

# CSBA Sample Board Policy

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

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## LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN

Note: The following policy is **optional**. Education Code 52060-52077 require the Governing Board to adopt and annually update, on or before July 1, a local control and accountability plan (LCAP). ~~A template for the plan and related requirements for LCAP development are contained in 5 CCR 15494-15497.5, as amended by Register 2015, No. 2.~~ 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. Education Code 52060 provides that, in addition to addressing the state priorities in the LCAP, the district may establish and address local priorities. Examples include priorities for student wellness and other conditions of children, professional development, community involvement, and effective governance and leadership. See the accompanying administrative regulation for further information about the required content of the LCAP.

The LCAP is a key component of the state accountability system. Pursuant to Education Code 52064.5, the State Board of Education (SBE) has adopted evaluation rubrics (called the "California School Dashboard") which will assist districts in evaluating their progress toward the goals in their LCAP. Under the flexibility provided by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (P.L. 114-95), California has begun to streamline local, state, and federal requirements into a single, coherent system for planning, accountability, and school improvement and support.

The Governing Board desires to ensure the most effective use of available 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 and to facilitate continuous improvement of district practices.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

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**A template for the LCAP and related requirements are contained in 5 CCR 15494-15497.5. According to California Department of Education (CDE) correspondence dated January 18, 2017, for the 2017-18 school year, districts scheduled for Federal Program Monitoring and/or applying for Title III funds must also complete an LCAP Addendum that was developed by the CDE to ensure alignment of local, state, and federal planning efforts. Districts may use an electronic template, accessible on the CDE's web site, to create their LCAP.**

The Board shall adopt a districtwide local control and accountability plan (LCAP), following the template provided in 5 CCR 15497.5, that addresses the state priorities in Education Code 52060 and any local priorities adopted by the Board. The LCAP shall be updated on or before July 1 of each year and, like the district budget, shall cover the next fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years. (Education Code 52060; 5 CCR 15497.5)

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

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)

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

*(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)*

*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*

Note: Education Code 52062 requires the district to ensure that the specific actions included in the LCAP are consistent with strategies in the single plan for student achievement (SPSA) submitted by each school pursuant to Education Code 64001; see BP/AR 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils for SPSA requirements. In addition, the LCAP template in 5 CCR 15497.5 allows for the LCAP to be supplemented with information contained in other plans, including the Title I local educational agency plan required by 20 USC 6312 (see BP/AR 6171 - Title I Programs).

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 are consistent with strategies included in the SPSA. (Education Code 52062)

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*

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The LCAP shall also be aligned with other district and school plans to the extent possible in order to minimize duplication of effort and provide clear direction for program implementation.

*(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)*  
*(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)*  
*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*  
*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

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)

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

### 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 number of students in student subgroups, disaggregated data on student achievement levels, and information about current programs and expenditures.

Note: Education Code 52060 requires consultation on plan development with all of the groups listed below. The Board may delegate responsibility for arranging meetings and other input opportunities to the Superintendent or designee.

5 CCR 15495 defines what it means to consult with students, including unduplicated students and other numerically significant student subgroups, and gives examples of methods that may be used for this consultation. Pursuant to Education Code 52052, as amended by AB 104 (Ch. 13, Statutes of 2015), a numerically significant subgroup includes ethnic subgroups, students with disabilities, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, foster youth, and homeless students, when there are at least 30 students in the subgroup (or 15 foster youth or homeless students) in the school or district. For schools or districts with 11-99 students, numerically significant student subgroups are defined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) with approval of the State Board of Education (SBE).

State regulations do not provide examples of consultation with groups other than students, but consultations might include the establishment of an advisory committee consisting of representatives of all the specified groups, solicitation of feedback from the groups after a draft plan is available, discussion of the LCAP at staff meetings, and communication with parent organizations, student councils, school site councils, or other established committees or organizations.

The district may expand the following paragraph to reflect district practice.

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The Board shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, employee bargaining units, parents/guardians, and students in developing the LCAP. Consultation with students shall enable unduplicated students and other numerically significant student subgroups to review and comment on LCAP development and may include surveys of students, student forums, student advisory committees, and/or meetings with student government bodies or other groups representing students. (Education Code 52060; 5 CCR 15495)

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*  
*(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)*  
*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

**Public Review and Input**

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52063 and 5 CCR 15495, **as amended by Register 2015, No. 2,** the Board is required to establish a parent advisory committee that is composed of a majority of parents/guardians and includes at least one parent/guardian of an unduplicated student. In addition, if district enrollment includes at least 15 percent English learners, with at least 50 students who are English learners, the Board is required to establish an English learner parent advisory committee which, pursuant to 5 CCR 15495 as amended, must include a majority of parents/guardians of English learners. The district may use existing parent advisory committees for these purposes if the committee composition complies with Education Code 52063 and 5 CCR 15495. However, the district should consider whether such opportunities need to be expanded to achieve significant levels of stakeholder involvement in the planning process as intended by the law.

The Board shall establish a parent advisory committee to review and comment on the LCAP. The committee shall be composed of a majority of parents/guardians and shall include at least one parent/guardian of an unduplicated student as defined above. (Education Code 52063; 5 CCR 15495)

Whenever district enrollment includes at least 15 percent English learners, with at least 50 students who are English learners, the Board shall establish an English learner parent advisory committee composed of a majority of parents/guardians of English learners. (Education Code 52063; 5 CCR 15495)

The Superintendent or designee shall present the LCAP 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)

Note: Education Code 52062 requires notification to the public of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed LCAP, including notification in the primary language of parents/guardians when required by Education Code 48985. Pursuant to Education Code 48985, whenever 15 percent or more of the students in a

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school speak a single primary language other than English, notifications sent to parents/guardians of such students must be written in the primary language as well as in English; see BP 5145.6 - Parental Notifications.

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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. 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 shall be provided in the primary language of parents/guardians when required by Education Code 48985. (Education Code 52062)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

**Note: Pursuant to Education Code 305, as amended by Proposition 58 (November 2016) and effective July 1, 2017, the LCAP parent and community engagement process must include solicitation of input as described in the following paragraph. Also see BP/AR 6174 - Education for English Language Learners for further information regarding the types of language acquisition programs that may be offered to students.**

**As part of the parent and community engagement process, the district shall solicit input on effective and appropriate instructional methods, including, but not limited to, establishing language acquisition programs to enable all students, including English learners and native English speakers, to have access to the core academic content standards and to become proficient in English. (Education Code 305-306)**

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42127, the Board cannot adopt a district budget until 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 will be effective during the subsequent fiscal year. If it does not, the County Superintendent of Schools will 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. The public hearing shall be held at the same meeting as the budget hearing required pursuant to Education Code 42127 and AR 3100 - Budget. (Education Code 42127, 52062)

*(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)*

### Adoption of the Plan

The Board shall adopt the LCAP prior to adopting the district budget, but at the same public meeting. This meeting shall be held after the public hearing described above, but not on the same day as the hearing.

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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

Note: Education Code 52070 requires the district to submit the LCAP to the County Superintendent. The County Superintendent may seek written clarification of the contents of the plan and may submit recommendations for amendments as provided below. He/she is required to approve the LCAP on or before October 8 if he/she determines that (1) the LCAP adheres to the template in 5 CCR 15497.5 **as added by Register 2015, No. 2**; (2) the district budget includes expenditures sufficient to implement the specific actions in the LCAP; and (3) the LCAP adheres to supplemental and concentration grant expenditure requirements specified in Education Code 42238.07 for unduplicated students. In determining whether the district has fully demonstrated that it will use supplemental and concentration funds to increase or improve services for unduplicated students, 5 CCR 15497, **as added by Register 2015, No. 2**, requires the County Superintendent to review any descriptions of districtwide or schoolwide services provided.

Not later than five days after adoption of the LCAP, the Board shall file the LCAP 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, 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

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect the district's timeline for reviewing evaluations of the progress and effectiveness of strategies included in the LCAP. Such reports should be provided to the Board in sufficient time to allow for any necessary changes in the annual update to the LCAP by July 1 of each year, as required by Education Code 52060-52061. **The California School Dashboard provides a tool to assist in evaluation of district and school performance and includes all of the state priorities for the LCAP described in Education Code 52060.**

~~In September 2016, the SBE adopted evaluation rubrics to assist districts in evaluating their strengths, weaknesses, and areas that require improvement. The rubrics include all of the state priorities described in Education Code 52060, SBE standards for district and school performance, and SBE 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 shall include, but not be limited to, an assessment of district and school performance based on evaluation rubrics**

**adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Education Code 52064.5.** Evaluation data shall be used to recommend any necessary revisions to the LCAP.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

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### **Technical Assistance/Intervention**

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52071, the Board may, at its discretion and at the district's expense, request technical assistance as described in items #1-3 below. In addition, the County Superintendent is required to provide such technical assistance whenever he/she does not approve the district's LCAP and/or the district fails to improve student achievement across more than one state priority described in Education Code 52060, as determined using the SBE evaluation rubric.

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.

Note: Education Code 52072 provides that the SPI, with approval of the SBE, may intervene when a district meets both of the following criteria: (1) the district did not improve the outcomes for three or more student subgroups identified pursuant to Education Code 52052, or all of the student subgroups if the district has fewer than three subgroups, in regard to more than one state or local priority in three out of four consecutive school years; and (2) the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) has provided advice and assistance to the district and submits a finding that the district failed or is unable to implement the CCEE's recommendations or that the district's inadequate performance is so persistent or acute as to require intervention. For any district identified as needing intervention, the SPI or an academic trustee appointed by the SPI may, with approval of the SBE, take one or more of the actions listed in items #1-3 below.

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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

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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: (see next page)*

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### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

305-306 English language education

17002 State School Building Lease-Purchase Law, including definition of good repair

**33430-33436 Learning Communities for School Success Program; grants for LCAP implementation**

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

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15494-15497.5 Local control and accountability plan and spending requirements

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6312 Local educational agency plan

6826 Title III funds, local plans

### Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

**Promising Practices for Developing and Implementing LCAPs, Governance Brief, November 2016**  
**LCFF Rubrics, Issue 1: What Boards Need to Know About the New Rubrics, Governance Brief, rev. October 2016**

~~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~~

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California School Accounting Manual

Every Student Succeeds Act - Update #6, January 18, 2017

LCFF Frequently Asked Questions

WEB SITES

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