

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN

The Governing Board desires to ensure the most effective use of available state funding to improve outcomes for all students. A community-based, comprehensive, data-driven planning process shall be used to identify annual goals and specific actions aligned with state and local priorities and to facilitate a cycle of continuous learning and improvement of district practices.

The Board shall adopt a districtwide local control and accountability plan (LCAP), using the template provided by the State Board of Education, which addresses the state priorities specified in Education Code 52060. The LCAP shall be effective for three years and shall be updated on or before July 1 of each year. (Education Code 52060)

In addition, the LCAP shall address any local priorities adopted by the Board.

The LCAP shall focus on improving outcomes for all students, particularly those who are "unduplicated students" and other underperforming students.

Unduplicated students include students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, English learners, and foster youth and are counted only once for purposes of the local control funding formula. (Education Code 42238.02)

To minimize duplication of effort and provide clear direction for program implementation, the LCAP and other district and school plans shall be aligned to the extent possible.

The Superintendent or designee shall review the single plan for student achievement (SPSA) submitted by each district school pursuant to Education Code 64001 to ensure that the specific actions included in the LCAP or the annual update are consistent with strategies included in the SPSA. (Education Code 52062)

Any complaint that the district has not complied with legal requirements pertaining to the LCAP may be filed pursuant to AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 52075)

Plan Development

The Superintendent or designee shall gather data and information needed for effective and meaningful plan development and present it to the Board and community. Such data and information shall include, but not be limited to, data regarding the numbers of students in various student subgroups, disaggregated data on student achievement levels, and information about current programs and expenditures.

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, employee bargaining units, parents/guardians, and students in developing the LCAP.

Public Review and Input

The Board shall establish the following committee(s) to review and comment on the LCAP: (Education Code 52063)

1. A parent advisory committee including at least one parent/guardian of unduplicated students as defined above
2. An English learner parent advisory committee whenever district enrollment includes at least 15 percent English learners and at least 50 students who are English learners.

The Superintendent or designee shall present the LCAP or the annual update to the committee(s) before it is submitted to the Board for adoption, and shall respond in writing to comments received from the committee(s). (Education Code 52062)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify members of the public of the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the LCAP or the annual update to the LCAP. The notification shall be provided using the most efficient method of notification possible, which may not necessarily include producing printed notices or sending notices by mail. All written notifications related to the LCAP or the annual update shall be provided in the primary language of parents/guardians when required by Education Code 48985. (Education Code 52062)

The Board shall hold at least one public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the LCAP or the annual update. The public hearing shall be held at the same meeting as the public hearing required prior to the adoption of the district budget in accordance with Education Code 42127 and AR 3100 - Budget. (Education Code 42127, 52062)

Adoption of the Plan

Prior to adopting the district budget, but at the same public meeting, the Board shall adopt the LCAP or the annual update. This meeting shall be held after the public hearing described above, but not on the same day as the hearing. (Education Code 52062)

The Board may adopt revisions to the LCAP at any time during the period in which the plan is in effect, provided the Board follows the process to adopt the LCAP pursuant to Education Code 52062 and the revisions are adopted in a public meeting. (Education Code 52062)

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Submission of Plan to County Superintendent of Schools

Not later than five days after adoption of the LCAP or the annual update to the LCAP, the Board shall file the LCAP or the annual update with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 52070)

If the County Superintendent sends, by August 15, a written request for clarification of the contents of the LCAP or the annual update, the Board shall respond in writing within 15 days of the request. If the County Superintendent then submits recommendations for amendments to the LCAP within 15 days of receiving the Board's response, the Board shall consider those recommendations in a public meeting within 15 days of receiving the recommendations. (Education Code 52070)

Monitoring Progress

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board, at least annually in accordance with the timeline and indicators established by him/her and the Board, regarding the district's progress toward attaining each goal identified in the LCAP. Evaluation data shall be used to recommend any necessary revisions to the LCAP.

Technical Assistance/Intervention

When it is in the best interest of the district, the Board may submit a request to the County Superintendent for technical assistance, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 52071)

1. Assistance in the identification of district strengths and weaknesses in regard to state priorities and review of effective, evidence-based programs that apply to the district's goals
2. Assistance from an academic expert, team of academic experts, or another district in the county in identifying and implementing effective programs to improve the outcomes for student subgroups
3. Advice and assistance from the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence established pursuant to Education Code 52074

In the event that the County Superintendent requires the district to receive technical assistance pursuant to Education Code 52071, the Board shall review all recommendations received from the County Superintendent or other advisor and shall consider revisions to the LCAP as appropriate in accordance with the process specified in Education Code 52062.

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If the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) identifies the district as needing intervention pursuant to Education Code 52072, the district shall cooperate with any action taken by the SPI or any academic advisor appointed by the SPI, which may include one or more of the following:

1. Revision of the district's LCAP
2. Revision of the district's budget in accordance with changes in the LCAP
3. A determination to stay or rescind any district action that would prevent the district from improving outcomes for all student subgroups, provided that action is not required by a collective bargaining agreement

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17002 State School Building Lease-Purchase Law, including definition of good repair
41020 Audits
42127 Public hearing on budget adoption
42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula
44258.9 County superintendent review of teacher assignment
48985 Parental notices in languages other than English
51210 Course of study for grades 1-6
51220 Course of study for grades 7-12
52052 Academic Performance Index; numerically significant student subgroups
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
52302 Regional occupational centers and programs
52372.5 Linked learning pilot program
54692 Partnership academies
60119 Sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials; hearing and resolution
60605.8 California Assessment of Academic Achievement; Academic Content Standards Commission
60811.3 Assessment of language development
64001 Single plan for student achievement
99300-99301 Early Assessment Program
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6312 Local educational agency plan
6826 Title III funds, local plans

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Impact of Local Control Funding Formula on Board Policies, November 2013

Local Control Funding Formula 2013, Governance Brief, August 2013

State Priorities for Funding: The Need for Local Control and Accountability Plans, Fact Sheet, August 2013

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

California School Accounting Manual

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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Content of the Plan

The district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall be completed using the State Board of Education template pursuant to Ed Code 52060.

Availability of the Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall post the LCAP and any updates or revisions to the LCAP on the district's web site. (Education Code 52065)