

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TEMPLATE

Instructions

This California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Implementation Plan Template has been created by the State Transformational Assistance Center for Community Schools (S-TAC), in partnership with the California Department of Education (CDE). This template was designed to support implementation applicants with the requirement of submitting an implementation plan (**per site**) as part of their Request For Application and to support CCSPP grantees with community school implementation more generally. It should be considered a dynamic document that is periodically updated to reflect the progress and needs of your community school(s), legislative updates, and course corrections informed by your continuous improvement and school community engagement processes. **The Local Education Agency (LEA) is referenced throughout the template to encourage collaboration between the LEA and sites on the implementation of the CCSPP.**

The Implementation Plan should be guided by the [California Community Schools Framework](#) (CA CS Framework), and the [Capacity-Building Strategies: A Developmental Rubric](#). To build on existing objectives for community schools, alignment with overarching LEA goals and objectives as stated on Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) and School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) is strongly recommended.

LEAs and school sites must work collaboratively with community partners, including families/caregivers, staff, students, district leaders, inter-agency representatives, etc., to develop and review the CCSPP Implementation Plan. The Lead LEA, working with school sites, is responsible for the plan and the oversight of any community partners or subcontractors. The LEA should include any partners in the development and review of the plan. It is recommended that the plan be reviewed biannually (twice a year), at least. Note that the Implementation Plan Template asks you to focus on the critical processes that each school and LEA must develop in order to execute the vision of community schools in order to achieve desired outcomes. The Annual Progress Report (APR) will ask grantees to reflect upon and report on those outcomes.

The Implementation Plan will be submitted to CDE as part of the Cohort 3 Implementation Grant by those who are applying. This Implementation Plan Template will be updated as the CCSPP accountability system is developed.

CA CS Framework Overview

A community school is any school serving pre-Kindergarten through high school students through a “whole-child” approach, with an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement. It is an equity-driven and assets-building school transformation program.

Adopted in 2022, the CA CS Framework identifies 4 Pillars of Community Schools, Key Conditions for Learning, Cornerstone Commitments, and Proven Practices as follows:

Pillars of Community Schools: Integrated Student Supports; Family and Community Engagement; Collaborative Leadership and Practices for Educators and Administrators and; Extended Learning Time and Opportunities

Key Conditions for Learning in a Community School: Supportive environmental conditions that foster strong relationships and community; Productive instructional strategies that support motivation, competence, and self-directed learning; Social and emotional learning (SEL) that fosters skills, habits, and mindsets that enable academic progress, efficacy, and productive behavior, and; System of supports that enable healthy development, respond to student needs, and address learning barriers.

Cornerstone Commitments of Community Schools: A commitment to assets-driven and strength-based practice; A commitment to racially just and restorative school climates; A commitment to powerful, culturally proficient and relevant instruction; and a commitment to shared decision making and participatory practices.

Proven Practices of Community Schools: Community Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis; A Community School Coordinator; Site-Based and LEA-Based Advisory Councils, and Integrating and Aligning with Other Relevant Programs.

The California Community Schools Framework is synthesized through the [Overarching Values](#) and operationalized through the *Capacity-Building Strategies: A Developmental Rubric*.

More information about these key concepts or community school components can be found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr22/documents/jan22item02a1.docx> and at <https://www.acoe.org/Page/2461>, including [the CA CS Framework](#).

Capacity-Building Strategies Overview

The S-TAC has launched the *Capacity-Building Strategies: A Developmental Rubric* to serve as a road map for both LEAs and school sites and is meant to enhance the adoption, implementation and sustainability of community schools. The Capacity-Building Strategies include a focus on:

1. Shared Commitment, Understanding and Priorities
2. Centering Community-based Learning
3. Collaborative Leadership
4. Sustaining Staff and Resources
5. Strategic Community Partnerships

The *Developmental Rubric* can be accessed [here](#), and is best used as a side-by-side companion document as grantees are completing this implementation plan.

CCSPP: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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Strategies, Priorities and Goals

Describe the main process goals and action steps for the school site's community schools initiative. Add lines as needed. Use the phase-specific activities outlined in the Developmental Rubric as a guide.

Strategy 1: Shared Commitment, Understanding, and Priorities

When interest-holders unite in a shared understanding of and commitment to the community school strategy, it drives democratic collaboration and transparency. Deep listening and authentic relationship-building (via a robust Needs and Assets Assessment process) are critical to identifying collective priorities and for monitoring progress towards meeting shared goals.

Part A: Shared Commitment, Understanding and Priorities Built Around the Overarching Values

After engaging interest-holders to answer the question, "why a community school for my school?", share your response to that question in the box below. In your response, be sure to indicate how your site's understanding of community schools reflects its commitment to the CA CS Framework through the Overarching Values (Overarching Values can be accessed [here](#)):

1. Racially-just, relationship-centered spaces
2. Shared power
3. Classroom-community connections
4. A focus on continuous improvement and possibility thinking

Describe the developmental plans for ensuring these values are reflected in your community schools work:

After engaging our interest-holders to answer the question, "why a community school for my school?", responses included "because our students deserve access to resources and opportunities that will enrich their education;" "creating a community school is especially important because our students are online and would otherwise miss out on community opportunities if we did not bring awareness to them;" "we service students from a variety of economic and cultural backgrounds and some of our families may not be aware of the services that are available, it is our duty to make sure they know these resources exist;" "the effects of COVID-19 and the shutdown are still present in many of our students who are struggling with their mental health and need additional support to find their happiness and place they fit again."

Our site's understanding of community schools reflects its commitment to the CA CS Framework through the Overarching Values as evidenced by ongoing implementation of Restorative Practices, Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS), Tiered Reengagement, and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) to ensure racially-just, relationship-centered spaces. We are engaging our school community in democratic spaces building shared ownership with deep engagement through School Site Council, Coffee with the Principal, School MTSS Leadership Teams, PBIS Teams, and other family and community meetings. We are linking classroom instruction to the broader community focusing on strengths and providing engaging learning environments connecting civic engagement and real-world issues by providing our students an opportunity to explore current events and virtual and in-person field trips to areas in our community. Our students have the privilege of expanding their reach through the use of technology and connecting with events around the world. Our focus on continuous improvement includes ongoing reflection, analysis, shared learning, and revision through our MTSS Plan-Do-Study-Act cycle and the effective implementation of Peer Coaching Cycles, a strategy that allows teachers to learn from one another. We analyze, share, and respond to data as a tool for improvement to ensure our students, families, school staff, and the community are valued, engaged, and empowered.

Part B: As part of the planning process, you have gone through an initial process of understanding needs and assets. As you initiate the implementation grant process and obtain site-level resources, please reflect on how you will go deeper in this needs and asset assessment process to engage the entire community in identifying their top community school priorities and vision. Please reflect on how you will engage different groups (administrators, certificated staff, classified staff, students, family members, community members and community partners) and identify the processes (e.g., surveys, one-on-one interviews, focus groups, visioning exercises, meetings/forums, etc.) you will use to engage them. Describe how you will engage historically marginalized student and family groups.

Online Academy will increase interest-holder parent and community participation, including engaging historically marginalized student and family groups, through the following advocacy groups:

- Community Thought Exchange Survey
- LCAP Thought Exchange Survey
- CA Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and CA School Staff Survey (CSSS) surveys
- PBIS SAS
- Staff PD Needs Survey
- ELOP Survey
- Optional School Family Survey
- Other student/family/community surveys

Online Academy will increase interest-holder parent and community participation in advocacy groups:

- Site English Learner Parent Advisory Committee
- Site Students with Disabilities Parent Advisory Committee
- GATE Parent Advisory Committee
- African American Parent Advisory Committee
- School Site Council
- Middle School Congress

Part C: As sites complete the needs and asset assessment process, they identify collective priorities that form the initial focus of their community school implementation efforts. Given your preliminary needs and asset assessment, please share three draft collective priorities that you anticipate arising as you achieve deeper engagement with students, staff, families and community members.

One of the priorities should align with a support listed in the [Whole Child and Family Supports Inventory](#) (e.g., integrated student supports, authentic family and community engagement, collaborative leadership, extended learning time and opportunities, positive and restorative school climate, community-based curriculum and pedagogy, etc.). The collective priorities you list below may be the same goals you will ultimately report in the APR, or they may change throughout the course of your first year as you continually engage students, staff, families and community members.

Draft Collective Priority	Outcome/Indicators you aim to improve
Strengthen Positive Behavioral Supports	Outcome: Decrease negative student behaviors. Indicators: Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS), Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI), Major Discipline Referrals
Reduce and eliminate exclusionary practices	Outcome: Increase student access to learning environment. Indicator: CA Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)
Identify students in need of academic, behavior, and/or social-emotional tiered support and provide interventions matched to need	Outcome: Increase academic, behavior, and social-emotional performance levels. Indicators: Reading Universal Screener (i-Ready), SEL Universal Screener (Panorama), Behavior Screener (SWIS)

Strategy 2: Centering Community-Based Learning

Community-Based Learning (CBL) builds on the rich, diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds of students, families, and educators. Delivered in learning environments that are relationship-centered and ensure a sense of belonging, CBL builds on community assets, cultural wealth, funds of knowledge, and indigenous ways of knowing. Community-Based Learning is powerful instruction that increases student engagement by connecting classroom learning to real-life experiences and to issues that are relevant to students' lives and communities, improving their sense of ownership and agency.

Describe your goals and action steps to assist educators in learning about students and families as well as understanding the theoretical roots and practical elements of community-based learning.

Site Level Goals and Measures of Progress

Goals	Action Steps
Increase educators' theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to implement community-based curriculum and pedagogy effectively	Develop a comprehensive training program for community-based learning, organize site visits to schools to support community-based learning, and offer ongoing support and mentoring
Utilize curriculum representing diverse cultures and people	Review existing curriculum and determine if students and families within it. Utilize supplemental materials if necessary to provide students experiences representative of diverse cultures and people.

Strategy 3: Collaborative Leadership

Shared decision-making ensures all interest-holders have a voice in the transformation process and fosters shared power of the strategy. Collaborative leadership improves coordination of services, fosters supportive relationships, results in decisions that are widely accepted and implemented, and supports sustainability of the effort.

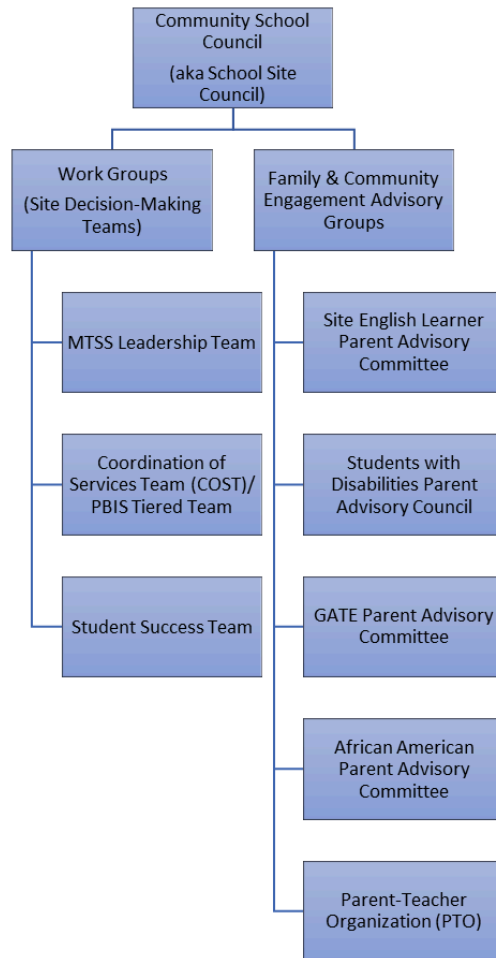
At the system level, LEAs establish a system-level steering committee/advisory council to conduct exploration activities and to provide crucial guidance to school-level implementers. At the site level, schools map and assess the current shared governance structures (where and how decisions are made) in their building and community, identifying all existing school-site and local neighborhood teams, networks, or working groups to understand their purpose and composition. Schools then launch or revise site-level shared leadership structure(s) to facilitate democratic participation and decision-making among students, staff, families, and community members.

Describe your goals for strengthening collaborative leadership.

Site Level Goals and Measures of Progress

Goals	Action Steps
Inventory existing teams and groups that can be invited to participate in school governance and needs identification.	Map existing teams, identify groups that are not represented on those teams.
Strengthen Site Leadership Teams by increasing parent and staff participation in the shared decision making process.	Invite interest-holders that are not already represented to participate in existing advisory groups and other site leadership teams.

Describe the system of shared governance and site-level leadership structure at your community school (this could be a visual like an organizational chart of other graphic):



Strategy 4: Sustaining Staff and Resources

A focus on staffing and sustainability ensures that the necessary human and financial resources are available to maintain the strategy over time, and to sustain continuous progress and improvement.

Describe your goals and action steps for ensuring that: staffing serves the target student population, LEAs recruit and hire diverse, multilingual staff to support site-level work, including an LEA-level Community School Director/Coordinator. Schools hire site-level coordinators. Both sites and systems develop sustainability plans to ensure core staffing is sustained through long-term funding.

Site Level Goals and Measures of Progress

Goals	Action Steps
Sustain Community Schools structure, staffing, and supports	Collaborate with our LEA's Health & Wellness Services Department to ensure continuity of staffing. Identify funding sources beyond CCSPP for Key Staff. Research additional grant opportunities and work with our LEA's Health & Wellness Services Department on options for sustainable funding sources

Key Staff/Personnel

Outreach Consultant	Serve as Site Community School Coordinator. Includes school-home-services liaison to connect students and families to mental health and case management services, service as site homeless liaison, lead school-wide implementation of PBIS, SEL, and Restorative Practices, provide site level interventions such as social-skills groups, support staff in whole-child progress monitoring and intervention tracking.
School Family Outreach Assistant	Support the Outreach Consultant with connecting students and families to mental health and case management services, support school-wide implementation of PBIS, SEL, and Restorative Practices, support site level interventions such as social-skills groups, support staff in whole-child progress monitoring and intervention tracking.

Describe the plans or steps you are considering to build sustainability beyond the life of your implementation grant:

Our school is working with our LEA's Health & Wellness Services Department to implement the Fee Schedule program as part of the Children & Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), which is part of Governor Newsom's Master Plan for Kids' Mental Health. In addition, we are infusing Community Schools goals and actions into our SPSA to ensure long-standing commitments as part of our shared decision-making process. As we continue to shape and strengthen our commitments, all community partners are informed and included.

Strategy 5: Strategic Community Partnerships

Developing strategic community partnerships allows schools and LEAs to build a stronger network of support and culturally responsive programming and resources for students, educators and families, and to foster a more inclusive, democratic and supportive learning environment that benefits everyone in the community.

In alignment with strategies developed in response to the deep needs and asset assessment, schools identify and establish school-community partnerships who share a holistic focus on students, families and the community. This section should demonstrate your goals and action steps to ensure community partners are actively involved in the planning, development, and continuous improvement of the community school.

Site Level Goals and Measures of Progress

Goals	Action Steps
Increase Community Partnerships	Inventory current partnerships, research partnership opportunities available in our school community, and reach out to potential new partners
Increase Awareness of Existing Partnerships	Schedule Health & Wellness Services staff to present to families and staff members about current resources through established partnerships. Community School Coordinator will embed ongoing information into staff and family meetings to better connect services to those in need.

Describe the partnerships you have established or plan to establish, and how your school's partnerships will be responsive to the vision and priorities of students, staff, families and community members:

Our school currently has established partnerships with: Kohl's-Operation School Bell Shoes That Fit Transportation services Linda Vista: Parent Education Center, Sultana Center Medical Clinic Park Tree community health center: comprehensive primary health care to adults and children Counseling Center Case Management These partnerships support the vision and priorities for our students, staff, families and community members by having wraparound services and a liaison that is available to help them gain access. Our families, although we are not an in-person site, have opportunities to access in-person resources based upon their needs. In partnership with staff and families, we are able to identify which students may require additional resources and make sure that their needs are met.

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