

Philosophy

Local Control and Accountability Plan

The Board of Education 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 continuous improvement of District practices.

Pursuant to Education Code 52060, the LCAP must include goals and actions aligned with eight state priorities related to (1) the degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed, students have sufficient access to standards-based instructional materials, and facilities are maintained in good repair; (2) implementation of and student access to state academic content and performance standards; (3) parent/guardian involvement; (4) student achievement; (5) student engagement; (6) school climate; (7) student access to and enrollment in a broad course of study, including programs and services provided to benefit low-income students, English learners, and/or foster youth (i.e., "unduplicated students" for purposes of the local control funding formula); and (8) student outcomes in the specified course of study.

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)

Education Code 52060 provides that, in addition to addressing the state priorities in the LCAP, the District may establish and address local priorities. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect any local priorities. Examples include priorities for student wellness and other conditions of children, professional development, community involvement, and effective governance and leadership.

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)

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

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.

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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)

Pursuant to Education Code 52075, the District is required to establish policies and procedures, on or before June 30, 2014, implementing uniform complaint procedures for complaints that the District has not complied with LCAP requirements; see AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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.

The Board shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, employee bargaining units, parents/guardians, and students in developing the LCAP. (Education Code 52060)

Public Review and Input

Pursuant to Education Code 52063, the Board is required to establish a parent advisory committee that includes parents/guardians of unduplicated students. In addition, if District enrollment includes at least 15 percent English learners and at least 50 students who are English learners, the Board is required to establish an English learner parent advisory committee.

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)

Pursuant to Education Code 42127, as amended by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) and SB 97 (Ch. 357, Statutes of 2013), for the 2014-15 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the Board must not adopt a District budget until the LCAP or an annual update to the LCAP is in place for the budget year; see BP 3100 - Budget. The budget must include the expenditures necessary to implement the plan that is effective during the subsequent fiscal year. If it does not, the County Superintendent of Schools must disapprove the District's budget.

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)

Submission of Plan to County Superintendent of Schools

Education Code 52070 requires the District to submit the LCAP and the annual update to the County Superintendent. The County Superintendent may seek written clarification of the contents of the plan and may submit recommendations for amendments, in accordance with the timelines specified in law as provided below. He/she is required to approve the LCAP or the annual update on or before October 8 if he/she determines that (1) the LCAP adheres to the SBE template; (2) the District budget includes expenditures sufficient to implement the specific actions and strategies in the LCAP; and (3) as amended by SB 97 (Ch. 357, Statutes of 2013), the

LCAP or annual update adheres to supplemental and concentration grant expenditure requirements specified in Education Code 42238.07 for unduplicated students.

Pursuant to Education Code 52064, the District is not required to submit the LCAP or annual update to the SBE unless otherwise required by federal law.

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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

Pursuant to Education Code 52064.5, the SBE is required to adopt evaluation rubrics by October 1, 2015, to assist Districts in evaluating their strengths, weaknesses, and areas that require improvement. The rubrics will include all of the state priorities described in Education Code 52060 and the SBE standards for District and school performance and expectations for improvement in regard to those state priorities.

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.

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