they are able to complete the coursework on time.
96.7% of survey respondents agree that their teacher cares about their education and is committed to helping them succeed.
95.9% of survey respondents feel safe and welcome to meet with their teacher to discuss their progress.
96.7% of survey respondents feel overall satisfaction with Excel Academy Charter School.
95.1% of survey respondents feel the school does a good job communicating through all forms of communication.
94.3% of survey respondents know that they have someone at school who they can talk to (teacher or counselor).

Testimonials

"My learning goals are met."
"Excel already is helping me learn better and I feel as if my learning goals are already fulfilled."

Elementary SEL Survey - Grades TK - 6

83% of survey respondents feel they have an adult to talk to when they are upset (fearful, angry, or sad).
100% of survey respondents believe they have a trusted adult who will help them in any circumstance.
100% of survey respondents believe their students have 1 or 2 people who they consider to be friends.
100% of survey respondents believe their students have an adult to talk to when they are upset (fearful, angry, or sad).
76% of survey respondents are aware of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) groups provided by Excel Academy.

Testimonials:

"We love the social emotional classes on Wednesdays."

Students in grades K - 12 Intervention Feedback

100% of survey respondents agree that their teacher communicates positively and professionally with students and parents.
95% of survey respondents agree that they feel a sense of belonging and part of the classroom community.
93% of survey respondents feel the class helped them grow academically.

Testimonials:

"I appreciate the level of communication teachers maintain with parents and their efforts to engage students."
"The teacher communicates with parents often. My student loves class and is very engaged in it."
"This helped him improve significantly."

Prompt 2 (MEANING): Describe key learnings, including identified needs and areas of strength determined through the analysis of data described in Prompt 1, including the available data disaggregated by student group.

MEANING: The survey results are shared with educational partners to address trends in the input during the ELAC, SSC, and all staff meetings. There was no input that directly affected the LCAP goals and actions. The most consistent trend we found was praise for EACS and appreciation for all of the resources provided to families.

Prompt 3 (USE): Describe any changes to existing plans, policies, or procedures that the LEA determines necessary in order to address areas of need identified through the analysis of local data and the identification of key learnings. Include any revisions, decisions, or actions the LEA has, or will, implement for continuous improvement purposes.

USE: EACS takes pride in focusing on continuous improvement by analyzing current curriculum options, internal assessments, and educational partner feedback to ensure students are being provided the best education that serves their individual needs.

Access to a Broad Course of Study (LCFF Priority 7)

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

1. Briefly identify the locally selected measures or tools that the LEA is using to track the extent to which all students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study, based on grade spans, unduplicated student groups, and individuals with exceptional needs served. (response limited to 1,500 characters)

EACS offers students across all grade levels innovative personalized programs and pathways that offer a broad course of study, flexibility, and independent learning developed from data analysis of assessment and academic portfolios built on integrity, accountability and compliance. With the support and guidance of a credentialed teacher, students build a customized learning plan based on individual educational goals. All 8th-12th students meet with their assigned High School Counselor yearly to review graduation progress, select courses that will ensure they meet their academic goals, and create a detailed in depth Course of Study that indicates specifically the courses the student will be studying and the vetted curriculum they will be using. A pacing guide for each assigned subject is then created by the teacher who will monitor the completion of the assignments and assessments outlined. All students have access to core subject courses, CTE and elective courses, the opportunity to take advanced high school courses (Honors and AP), credit recovery, and can participate in concurrent enrollment. Students in grades 7-12 are offered live, weekly hybrid courses in all core subjects. The High School Counselor and High School Principal initiate a general education meeting to follow each eighth grade end-of-year IEP to ensure that the students have a four-plan in place for high school. Any SPED curricular questions are addressed with the Case Managers who implement IEP goals.

2. Using the locally selected measures or tools, summarize the extent to which all students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study. The summary should identify any differences across school sites and student groups in access to, and enrollment in, a broad course of study, and may describe progress over time in the extent to which all students have access to, and are enrolled in, a broad course of study. (response limited to 1,500 characters)

All students have access to a broad course of study, internal and state assessments, and oversight from credentialed educators due to EACS' personalized learning model. Students who are receiving interventions have access to additional academic resources and tutoring. The EACS High School Counselor and teacher work together to plan the approved courses and develop four year high school plans. The High School Principal and School Counselor monitor student enrollment in the approved courses and work with the student and parents to create a plan based on student interests, goals, and grade-level expectations. When deemed appropriate and based on internal and state assessment results, the Intervention Coordinator works in conjunction with the Special Education Team, High School Counselor, teacher, and Administrative Team to ensure that the student has proper resources and interventions in place to strengthen skills and close any learning gaps. EACS tracks students' volunteer and work-

based hours through remote learning opportunities for the Completer courses. EACS currently offers three CTE pathways: Business Marketing, Digital Media and Photography, and Patient Care. As a result of the collaboration, guidance, and support in place, EACS continues to see great success which is reflected in our high graduate rate and an increased number of students moving on to community colleges, four year colleges, and trade schools.

3. Given the results of the tool or locally selected measures, identify the barriers preventing the LEA from providing access to a broad course of study for all students. (response limited to 1,500 characters)

Since EACS does not have a physical location, providing students with hands-on experience in CTE Capstone courses can be a challenge. However, we have overcome that barrier by encouraging dual enrollment in community colleges where the resources for hands-on instruction and training are readily available.

4. In response to the results of the tool or locally selected measures, what revisions, decisions, or new actions will the LEA implement, or has the LEA implemented, to ensure access to a broad course of study for all students? (response limited to 1,500 characters)

To ensure access to a broad course of study and equity based instruction for all students, EACS has replaced Imagine Language and Literacy with Lexia English for EL students in order to have stronger support aligned with ELPAC score report levels and the ELD Framework. EACS has also added NoRedInk (premium) to enhance instructional writing and grammar support, added DreamBox Math as a targeted intervention, refined curriculum menu options for students across all grade levels, and added an additional secondary math intervention course.

Coordination of Services for Expelled Students – COE Only (LCFF Priority 9)

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

Rating Scale (lowest to highest):

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

Coordinating Instruction	1	2	3	4	5
1. Assessing status of triennial plan for providing educational services to all expelled students in the county, including:	[No response required]	[No response required]	[No response required]	[No response required]	[No response required]
a. Review of required outcome data.					
b. Identifying existing educational alternatives for expelled pupils, gaps in educational services to expelled pupils, and strategies for filling those service gaps.					
c. Identifying alternative placements for pupils who are expelled and placed in district community day school programs, but who fail to meet the terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan or who pose a danger to other district					

Coordinating Instruction	1	2	3	4	5
pupils.					
2. Coordinating on development and implementation of triennial plan with all LEAs within the county.					
3. Establishing ongoing collaboration and policy development for transparent referral process for LEAs within the county to the county office of education or other program options, including dissemination to all LEAs within the county a menu of available continuum of services for expelled students.					
4. Developing memorandum of understanding regarding the coordination of partial credit policies between district of residence and county office of education.					

Coordination of Services for Foster Youth – COE Only (LCFF Priority 10)

Assess the degree of implementation of coordinated service program components for foster youth in your county.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest):

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

Coordinating Services	1	2	3	4	5
1. Establishing ongoing collaboration and supporting policy development, including establishing formalized information sharing agreements with child welfare, probation, Local Education Agency (LEAs), the courts, and other organizations to support determining the proper educational placement of foster youth (e.g., school of origin versus current residence, comprehensive versus alternative school, and regular versus special education).					

Coordinating Services	1	2	3	4	5
2. Building capacity with LEA, probation, child welfare, and other organizations for purposes of implementing school-based support infrastructure for foster youth intended to improve educational outcomes (e.g., provide regular professional development with the Foster Youth Liaisons to facilitate adequate transportation services for foster youth).					
3. Providing information and assistance to LEAs regarding the educational needs of foster youth in order to improve educational outcomes.					
4. Providing direct educational services for foster youth in LEA or county-operated programs provided the school district has certified that specified services cannot be provided or funded using other sources, including, but not limited to, Local Control Funding Formula, federal, state or local funding.					
5. Establishing ongoing collaboration and supporting development of policies and procedures that facilitate expeditious transfer of records, transcripts, and other relevant educational information.					
6. Facilitating the coordination of post-secondary opportunities for youth by engaging with systems partners, including, but not limited to, child welfare transition planning and independent living services, community colleges or universities, career technical education, and workforce development providers.					
7. Developing strategies to prioritize the needs of foster youth in the community, using community-wide assessments that consider age group, geographical area, and identification of highest needs students based on academic needs and placement type.					

Coordinating Services	1	2	3	4	5
8. Engaging in the process of reviewing plan deliverables and of collecting and analyzing LEA and COE level outcome data for purposes of evaluating effectiveness of support services for foster youth and whether the investment in services contributes to improved educational outcomes for foster youth.					