

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum Template

LEA name:

Pivot Charter School North Bay

CDS code:

49-70839-0138065

Link to the LCAP:

(optional)

No LCAP required for 2020-21. The 2020-21 Learning Continuity & Attendance Plan, as well as the 2019-20 LCAP, can be found at pivotnorthbay.com

For which ESSA programs will your LEA apply?

Choose from:

TITLE I, PART A

Improving Basic Programs Operated by State and Local Educational Agencies

TITLE I, PART D

Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk

TITLE II, PART A

Supporting Effective Instruction

TITLE III, PART A

Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students

TITLE IV, PART A

Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

(NOTE: This list only includes ESSA programs with LEA plan requirements; not all ESSA programs.)

TITLE I, PART A
TITLE IV, PART A

In the following pages, ONLY complete the sections for the corresponding programs.

Instructions

The LCAP Federal Addendum is meant to supplement the LCAP to ensure that eligible LEAs have the opportunity to meet the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan provisions of the ESSA.

The LCAP Federal Addendum Template must be completed and submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) to apply for ESSA funding. LEAs are encouraged to review the LCAP Federal Addendum annually with their LCAP, as ESSA funding should be considered in yearly strategic planning.

The LEA must address the Strategy and Alignment prompts provided on the following page.

Each provision for each program must be addressed, unless the provision is not applicable to the LEA.

In addressing these provisions, LEAs must provide a narrative that addresses the provision **within the LCAP Federal Addendum Template.**

Under State Priority Alignment, state priority numbers are provided to demonstrate where an ESSA provision aligns with state priorities. This is meant to assist LEAs in determining where ESSA provisions may already be addressed in the LEA's LCAP, as it demonstrates the LEA's efforts to support the state priorities.

The CDE emphasizes that **the LCAP Federal Addendum should not drive LCAP development.** ESSA funds are supplemental to state funds, just as the LCAP Federal Addendum supplements your LCAP. LEAs are encouraged to integrate their ESSA funds into their LCAP development as much as possible to promote strategic planning of all resources;

however, this is not a requirement. In reviewing the LCAP Federal Addendum, staff will evaluate the LEA's responses to the ESSA plan provisions. There is no standard length for the responses. LEAs will be asked to clarify insufficient responses during the review process.

California's ESSA State Plan significantly shifts the state's approach to the utilization of federal resources in support of underserved student groups. This LCAP Federal Addendum provides LEAs with the opportunity to document their approach to maximizing the impact of federal investments in support of underserved students.

The implementation of ESSA in California presents an opportunity for LEAs to innovate with their federally-funded programs and align them with the priority goals they are realizing under the state's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

LCFF provides LEAs flexibility to design programs and provide services that meet the needs of students in order to achieve readiness for college, career, and lifelong learning. The LCAP planning process supports continuous cycles of action, reflection, and improvement.

Please respond to the prompts below, and in the pages that follow, to describe the LEA's plan for making the best use of federal ESEA resources in alignment with other federal, state, and local programs as described in the LEA's LCAP.

Strategy

Explain the LEA's strategy for using federal funds to supplement and enhance local priorities or initiatives funded with state funds, as reflected in the LEA's LCAP. This shall include describing the rationale/evidence for the selected use(s) of federal funds within the context of the LEA's broader strategy reflected in the LCAP.

Pivot Charter School engages in ongoing improvement cycles which comprehensively evaluate and assess the needs of the school and its students. Stakeholder feedback is a key component in developing the school's goals and priorities. Various types of data are collected and used to monitor progress toward current LCAP goals and to identify new areas of need. Pivot's most recent LCAP goals are related to engagement, access, college and career programs, and academic progress. Actions related to each goal are funded primarily with state and local funds, and federal funds are used to supplement these efforts.

Federal funds are primarily used to increase supports for struggling students, particularly those who are socioeconomically disadvantaged. Many of these supports are incorporated into Pivot's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and are targeted to ensure equal access, increase meaningful engagement, close achievement gaps, and improve student progress toward mastering content standards.

Alignment

Describe the efforts that the LEA will take to align use of federal funds with activities funded by state and local funds and, as applicable, across different federal grant programs.

Federal funds will be used to supplement programs and goals which are primarily dependent on state and local funds. Pivot's MTSS offerings are able to be expanded with the support of federal funds. These funds allow for the employment of a dedicated full time MTSS Coordinator, who:

- Provides ongoing support and feedback to teachers and ensures they are properly implementing supports
- Facilitates communication and coordination among all individuals involved in each student's educational experience at Pivot, including the student, parents/guardians, general education teachers, special education teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, tutors, school administrators, etc.
- Coordinates increased data collection and reporting to ensure early identification and timely intervention for students who are low performing or at risk of failing
- Assists in the examination of data related to each student's engagement and academic progress, and works with teachers to develop targeted plans to improve student performance
- Leads professional development related to supporting underprivileged students and reducing barriers to access, engagement, and achievement

ESSA Provisions Addressed Within the LCAP

Within the LCAP an LEA is required to describe its goals, and the specific actions to achieve those goals, for each of the LCFF state priorities. In an approvable LCAP it will be apparent from the descriptions of the goals, actions, and services how an LEA is acting to address the following ESSA provisions through the aligned LCFF state priorities and/or the state accountability system.

TITLE I, PART A

Monitoring Student Progress Towards Meeting Challenging State Academic Standards

| ESSA SECTION | STATE PRIORITY ALIGNMENT |
|------------------|--|
| 1112(b)(1) (A–D) | 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 (<i>as applicable</i>) |

Describe how the LEA will monitor students' progress in meeting the challenging state academic standards by:

- (A) developing and implementing a well-rounded program of instruction to meet the academic needs of all students;
- (B) identifying students who may be at risk for academic failure;
- (C) providing additional educational assistance to individual students the LEA or school determines need help in meeting the challenging State academic standards; and
- (D) identifying and implementing instructional and other strategies intended to strengthen academic programs and improve school conditions for student learning.

Overuse in Discipline Practices that Remove Students from the Classroom

| ESSA SECTION | STATE PRIORITY ALIGNMENT |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1112(b)(11) | 6 (<i>as applicable</i>) |

Describe how the LEA will support efforts to reduce the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom, which may include identifying and supporting schools with high rates of discipline, disaggregated by each of the student groups, as defined in Section 1111(c)(2).

Career Technical and Work-based Opportunities

| ESSA SECTION | STATE PRIORITY ALIGNMENT |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1112(b)(12)(A–B) | 2, 4, 7 (<i>as applicable</i>) |

If determined appropriate by the LEA, describe how such agency will support programs that coordinate and integrate:

- (A) academic and career and technical education content through coordinated instructional strategies, that may incorporate experiential learning opportunities and promote skills attainment important to in-demand occupations or industries in the State; and
- (B) work-based learning opportunities that provide students in-depth interaction with industry professionals and, if appropriate, academic credit.

ESSA Provisions Addressed in the Consolidated Application and Reporting System

An LEA addresses the following ESSA provision as part of completing annual reporting through the Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS).

TITLE I, PART A

Poverty Criteria

| ESSA SECTION | STATE PRIORITY ALIGNMENT |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1112(b)(4) | N/A |

Describe the poverty criteria that will be used to select school attendance areas under Section 1113.

ESSA Provisions Not Addressed in the LCAP

For the majority of LEAs the ESSA provisions on the following pages do not align with state priorities. **Each provision for each program provided on the following pages must be addressed**, unless the provision is not applicable to the LEA. In addressing these provisions, LEAs must provide a narrative that addresses the provision **within this addendum**.

As previously stated, the CDE emphasizes that the LCAP Federal Addendum should not drive LCAP development. ESSA funds are supplemental to state funds, just as the LCAP Federal Addendum supplements your LCAP. LEAs are encouraged to integrate their ESSA funds into their LCAP development as much as possible to promote strategic planning of all resources; however, this is not a requirement. In reviewing the LCAP Federal Addendum, staff will evaluate the LEA's responses to the ESSA plan provisions. There is no standard length for the responses. LEAs will be asked to clarify insufficient responses during the review process.

TITLE I, PART A

Educator Equity

ESSA SECTION 1112(b)(2)

Describe how the LEA will identify and address, as required under State plans as described in Section 1111(g)(1)(B), any disparities that result in low-income students and minority students being taught at higher rates than other students by ineffective, inexperienced, or out-of-field teachers.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

Not applicable. LEA is a charter school.

Parent and Family Engagement

ESSA SECTIONS 1112(b)(3) and 1112(b)(7)

Describe how the LEA will carry out its responsibility under Section 1111(d).

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

Describe the strategy the LEA will use to implement effective parent and family engagement under Section 1116.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

Pivot Charter School highly values collaboration with parents/guardians and families, and engages them in a variety of ways. These individuals have numerous opportunities to engage with the Governing Board, school administrators including the Executive Director, teachers, office staff, and other parents/families associated with Pivot. The school uses email, text messages, and mobile apps

to communicate regularly with parents and families. Guidelines and policies for parent and family interaction are detailed in the Student Parent Handbook. Professional development for school personnel includes strategies for effectively engaging families as equal partners. School administrators and experienced teachers mentor new school staff in developing rapport with families and establishing strong connections that yield successful collaboration.

The school provides parent orientations for all parents of new students, at various points throughout the school year. These orientations provide an opportunity for teachers and school administrators to train parents and family members on using technology for school, how to support their student in their academics, and how to monitor their student's progress. Teachers also meet at least once per month with each student's parent/guardian to discuss their student's performance and progress, State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, academic progression plans, any disciplinary issues, and outside resources that may be beneficial to the family (such as mental health resources, social programs for which they may qualify, or information regarding concurrent enrollment at local community colleges).

When special programs or accommodations are indicated, parents/guardians are equal partners in the process every step of the way. This applies to any student who has been identified as low performing or at risk of failing, or who may have (or need) an IEP, 504 plan, or special assessments related to these. All MTSS options for support are also developed in partnership with the parent/guardian.

Parent/family meetings and surveys are completed at various points in the school year. These assess families' satisfaction with Pivot's programs, request feedback regarding their interactions with school personnel, collect information regarding awareness and utilization of various special programs provided by the school, and solicit input regarding LCAP goals and areas for school improvement. All members of the public including parents, students, and families are welcome to attend Pivot's Governing Board meetings. The Board encourages families to attend and provide public comment.

Translation services are available for all meetings with parents and families. Pivot is committed to ensuring families fully understand the school's programs and offerings, their student's progress and performance, and their options for providing feedback and helping to shape the future of the school.

Schoolwide Programs, Targeted Support Programs, and Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children

ESSA SECTIONS 1112(b)(5) and 1112(b)(9)

Describe, in general, the nature of the programs to be conducted by the LEA's schools under sections 1114 and 1115 and, where appropriate, educational services outside such schools for children living in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children, and for neglected and delinquent children in community day school programs.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

SWP:

Pivot Charter School operates a Schoolwide Program (SWP) under Title I. Greater than 40% of the school's enrolled students are from low-income families, and the Governing Board has approved the school's plan.

Pivot Charter School provides an independent study program using a hybrid/blended model, combining online coursework with site-based offerings at the school's resource center. The program

is primarily funded by revenues from state and local sources. Pivot Charter School operates a Schoolwide Program (SWP) under Title I to supplement the school's offerings through independent study. Feedback from stakeholders, analysis of data, and evaluation of student and family needs drive the development of the SWP.

Federal funds are used to increase supports for struggling students, particularly those who are socioeconomically disadvantaged. Pivot deems it extremely important to differentiate supports based on each student's unique circumstances. The SWP under Title I has allowed for the expansion of the school's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). The MTSS team designs targeted supports and interventions for each struggling student to ensure equal access, increase meaningful engagement, close achievement gaps, and improve student progress toward mastering content standards.

Strategies employed by the MTSS team include, but are not limited to:

- Evaluate and address student's access to appropriate technology such as computer and internet, providing additional devices on loan from the school when appropriate
- Assess physical circumstances from which the student engages in school work, and work with the family to facilitate a calm, stable, focused learning environment free from disruptions/distractions
- Collaborate with student and family to develop a structured daily/weekly schedule that aligns with the student's learning style, progress goals, and life circumstances
- Schedule regular tutoring sessions to ensure the student regularly engages with credentialed teachers for each course
- Assign supplemental curricula such as Lexia, IXL, iReady, and/or ExactPath to remediate basic skills
- Provide daily progress reports to parents/guardians detailing their student's progress on courses
- Provide resources for counseling and mental health
- Provide resources for social programs related to nutrition, internet access, etc.
- Provide meals to students and encourage participation in Pivot's breakfast program
- Provide bus passes to promote student attendance in resource center offerings
- Provide additional translation services for families whose native language is not English
- Evaluate the need for special assessments, accommodations, or changes related to IEP and 504 plans.

The SWP includes the employment of a dedicated full time MTSS Coordinator, who:

- Provides ongoing support and feedback to teachers and ensures they are properly implementing supports
- Facilitates communication and coordination among all individuals involved in each student's educational experience at Pivot, including the student, parents/guardians, general education teachers, special education teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, tutors, school administrators, etc.
- Coordinates increased data collection and reporting to ensure early identification and timely intervention for students who are low performing or at risk of failing
- Assists in the examination of data related to each student's engagement and academic progress, and works with teachers to develop targeted plans to improve student performance

- Leads professional development related to supporting underprivileged students and reducing barriers to access, engagement, and achievement

TAS: N/A

Neglected or Delinquent: N/A

Describe how teachers and school leaders, in consultation with parents, administrators, paraprofessionals, and specialized instructional support personnel, in schools operating a targeted assistance school program under Section 1115, will identify the eligible children most in need of services under this part.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

Pivot Charter School operates a Schoolwide Program (SWP) under Title I. Greater than 40% of the school's enrolled students are from low-income families, and the Governing Board has approved the school's plan.

Homeless Children and Youth Services

ESSA SECTION 1112(b)(6)

Describe the services the LEA will provide homeless children and youths, including services provided with funds reserved under Section 1113(c)(3)(A), to support the enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youths, in coordination with the services the LEA is providing under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 United States Code 11301 et seq.).

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

Pivot Charter School serves homeless children and youths, and provides services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 United States Code 11301 et seq.). The enrollment team supports the identification of homeless students and school personnel provide myriad resources to these individuals and their families. Homeless students qualify for several additional supports including technology devices to ensure access to online coursework, special considerations related to earning credits and making progress toward graduation, information about local services for health/wellness and shelter, and eligibility for continued enrollment during periods of transience.

The MTSS strategies under the SWP offer additional supports related to attendance and chronic absenteeism, and support homeless students in acquiring the assistance they need in order to successfully attend school. Homeless students also receive bus passes to facilitate attendance at the resource center. At the resource center they receive meals to ensure their nutritional needs are met, which enables them to focus more effectively on school work. School personnel work closely with homeless students and their families to address concerns around physical health and hygiene, mental health and counseling, behavior issues, and nutritional needs.

Student Transitions

ESSA SECTIONS 1112(b)(8) and 1112(b)(10) (A–B)

Describe, if applicable, how the LEA will support, coordinate, and integrate services provided under this part with early childhood education programs at the LEA or individual school level, including plans for the transition of participants in such programs to local elementary school programs.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

Describe, if applicable, how the LEA will implement strategies to facilitate effective transitions for students from middle grades to high school and from high school to postsecondary education including:

- (A) through coordination with institutions of higher education, employers, and other local partners; and
- (B) through increased student access to early college high school or dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities, or career counseling to identify student interests and skills.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

The school does not formally coordinate with institutions of higher education. However, Pivot Charter School does have many courses and programs designed to prepare high school students for transitions to colleges and careers. Pivot encourages and facilitates concurrent enrollment at local community colleges. The school's Career Technical Education (CTE) programs promote exploration of aptitudes and career possibilities, and provide educational pathways that help students transition successfully to college and career programs after graduation from high school.

Pivot Charter School also assists students in their transitions from elementary to middle school to high school. Middle school students use the same benchmark assessment system and targeted remediation instruction that is used by elementary students. This provides continuity in basic skills assessment from elementary to middle school, and ensures that all basic skills from K-8 standards are addressed and remediated before transitioning to high school. When students transition to middle school, they begin using the same online curriculum system that is used for high school core courses. This helps prepare middle school students for the depth and rigor of high school coursework.

Additional Information Regarding Use of Funds Under this Part

ESSA SECTION 1112(b)(13) (A–B)

Provide any other information on how the LEA proposes to use funds to meet the purposes of this part, and that the LEA determines appropriate to provide, which may include how the LEA will:

- (A) assist schools in identifying and serving gifted and talented students; and

- (B) assist schools in developing effective school library programs to provide students an opportunity to develop digital literacy skills and improve academic achievement.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

Title I funds are not used for formal GATE or library programs. However, Pivot Charter School does address the needs of gifted and talented students through differentiated academic plans. Pivot maintains diverse course offerings including many Advanced Placement courses, and promotes concurrent enrollment at local community colleges. Pivot's core educational program has a strong focus on digital literacy which is evident in student orientation, ongoing communication with students/families, and the content of online courses.

TITLE IV, PART A

Title IV, Part A Activities and Programs

ESSA SECTION 4106(e)(1)

Describe the activities and programming that the LEA, or consortium of such agencies, will carry out under Subpart 1, including a description of:

- (A) any partnership with an institution of higher education, business, nonprofit organization, community-based organization, or other public or private entity with a demonstrated record of success in implementing activities under this subpart;
- (B) if applicable, how funds will be used for activities related to supporting well-rounded education under Section 4107;
- (C) if applicable, how funds will be used for activities related to supporting safe and healthy students under Section 4108;
- (D) if applicable, how funds will be used for activities related to supporting the effective use of technology in schools under Section 4109; and
- (E) the program objectives and intended outcomes for activities under Subpart 1, and how the LEA, or consortium of such agencies, will periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the activities carried out under this section based on such objectives and outcomes.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

Pivot Charter School developed its application for federal funds in consultation with stakeholder groups and in response to identified needs of students, families, and the school as a whole. Various types of data were collected and used to monitor progress toward current LCAP goals and to identify new areas of need. Pivot's most recent LCAP goals are related to engagement, access, college and career programs, and academic progress. Actions related to each goal are funded primarily with state and local funds, and federal funds are used to supplement these efforts.

Federal funds are primarily used to increase supports for struggling students, particularly those who are socioeconomically disadvantaged. Many of these supports are incorporated into Pivot's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and are targeted to ensure equal access, increase meaningful engagement, close achievement gaps, and improve student progress toward mastering content standards.

The school does not formally partner with institutions of higher education. However, Pivot Charter School does facilitate concurrent enrollment at local community colleges, and the school has many courses and programs designed to prepare high school students for colleges and careers. The school's Career Technical Education (CTE) programs promote exploration of aptitudes and career possibilities, and provide educational pathways that help students transition successfully to college and career programs after graduation from high school.

Providing a well-rounded education to students is incredibly important to Pivot. Curricular offerings include a wide variety of non-core courses such as art, music, fashion, computer science, gaming, agriculture, marketing, and graphic design. Students are encouraged to broaden their educational horizons and to explore many different curricular areas. Pivot also includes community service in its curricular offerings. Students who are struggling and subsequently involved in the MTSS process sometimes find that a renewed focus on elective coursework sparks their interest and motivation. One successful strategy of the MTSS team is to cultivate the student's passion and interest in education by temporarily shifting the focus to elective coursework. Students sometimes find they can increase their motivation and engagement when they deem the topic of study to be less intimidating than certain traditional core courses.

Federal funds support the employment of the MTSS Coordinator by funding the position's compensation and benefits. The MTSS Coordinator directs academic counseling/advising for struggling students going through the MTSS process, to promote engagement in a wide variety of educational disciplines that align with students' interests and college/career goals.

Health and safety is a high priority. Pivot staff take pride in developing meaningful relationships with their students and families, and these high quality relationships enable Pivot to promote student wellness effectively. The expanded MTSS services funded with federal revenues include increased follow up regarding student safety, nutrition, counseling, and other wellness resources.

Federal funds support the employment of the MTSS Coordinator by funding the position's compensation and benefits. The MTSS Coordinator consults with school staff and parents/guardians regarding the health and safety of students going through the MTSS process, and provides resources to students and families to address identified areas of concern.

Technology is a key component of Pivot's educational programs. Much of the coursework is completed online, and it is crucial for students to have access to computers and internet. The MTSS process includes an evaluation of each student's access to technology, and the MTSS Coordinator may recommend additional technological tools and devices for the school to loan to the student. Pivot is committed to closing the digital divide and ensuring equal access to technology for all students, regardless of socioeconomic status.

Federal funds support the employment of the MTSS Coordinator by funding the position's compensation and benefits. The MTSS Coordinator oversees technological access evaluations for struggling students and coordinates with other school personnel to ensure students have access to the technological tools they need in order to engage in their course work appropriately and effectively.

The effectiveness of activities carried out under federal programs will be evaluated at least annually. Metrics for student access, engagement, and progress will be reviewed to determine whether improvements are occurring. If needed, activities will be modified to address areas of concern. In general, effectiveness of programs and activities will be evaluated each spring and updates will be

reflected in the annual LCAP adopted in June. Pivot is devoted to providing an equitable education of high quality to all students, regardless of background or circumstances, and will ensure annual plans reflect goals and actions designed to achieve this aim.

Objectives for Pivot Charter School's Title IV program are as follows:

- Objective 1: Improve conditions for learning by addressing the health and safety of struggling students
- Objective 2: Promote a broad course of study and encourage engagement in educational disciplines that align with students' interests and college/career goals
- Objective 3: Ensure equal access to technological resources so that all students can engage appropriately and effectively

Metrics to be evaluated and intended outcomes are as follows:

- Student and parent/guardian surveys: survey responses rating the health and safety of students should increase if Objective 1 is being adequately met.
- Course enrollment and completion rates: Effective progress on Objective 2 would be indicated by increased enrollment rates for CTE courses/pathways, elective courses, and concurrent enrollment in local community college courses
- Loan rates for materials, student and parent/guardian surveys: Increased rates of materials check-out to students are expected to be linked to the successful achievement of Objective 3. Survey responses regarding access to technology should also improve, with a corresponding decrease in the number of students reporting lack of consistent access to technological devices.