

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

**School Year**

2024

**Date of Board Approval**

**LEA Name**

Grow Academy Shafter

**CDS Code:**

15 63578 0135186

**Link to the LCAP:**

*(optional)*

**For which ESSA programs apply to your LEA?**

Choose From:

**TITLE I, PART A**

Improving Basic Programs Operated by State and Local Educational Agencies

**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.)*

*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.

**This template is designed to be used by LEAs who already have completed their LCAP Federal Addendum and received approval from CDE. This template will support LEAs with the review of their LCAP Federal Addendum and revision.**

**The review and revision of the LCAP Federal Addendum do not need to be submitted to CDE for approval. However, an LEA should have their local Board approve any revisions.**

**Even if the LEA plans to transfer all of its title funds, it must still address all of the provisions of the title from which it is transferring its funds. The LEA must first meet the application requirements of those funds before it can elect to transfer those funds to another title.**

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.

The mission of Grow Academy Shafter is to close the achievement gap for students in the rural areas of Kern County by creating an environment for student excellence and well-being. Through an innovative program, Grow Academy incorporates health and wellness into a rigorous academic program with the goal of addressing the needs of the whole student.

Federal funds allocated to Grow Academy have been budgeted in areas to support this mission where LCFF funds fall short. Federal funding supports our enrichment programs, including an Edible School Yard, Music, and Art programs, Physical Education for all students, and parent education classes to support their ability to assist their student's academic and personal needs.

In addition, Federal funds allow us to provide additional support for Socioeconomically Disadvantaged students. With these funds, additional staff has been hired to provide all students with target intervention and enrichment courses.

## 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.

Grow Academy uses LCFF Supplemental and Concentration funds to support the needs of unduplicated students. The goals and actions described in our LCAP use state funding to support the needs of EL, SED, and Foster students. To align federal funds to support these goals, revenue received from Federal sources has been incorporated into these actions. Instead of creating additional LCAP goals, Grow Academy created additional actions within existing Goals to expand services within the LCAP.

## 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.

## TITLE II, PART A

### Title II, Part A Activities

ESSA SECTION	STATE PRIORITY ALIGNMENT
2102(b)(2)(A)	1, 2, 4 ( <i>as applicable</i> )

Provide a description of the activities to be carried out by the LEA under this Section and how these activities will be aligned with challenging State academic standards.

## TITLE III, PART A

### Parent, Family, and Community Engagement

ESSA SECTION	STATE PRIORITY ALIGNMENT
3116(b)(3)	3, 6 ( <i>as applicable</i> )

Describe how the eligible entity will promote parent, family, and community engagement in the education of English learners.

## 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(S)	STATE PRIORITY ALIGNMENT
1112(b)(4)	N/A

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

Grow Academy Shafter is an Independent single Charter School with no attendance boundaries.

## 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**.

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### TITLE I, PART A

#### Educator Equity

ESSA SECTION 1112(b)(2) – *Not Applicable to Charters and Single School Districts.*

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.

NOTE: In this section, LEAs must identify and address disparities. Tools on the CDEs website (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ee/peat.asp>) can help with this process. LEAs are required to specifically address the following at comparable sites:

1. What # and % of teachers at sites are inexperienced, misassigned, or out-of-field in relation to:
  - a. Number of low-income students
  - b. Number of minority students
2. Does the LEA have an educator equity gap –
  - a. If yes, must create a plan which must include root cause analysis of the disparity
  - b. A plan must be created with meaningful educational partner engagement.

Educator Equity Data Tables available [here](#).

#### THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

Grow Academy Shafter is a single school LEA.

On November 6, 2019, the SBE approved updated definitions for “ineffective” and “out-of-field” teachers to be included in the amended California ESSA Consolidated State Plan.

Term	Definition
Ineffective teacher	<p>An ineffective teacher is any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An individual whose assignment is legally authorized by an emergency permit that does not require possession of a full teaching license; or</li><li>• A teacher who holds a teaching credential but does not possess a permit or authorization that temporarily allows them to teach outside of their credentialed area (misassigned)</li><li>• An individual who holds no credential, permit, or authorization to teach in California.</li></ul> <p>Under this definition, teachers with the following limited emergency permits would be considered ineffective:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Provisional Internship Permits,</b></li> <li>• <b>Short-Term Staff Permits</b></li> <li>• <b>Variable Term Waivers</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Substitute permits or Teaching Permits for Statutory Leave (TSPL) holders serving as the teacher of record</b></p>
Out-of-field teacher	<p>A credentialed out-of-field teacher is: A credentialed teacher who has not yet demonstrated subject matter competence in the subject area(s) or for the student population to which he or she is assigned. Under this definition, the following limited permits will be considered out of the field:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Education Limited Assignment Permit (GELAP)</li> <li>• Special Education Limited Assignment Permit (SELAP)</li> <li>• <b>Short-Term Waivers</b></li> <li>• <b>Emergency English Learner or Bilingual Authorization Permits</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Local Assignment Options</b> (except for those made pursuant to the <i>California Code of Regulations</i>, Title 5, Section 80005[b])</p>
Inexperienced Teacher	A teacher who has two or fewer years of teaching experience.
Minority Student	A student who is American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, African American, Filipino, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, or Two or More Races Not Hispanic.
Low-Income Student	A student who is eligible to receive Free or Reduced-Price Meals

## Parent and Family Engagement

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

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

To meet this requirement, LEAs must provide a description of the following:

**ESSA Section 1112(b)(3):** how the LEA will carry out its responsibilities under paragraphs (1) and (2) of Section 1111(d);

1. How the LEA will involve parents and family members at identified schools in jointly developing Comprehensive Support and Improvement plans
2. How the LEA will involve parents and family members in identified schools in jointly developing the Targeted Support and Improvement plans
3. In the absence of the identification of any schools for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) or any schools for Targeted Assistance and Intervention (TSI), the LEA may write N/A. This provision will not be reviewed.

**ESSA Section 1112(b)(7):** the strategy the LEA will use to implement effective parent and family engagement under Section 1116; shall include how the LEA and its schools will build capacity for parent and family engagement by:

1. Describe the LEA parent and family engagement policy, and how it was developed jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy (ESSA Section 1116(a)).
2. Describe how the LEA will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; (ESSA Section 1116(e)(1))
3. Describe how the LEA will provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; (ESSA Section 1116(e)(2))

4. Describe how the LEA will educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school; (ESSA Section 1116(e)(3))
5. Describe how the LEA will to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children; (ESSA Section 1116(e)(4))
6. Describe how the LEA will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand (ESSA Section 1116(e)(5))
7. Describe how the LEA will provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request (ESSA Section 1116(e)(14)).
8. Describe how the LEA will provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents and family members (including parents and family members who have limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children), including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language, such parents understand (ESSA Section 1116(f)).

Also, include how the LEA will align parent involvement required in Section 1116 with the LCAP educational partner engagement process.

**THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

Grow Academy has a board-approved parent and family engagement policy that is reviewed and updated annually with feedback from both the School Site Council and the Parent Organization. This policy is posted on our website and addressed yearly in our back-to-school night (Mutual Promise Night).

Parent engagement in student academics is a top priority of Grow Academy. Throughout the school year, Grow Academy provides numerous parent education opportunities that primarily focus on state standards, understanding assessment results, how to assist their students with academic content, and social-emotional learning. During these events, teachers lead hands-on activities to support parent learning. In addition, the school holds content-themed nights (STEM, Literacy) to support parents in learning games and activities to play at home, which support student understanding of content standards.

All Grow Academy staff are provided with extensive year-round professional development. Teachers and instructional support staff participate in weekly PLCs, coaching sessions, and a 2-hour PD session every Friday. Monthly sessions on parent engagement and communication are incorporated into the Professional Development calendar throughout the year. Teachers are trained to facilitate quarterly parent-teacher team meetings that include; sharing student achievement data, goal setting, and celebrating the success of families. Teachers also conduct home visits for all students the week before school starts. The home visit process focuses on building a working partnership between the parent and teacher and encourages more frequent communication between home and school throughout the school year.

Grow Academy has a parent resource room that contains pamphlets and materials to provide information to parents on several topics, including SEL, Academics, and Mental Health. In addition, weekly Coffee and Conversation meetings occur to allow parents to meet with key staff members to learn more about the academic and social programs at Grow Academy.

Grow Academy uses the paid version of the Parentsquare messaging app that sends phone calls, emails and text messages in the parent's requested correspondence language. We also use the Document Tracking Services platform to translate all documents into the language of our families so they have access to all school correspondence as well as legally required documents (LCAP, SARC, etc.).

In addition to a School Site Council, Grow Academy has a parent group with a parent-elected board. This group collaborates with the school administration to provide opportunities for parents to be involved on campus. This group of parents acts as liaisons and advocates for the parents of Grow Academy.

The second goal of the Grow Academy LCAP is to "Create collaborative partnerships with parents to improve student achievement." Through this goal, Grow Academy has listed several actions and expenditures to support parents' involvement in the academic program.

## **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.

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:**

SWP: The academic program at Grow Academy is based on a personalized model that addresses the needs of individual students at their level. All students receive small group instruction daily in the Learning Lab and STEM class. This targeted small group instruction is provided to all students to provide remediation or extension based on the student's performance on weekly assessments. Students' individualized learning plans drive the Lab class and support students' individual needs. This means the core classes can spend more time teaching standards-aligned, rigorous lessons to ensure all students advance. Lab teachers are credentialed and receive professional development in data analysis, targeted instruction, and intervention strategies.

Students who are not responding to interventions in the Lab classes are referred to the SST process, where more intensive support and services are provided. Parents are regularly informed of the progress of students referred to the SST process.

## **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:**

Grow Academy has a trained McKinney Vento Liaison that ensures all Homeless and Foster youth are given the support and services needed to succeed academically. These services include fast-track registration, teacher home visits, an Assistant Principal of Student Services, consultation and collaboration with social workers, and individualized academic support based on student needs.

## **Student Transitions**

ESSA SECTIONS 1112(b)(8), 1112(b)(10), 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.

Grow Academy offers a 2-week "Kinder Camp" that runs before school opens. During this camp, Kindergarten students get to know their teachers, learn about the campus, and practice school routines that will help them be successful during the school year. This time also allows teachers and staff to assess student needs for unidentified special needs.

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:**

n/a

**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:**

Grow Academy employs a library paraprofessional who works with students and teachers to school-wide literacy initiatives. The Library Paraprofessional is responsible for updating the Library inventory and ensuring all students have access to high-quality, multicultural, and grade-appropriate materials. In addition, the school has a 1:1 Chromebook program so that all students have access to a device during the entire school day. Students are taught how to use the devices as a tool for learning.

## TITLE I, PART D

### Description of Program ESSA SECTION 1423(1)

Provide a description of the program to be assisted [by Title I, Part D].

#### THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

### Formal Agreements ESSA SECTION 1423(2)

Provide a description of formal agreements, regarding the program to be assisted, between the

(A) LEA; and

(B) correctional facilities and alternative school programs serving children and youth involved with the juvenile justice system, including such facilities operated by the Secretary of the Interior and Indian tribes.

#### THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

### Comparable Education Program ESSA SECTION 1423(3)

As appropriate, provide a description of how participating schools will coordinate with facilities working with delinquent children and youth to ensure that such children and youth are participating in an education program comparable to one operating in the local school such youth would attend.

#### THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

### Successful Transitions ESSA SECTION 1423(4)

Provide a description of the program operated by participating schools to facilitate the successful transition of children and youth returning from correctional facilities and, as appropriate, the types of services that such schools will provide such children and youth and other at-risk children and youth.

#### THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

### Educational Needs ESSA SECTION 1423(5)

Provide a description of the characteristics (including learning difficulties, substance abuse problems, and other special needs) of the children and youth who will be returning from correctional facilities and, as appropriate, other at-risk children

and youth expected to be served by the program, and a description of how the school will coordinate existing educational programs to meet the unique educational needs of such children and youth.

**THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

N/A

**Social, Health, and Other Services**

ESSA SECTION 1423(6)

As appropriate, provide a description of how schools will coordinate with existing social, health, and other services to meet the needs of students returning from correctional facilities, at-risk children or youth, and other participating children or youth, including prenatal health care and nutrition services related to the health of the parent and the child or youth, parenting and child development classes, child care, targeted reentry and outreach programs, referrals to community resources, and scheduling flexibility.

**THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

N/A

**Postsecondary and Workforce Partnerships**

ESSA SECTION 1423(7)

As appropriate, provide a description of any partnerships with institutions of higher education or local businesses to facilitate postsecondary and workforce success for children and youth returning from correctional facilities, such as through participation in credit-bearing coursework while in secondary school, enrollment in postsecondary education, participation in career and technical education programming, and mentoring services for participating students.

**THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

N/A

**Parent and Family Involvement**

ESSA SECTION 1423(8)

As appropriate, provide a description of how the program will involve parents and family members in efforts to improve the educational achievement of their children, assist in dropout prevention activities, and prevent the involvement of their children in delinquent activities.

**THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

N/A

**Program Coordination**

ESSA SECTION 1423(9–10)

Provide a description of how the program under this subpart will be coordinated with other Federal, State, and local programs, such as programs under title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and career and technical education programs serving at-risk children and youth.

Include how the program will be coordinated with programs operated under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 and other comparable programs, if applicable.

**THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

N/A

**Probation Officer Coordination**

ESSA SECTION 1423(11)

As appropriate, provide a description of how schools will work with probation officers to assist in meeting the needs of children and youth returning from correctional facilities.

**THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

N/A

**Individualized Education Program Awareness**

ESSA SECTION 1423(12)

Provide a description of the efforts participating schools will make to ensure correctional facilities working with children and youth are aware of a child's or youth's existing individualized education program.

**THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

N/A

**Alternative Placements**

ESSA SECTIONS 1423(13)

As appropriate, provide a description of the steps participating schools will take to find alternative placements for children and youth interested in continuing their education but unable to participate in a traditional public school program.

**THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

N/A

## **TITLE II, PART A**

### **Professional Growth and Improvement**

ESSA SECTION 2102(b)(2)(B)

Provide a description of the LEA's systems of professional growth and improvement, such as induction for teachers, principals, or other school leaders and opportunities for building the capacity of teachers and opportunities to develop meaningful teacher leadership.

#### **THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

##### **Address these questions:**

1. Please provide a description of the LEA's systems of professional growth and improvement for teachers, principals, and other school leaders.
2. Please address principals, teachers, and other school leaders separately.
3. Please explain how the systems promote professional growth and ensure improvement, including how the LEA measures growth and improvement
4. Please describe how the systems support principals, teachers, and other school leaders from the beginning of their careers, throughout their careers, and through advancement opportunities
5. Please describe how the LEA evaluates its systems of professional growth and improvement and makes adjustments to ensure continuous improvement within these systems.

Grow Academy Shafter has a robust professional development program that is scaffolded based on employees' experience and abilities. All first-year teachers participate in a week-long summer professional development focused on helping a first-year teacher design classroom management plans and understand content standards and lesson design. In addition, all teachers are assigned a coach to assist them with basic support and guidance as they begin their careers. Grow Academy also pays for and provides mentors for all preliminary credentialed teachers to complete their clear credential work.

Every teacher has a coach who conducts observations, provides feedback, and sets ambitious learning goals. Coaching sessions occur weekly and are logged for teachers to use as a tool for improvement.

All teachers and instructional aides participate in over 100 hours of professional development each year. Grow Academy has an early release every Friday that allows teachers to participate in structured, targeted learning designed and delivered by school leadership and partner organizations. Grow has partnered with organizations such as Kern County Superintendent of Schools, CORE Learning, Amplify CKLA, as well as a host of other consultants in order to provide teachers with a high level of rigorous professional development.

### **Prioritizing Funding**

ESSA SECTION 2102(b)(2)(C)

Provide a description of how the LEA will prioritize funds to schools served by the agency that are implementing comprehensive support and improvement activities and targeted support and improvement activities under Section 1111(d) and have the highest percentage of children counted under Section 1124(c).

##### **Address these questions:**

1. Please describe the LEA's process for determining Title II, Part A funding among the schools it serves.
2. Please describe how the LEA determines funding that prioritizes CSI and TSI schools and schools serving the highest percentage of children counted under Section 1124(c).
3. Please describe how CSI and TSI schools and schools that have the highest percentage of children counted under Section 1124(c) that the LEA serves receive priority in Title II, Part A funding decisions compared to other schools the LEA serves.

#### **THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**



Grow Academy Shafter is not implementing CSI.

## **Data and Ongoing Consultation to Support Continuous Improvement**

ESSA SECTION 2102(b)(2)(D)

Provide a description of how the LEA will use data and ongoing consultation described in Section 2102(b)(3) to continually update and improve activities supported under this part.

### **THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

#### **Address these questions:**

1. Please explain how the LEA coordinates its Title II, Part A activities with other related strategies, programs, and activities.
2. Please describe how the LEA uses data to continually update and improve activities supported under Title II, Part A.
3. Please describe how the LEA uses ongoing consultation described in Section 2102(b)(3) to continually update and improve activities supported under Title II, Part A.
4. Please describe the sources of data the LEA monitors to evaluate Title II, Part A activities and how often it analyzes this data.
5. Please describe the ways in which the LEA meaningfully consults with the following educational partners to update and improve Title II, Part A-funded activities:
  - a. Teachers
  - b. Principals and other school leaders
  - c. Paraprofessionals (including organizations representing such individuals)
  - d. Specialized instructional support personnel
  - e. Charter school leaders (in a local educational agency that has charter schools)
  - f. Parents
  - g. Community partners
  - h. Organizations or partners with relevant and demonstrated expertise in programs and activities
6. Please explain how often the LEA meaningfully consults with these educational partners.

As a single school LEA, all Title II funds are spent directly by the school. As a component of our internal governance process, teachers and staff are provided opportunities to provide feedback on professional development needs through monthly meetings, surveys, and coaching sessions. This feedback is considered during the budget and LCAP process and used to determine annual professional development plans and associated costs.

## **TITLE III, PART A**

### **Title III Professional Development**

ESSA SECTION 3115(c)(2)

Describe how the eligible entity will provide effective professional development to classroom teachers, principals and other school leaders, administrators, and other school or community-based organizational personnel.

Complete responses will:

Address professional development activities specific to English learners/Title III purposes that are:

1. designed to improve the instruction and assessment of English learners;
2. designed to enhance the ability of such teachers, principals, and other school leaders to understand and implement curricula, assessment practices and measures, and instructional strategies for English learners;
3. effective in increasing children's English language proficiency or substantially increasing the subject matter knowledge, teaching knowledge, and teaching skills of such teachers;
4. of sufficient intensity and duration (which shall not include activities such as one-day or short-term workshops and conferences) to have a positive and lasting impact on the teachers' performance in the classroom; and
5. supplemental to all other funding sources for which the LEA is eligible.

#### **THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

Grow Academy school leaders attend professional development on implementing the California English Language Development (ELD) standards at the Kern County Department of Education. Grow Academy provides extensive training on English Language Development Standards. All teachers participate in a summer launch and ongoing professional learning throughout the school year. The school focuses on professional development for teachers in vocabulary instruction, accountable language, and cooperative learning structures. Additionally, the Grow Academy trains all teachers in the Universal Design for Learning approach. A UDL team gives teachers training each year. The UDL structure is used for lesson planning in all classrooms. Vocabulary instruction, accountable language, and cooperative learning structures. Additionally, the Grow Academy trains all teachers in the Universal Design for Learning approach. A UDL team gives teachers training each year. The UDL structure is used for lesson planning in all classrooms.

Additionally, teachers target the needs of ELs at various instructional levels during the school's literacy block and provide designated ELD instruction.

### **Enhanced Instructional Opportunities**

ESSA SECTIONS 3115(e)(1) and 3116

Describe how the eligible entity will provide enhanced instructional opportunities for immigrant children and youth.

Complete responses will:

1. Describe the activities implemented, supplemental to all other funding sources for which the LEA is eligible, that provide enhanced instructional opportunities for immigrant children and youth.

#### **THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

Grow Academy has 6 migrant students. We have employed an Assistant Principal who checks in regularly with migrant families to ensure they have access to resources and understand the educational expectations of the school's program. To attend to the specific academic needs of these students, small group instruction provides an opportunity for a teacher to remediate or enrich. Additionally, these students have access to a suite of educational software so that they can practice skills at their independent level. If these licenses need to be extended after a student leaves our program, the Assistant Principal will work with the family to ensure there is no gap in services between our school and enrollment in the next.

### **Title III Programs and Activities**

ESSA SECTIONS 3116(b)(1)

Describe the effective programs and activities, including language instruction educational programs, proposed to be developed, implemented, and administered under the subgrant that will help English learners increase their English language proficiency and meet the challenging State academic standards.

Complete responses will:

1. Address the effective language instruction programs specific to English learners.
2. Address Title III activities that:
  - are focused on English learners and consistent with the purposes of Title III;
  - enhance the core program; and
  - are supplemental to all other funding sources for which the LEA is eligible.

#### **THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

All STEM and Humanities classes incorporate ELD standards into the core content. Teachers leverage GLAD strategies and the UDL framework to ensure ELs are mastering the content standards.

During Lab instruction, identified English Learners receive designated ELD instruction in guided reading instruction, enriched with a focus on vocabulary. In the STEM classroom, students often participate in small group instruction with groups developed by reflecting on a scholar's mastery of a particular standard, reading level, language development level, or area of interest. Small group instruction enables ELs to master math content standards in a more focused setting. In the Humanities classrooms, co-teachers leverage station teaching and parallel teaching techniques to support mastery of ELs.

### **English Proficiency and Academic Achievement**

ESSA SECTIONS 3116(b)(2)(A-B)

Describe how the eligible entity will ensure that elementary schools and secondary schools receiving funds under Subpart 1 assist English learners in:

- (A) achieving English proficiency based on the State's English language proficiency assessment under Section 1111(b)(2)(G), consistent with the State's long-term goals, as described in Section 1111(c)(4)(A)(ii); and
- (B) meeting the challenging State academic standards.

Complete responses will:

1. Address how sites will be held accountable for meeting English acquisition progress and achievement goals for English learners.
2. Address site activities that are supplemental to all other funding sources for which the LEA is eligible.

#### **THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

English Language Learners have 90 minutes of literacy instruction, which is leveled by reading ability, assigned to CA standards, and targeted by ELD level. The progress of ELs is monitored using the Informal Reading Inventory (IRI) and the ADEPT assessment. ELs are assessed using the IRI every six weeks and quarterly using the ADEPT assessment. At the end of the year, ELLs take the ELPAC assessment. These results are used to determine reclassification.

The ELAC committee, comprised of parents and staff members, assists the school in monitoring the progress of ELs and the effectiveness of the school's programs targeted at English Learners.

## **TITLE IV, PART A**

### **Title IV, Part A Activities and Programs**

ESSA SECTION 4106(e)(1)

**Each LEA, or consortium of LEAs, shall conduct the Title IV needs assessment once every 3 years. (see below)**

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.

NOTE: If the LEA received more than \$30,000 in Title IV, Part A funding and did not transfer the allocation, the LEA must:

1. use not less than 20 percent of Title IV, Part A funds to support one or more safe and healthy student activities;
2. use not less than 20 percent of Title IV, Part A funds to support one or more well-rounded education activities;
3. use a portion of Title IV, Part A funds to support one or more effective use of technology activities; and
  - a) 15 percent max cap on effective use of technology for purchasing technology infrastructure.

**THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:**

Title IV part A will be incorporated with an action supported by S&C and title I funds. The action is 2.01 Coordination of Services Team.

The Coordination of Services Team (COST) works collaboratively in support of the schools multi-tiered systems of supports. This team reviews academic and culture data weekly to identify school, cohort, and individual student needs and creates a plan of support.

Responding to the needs of community the following team members provided intervention, services, and resources to students and families: (1) School Psychologist, one (1) School Counselor, one (1) Dean of Student Culture, one (1) Behavior Specialist, one (1) School Social Worker, and one (1) Assistant Principal. This team will work with families to enhance the frequency of communication in order to identify the most effective strategies that aim to improve academics, while assessing behavioral and social-emotional progress.

With support from the Instructional Leadership Team, COST will set up structures and systems to support Low-Income families by overseeing the implementation of parent engagement education events and school culture initiatives to support the success for all students.

Our Assistant Principal works with teachers and academic coaches to ensure unduplicated students are receiving target academic support as indicated in a student's Individualized Learning Plan (ILP). A student's ILP is co-created by teachers, families, and the student to set specific goals and actions to help the child meet academic benchmarks. The ILP is also used in the Learning Lab as a part of our MTSS approach, providing multiple tiers of intervention for students in need of additional assistance.

GAS' School Social Worker provides guidance and support for the school's implementation of the PBIS framework. This includes delivering professional learning to the school's staff as well as providing in-classroom support. As needed the School Social Worker is a trained mental health professional who can respond to the needs of students with individual or group counseling needs. Their support extends to working with families to access resources at home and within the school to ensure the child's continued growth and achievement.

The School Psychologist is responsible for the assessment and behavior management for students with emotional disabilities, learning disabilities, autism and behavioral challenges.

The School Counselor is responsible for promoting student success, providing preventive services, and responding to identified student needs by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program that addresses academic, career, and personal/social development for all students.

The Behavior Specialist provides leadership and direction to design, implement, coordinate and evaluate a comprehensive support program for specifically identified students and works with the students to adopt behaviors that increase academic performance and social/emotional development. The Behavior Specialist works cooperatively with teachers and leadership to promote positive student behavior by providing professional development that targets research, strategies and modeling of instructional practices to support staff in their implementation of positive behavior support in their classrooms; engaging parents in the student behavior intervention plan process.

Staff salaries contribute to this action.

## **Title IV, Part A Needs Assessment**

According to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), all local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving at least \$30,000 must conduct a needs assessment specific to Title IV, Part A (ESSA Section 4106[f]). Each LEA, or consortium of LEAs, shall conduct the needs assessment once every three year (ESSA Section 4106[d][3]).

### **Well-rounded Education Opportunities (ESSA Section 4107)**

Identify any indicators, or measures/data points to examine needs for improvement of the Title IV, Part A priority content areas.

What activities will be included within the support for a well-rounded education?

How will the activities be evaluated for the effectiveness of strategies and activities funded under Title IV, Part A. Include the indicators, or measures/data points used to determine future program planning?

### **Safe and Healthy Students (ESSA Section 4108)**

Identify any indicators, or measures/data points to examine needs for improvement of the Title IV, Part A priority content areas.

What activities will be included within the support for safety and health of students?

How will the activities be evaluated for the effectiveness of strategies and activities funded under Title IV, Part A. Include the indicators, or measures/data points used to determine future program planning?

### **Effective Use of Technology (ESSA Section 4109)**

Identify any indicators, or measures/data points to examine needs for improvement of the Title IV, Part A priority content areas.

What activities will be included within the support of effective use of technology? Note: No more than 15 percent on technology infrastructure (ESSA Section 4109[b])

How will the activities be evaluated for the effectiveness of strategies and activities funded under Title IV, Part A. Include the indicators, or measures/data points used to determine future program planning?

- Note: All planned activities must meet the authorized use of funds criteria located on the Title IV, Part A Authorized Use of Funds web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/st/tivpaauthuseoffunds.asp>.

Date of LEA's last conducted needs assessment:

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