

# Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan Template (2020–21)

The instructions for completing the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan is available at <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc/documents/lrngcntntyatndncpln-instructions.docx">https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc/documents/lrngcntntyatndncpln-instructions.docx</a>.

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## **General Information**

[A description of the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the LEA and its community.]

As a non-classroom based charter school, Sutter Peak Charter Academy was not heavily impacted by the COVID-19 virus and subsequent statewide, site-based school closures. All enrolled SPCA students adhere to the guidelines of our Master Agreement, which aligns academic goals with direct and indirect instruction. As such, Sutter Peak students continued their learning at home with their parents, under the virtual supervision of their credentialed teacher.

All in-person student meetings transferred to an online platform. All classes, including our a-g courses, continued to meet online with a highly credentialed teacher. All students had consistent, regular access to assignments, assessments, and instructional support through our virtual platform.

Teachers were provided with tech support and resources to increase their ability to continue to provide educational services to their students. Human Resources provided updates with mental health supports and flexible workday guidelines for teachers and their families.

# Stakeholder Engagement

#### [A description of the efforts made to solicit stakeholder feedback.]

Sutter Peak Charter Academy presented the LCAP COVID-19 Operations Written Report to the Pacific Charter Institute School Board of Directors and public at the June 11, 2020 board meeting. This board meeting met the requirements of Executive Order N-29-20 and was held via teleconferencing. Notification of the meeting was provided to all stakeholders through our web page. In addition, all families were provided course information in the Spring of 2020 allowing for course selection and materials for the 2020-2021 school year.

At Sutter Peak Charter Academy, parents, teachers, and students work collaboratively throughout the school year. Given this model of individualized instruction, teachers identify and meet specific needs of students. In addition to the identification of stakeholder need through schoolwide electronic communication, each credentialed teacher communicates with and distributes computers and hotspots to students in need.

Sutter Peak staff utilize various methods of communication including electronic surveys, phone, email, and/or text to ensure all student needs are met.

#### [A description of the options provided for remote participation in public meetings and public hearings.]

The Sutter Peak Charter Academy governing board is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the legislative body or state body consistent with the flexibility afforded by Executive Order N-29-20.

The school board for Sutter Peak Charter Academy offers virtual board meetings, which are monitored by our technology department to ensure public safety. Notice of school board meetings are posted on our website and are open for public participation and public comment.

#### [A summary of the feedback provided by specific stakeholder groups.]

At Sutter Peak Charter Academy, parents, teachers, and students work collaboratively throughout the school year. Given this model of individualized instruction, teachers identify specific needs of all students. Consequently, each credentialed teacher communicates with and distributes computers and hotspots to students in need. Various methods of communication including electronic surveys, phone, email, and/or text were used to ensure all student needs were met.

In the Spring of 2020, 100% of students who identified need were provided a computer and or hotspot. Feedback from stakeholders, including parents and students, related to technology, mental, physical health, and educational concerns was gathered and addressed.

Parents, already familiar and comfortable with virtual learning, were overwhelmingly pleased with the school's ability to pivot quickly.

In instances were stakeholder need was not initially met, school administrators worked with credentialed and support staff to ensure need was addressed. All additional services, needs, and concerns, including those for students with special needs were addressed through individual meetings with families and adjustments were made to accommodate the student.

[A description of the aspects of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan that were influenced by specific stakeholder input.]

Based on positive stakeholder input, Sutter Peak Charter Academy was able to ensure continuity of individualized learning for each student. General Education teachers increased online support in the core academic areas, as well as enrichment engagement, via virtual platforms. Learning Continuity plans for the 2020-2021 school year include a four-fold expansion of virtual course offerings.

Preparation in the Spring of 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year included curriculum and materials acquisition and schedules of courses and supports. This planning also included the training of staff and eventually students in the transition from Zoom to Microsoft Teams, a more secure and student-centered system.

# **Continuity of Learning**

# **In-Person Instructional Offerings**

[A description of the actions the LEA will take to offer classroom-based instruction whenever possible, particularly for students who have experienced significant learning loss due to school closures in the 2019–2020 school year or are at a greater risk of experiencing learning loss due to future school closures.]

Sutter Peak Charter Academy supports the fluidity and adaptability of a college preparatory, independent study program to meet the individual needs of each student.

Our school offers students the opportunity to access a pathway to college in a manner most beneficial to their needs. The school actively mentors new students, taking them from where they are to where they become competitive 21st century-ready individuals.

During the 2019-2020 school year, Pacific Charter Institute (PCI) at Sutter Peak counseling staff successfully implemented a mental health survey with students. This plan was augmented through the virtual platform. Informally, students, staff and families were asked about their well-being throughout the year to monitor and ensure social-emotional health.

Sutter Peak Charter Academy offers virtual opportunities for our students through:

- Virtual Opportunities to Learn Together (V.O.L.T.s) geared toward our elementary homeschooling families.
- The Virtual Advantage classes for middle school and high school students.

In both programs, our credentialed teachers interact with students and families in real-time through secure online environments. A complete listing of class offerings can be found in the PCI Virtual Class Catalog on the PCI website www.pacificcharters.org

- Synchronous and asynchronous V.O.L.T.s classes provide instruction on key grade-level standards using our adopted curriculum and are available to our families in the following content areas and grade level spans.
  - Math grades 2-6 (GoMath)
  - ELA grades 2-5 (HMH Journeys) and grades 6-8 (Study Sync)
  - Science grades K-5 (Carolina 3D Science)

These classes offered live through secure online environment and recorded for future viewing.

Both programs offer formative and summative assessments monitoring learning. These assessments are built into the learning management system and teachers use them to support increased learning and promote greater Depth of Knowledge (DOK) acquisition.

Students and parents attend meetings with their independents study teachers regularly. Teachers work with multiple families virtually to develop community and student interaction with other students using Microsoft Teams.

The review of school data trends over time identified a need to dedicate time to increase teacher knowledge of the features and components for Common Core writing and to improve teacher's skills as instructors, coaches, and evaluators of student writing across grade levels, content areas, and programs.

All content area teachers, including those serving students with special needs and English Learners, and school leaders will participate in synchronous interactive sessions throughout the school year during which new information, strategies, and tools will be presented.

Additionally, teachers who have less experience addressing specific areas of writing, may elect to participate in asynchronous sessions that provide direct training on specific elements of writing instruction. Asynchronous sessions will be recorded for future use to build capacity to deliver strong writing lessons. These learning opportunities will be led by PCI's ELA Content Specialist.

In addition to all state-mandated assessments outlined below, Sutter Peak Charter Academy administers the Exact Path Diagnostic assessment for students in grades 3-11 in Reading and Mathematics and the DIBELS Early Literacy Assessment system for students in grades K-2.

The Exact Path Diagnostic will be administered in the fall and winter to supply teachers with data to inform instruction, show student growth, and create individualized learning paths. The Exact Path Diagnostic assessment is a web-based assessment, which allows students to complete the assessment at home.

DIBELS provides a series of literacy measures that assess phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, reading accuracy, oral reading fluency, and comprehension. Teachers will use the data to identify students who need additional support, intervention, and progress monitoring.

Both assessments and classwork completed by students is available for parents to review online through the student LMS, as well as, through regular conversations and meetings between parents, teachers, and students.

The English Proficiency Assessment for California is used to determine language status. Students take this assessment as they enroll in a California public school, as determined by the Home Language Survey. This assessment is given within 30 calendar days of enrollment, year-round (current pandemic may allow for a waiver to extend to 75 days)

The Summative English Proficiency Assessment for California is for students with an English Learner (EL) language status only. All EL students are required to participate in the Summative ELPAC annually.

Actions Related to In-Person Instructional Offerings [additional rows and actions may be added as necessary]

Description	Total Funds	Contributing
Instructional funds have been reallocated to support virtual instruction. This reallocation results in net zero spending as it is supported through instructional funding.	0.00	Yes

## **Distance Learning Program**

#### **Continuity of Instruction**

[A description of how the LEA will provide continuity of instruction during the school year to ensure pupils have access to a full curriculum of substantially similar quality regardless of the method of delivery, including the LEA's plan for curriculum and instructional resources that will ensure instructional continuity for pupils if a transition between in-person instruction and distance learning is necessary.]

Not Applicable

Non-classroom-based charter schools do not provide distance learning as defined in Education Code Section 43500(a). Instead, non-classroom-based charter schools shall continue to provide independent study pursuant to their charter petition.

As a result, these new requirements do not apply to non-classroom-based charters who were defined as such pursuant to Education Code Section 47612.5 as of the 2019–20 fiscal year. A non-classroom-based charter school described in Education Code Section 47612.5 as of the 2019–20 fiscal year shall continue to comply with all of the statutory requirements in Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 51745) of Chapter 5 of Part 28 of Division 4 and the implementing regulations for that article.

Senate Bill (SB) 98 does require that a non-classroom-based charter school adopt a learning continuity and attendance plan pursuant to Education Code Section 43509, and shall not be required to adopt a local control and accountability plan pursuant to Education Code Section 47606.5.

https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/dl/distlearningfaqs.asp

- (a) A charter school that offers distance learning pursuant to this part is not required to submit a request to its chartering authority for a material revision to its charter pursuant to Section 47607 in order to offer distance learning.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 47612.5, an existing classroom-based charter school that offers distance learning pursuant to this part and did not receive a non-classroom-based funding determination in the 2019–20 fiscal year pursuant to Section 47612.5 shall not be considered a non-classroom-based charter school in the 2020–21 fiscal year because it provides distance learning and shall not be required to submit a request for a funding determination.

(Added by Stats. 2020, Ch. 24, Sec. 34. (SB 98) Effective June 29, 2020. Inoperative June 30, 2021. Repealed as of January 1, 2022, pursuant to Section 43511.)

#### **Access to Devices and Connectivity**

[A description of how the LEA will ensure access to devices and connectivity for all pupils to support distance learning.]

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### **Pupil Participation and Progress**

[A description of how the LEA will assess pupil progress through live contacts and synchronous instructional minutes, and a description of how the LEA will measure participation and time value of pupil work.]

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#### **Distance Learning Professional Development**

[A description of the professional development and resources that will be provided to staff to support the distance learning program, including technological support.]

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### Staff Roles and Responsibilities

[A description of the new roles and responsibilities of affected staff as a result of COVID-19.]

In relation to Distance Learning, there has been no adjustment in staff roles and responsibilities as a result of COVID-19.

#### **Supports for Pupils with Unique Needs**

[A description of the additional supports the LEA will provide during distance learning to assist pupils with unique needs, including English learners, pupils with exceptional needs served across the full continuum of placements, pupils in foster care, and pupils who are experiencing homelessness.]

In relation to Distance Learning, Sutter Peak Charter Academy serves as an independent study educational model as a non-classroom based charter school as per Ed Code 43506.

Actions related to the Distance Learning Program [additional rows and actions may be added as necessary]

Description	Total Funds	Contributing
Not Applicable - see above		

## **Pupil Learning Loss**

[A description of how the LEA will address pupil learning loss that results from COVID-19 during the 2019–2020 and 2020–21 school years, including how the LEA will assess pupils to measure learning status, particularly in the areas of English language arts, English language development, and mathematics.]

With the independent study model in place prior to the pandemic, there was little to no loss for students who are EL, SPED, homeless and/ or students in foster care. Additionally, there was no pause in educational supports or services due to COVID 19.

All kindergarten through 2nd grade students, including English Language Learners, students receiving special education, foster youth, and homeless students, take part in DIBELS assessments (universal screener) at the beginning of the year. This assessment provides the teachers with reliable information on their literacy skills, so teaching staff can provide various supports for those students that are not at grade level in their reading development. Staff administers additional benchmarks throughout the school year, as well as progress monitoring for those students with the most intensive needs.

All students in 3rd through 11th grade, including English language learners, students receiving special education, foster youth, and homeless students, take part in the Exact Path diagnostic assessment. The Exact Path Diagnostic provides teaching staff, parents, and student's current information on their knowledge with Common Core math, reading, and language arts.

The diagnostic assessment is administered multiple times throughout the school year to assess for learning progress and reassessing learning paths. The diagnostic not only screens students' current knowledge, but provides immediate learning paths, which address gaps in their learning.

The Exact Path learning paths are adaptive and provide continuous formative assessments. These formative assessments are automatically administered through the program to assess students' mastery of skills.

Special education teachers regularly assess progress of educational goals for students with disabilities. Additionally, special education teachers informally assess goals at the beginning of school year to monitor student regression and/or maintenance of goals based on their Individualized Educational Plan (IEP.)

In consideration of our homeless and foster youth populations, most students were able to stay in place, as the mandate for shelter in place did not allow for evictions. Our mental health supports became more targeted, with school counselors and the FIT (Families In Transition) program coordinator, checking in on families for immediate needs. Resources for financial assistance, food/lunch program assistance, and free Wi-Fi opportunities were shared with our at-risk population.

In March 2020, a student connection (student social emotional) survey was completed, and results were used to identify needs. We offered computers to these students, and offered resource packets, if necessary, for those students living in transient situations. www.tinyurl.com/pcihousing

In the Fall 2020 semester, multiple trainings for staff professional development will be available including: Mental Health, First Aid Training, Suicide Prevention, Homeless and Foster Youth training. Staff sensitivity training is critical for vulnerable populations as they are known to have higher risk of suicide.

One of our ongoing resources is a wellness team, which consists of psychologists, counselors, district nurse, administration, and Human Resources. The goal of this team is to help provide extra support and wrap around services to students who are showing signs of emotional distress, have sudden changes in communication or attendance patterns, and/ or appear to be socially isolated.

Additionally, the team focuses on staff needs and wellness by providing staff check-ins, conversations, and opportunities for connection. As part of our regular program, school counselors are responsible for conducting small group sessions to facilitate peer support and connection, will attend online ACES training and events.

Written and online surveys are sent to check in on student social-emotional health. An online referral link is included on our Pacific Charters website, our counseling website, anyone to initiate a wellness team check-in on a student. The wellness team will also be creating a crisis

outreach video for students and staff with information on how to get help. Staff will continue to receive communication on the importance of self-care, and wellness.

## **Pupil Learning Loss Strategies**

[A description of the actions and strategies the LEA will use to address learning loss and accelerate learning progress for pupils, as needed, including how these strategies differ for pupils who are English learners; low-income; foster youth; pupils with exceptional needs; and pupils experiencing homelessness.]

In addition to all state-mandated assessments, Sutter Peak Charter Academy administers the Exact Path Diagnostic assessment to all students in grades 3-11 in Reading and Mathematics and the DIBELS Early Literacy Assessment system for students in grades K-2.

The Exact Path Diagnostic is a web-based exam administered in the fall and winter to supply teachers with data to inform instruction, show student growth, and create individualized learning paths. This assessment can be completed at home. Each student's fall assessment data will be reviewed by the credentialed teacher, administrator, and parent to determine a rigorous academic growth plan. Fall and winter data will be compared to ensure the growth plans are accurate and rigorous. Adjustments will be made when needed.

The Exact Path Diagnostic creates a learning path using the Exact Path intervention program allowing students to excel in filling academic holes. This proven tool allowed students during the 2019-2020 school year to complete over 54,642 lessons using this program at Sutter Peak Charter Academy.

The DIBELS Assessment provides series of literacy measures that assess phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, reading accuracy, oral reading fluency, and comprehension. Teachers will use fall, winter and spring data to identify students who need additional supports, intervention, and progress monitoring.

Exact Path and DIBELS both provide foundational information when launching curriculum for students. The baseline support of the tools allow for appropriate benchmarks and achievement measuring throughout the school year.

The independent study model focuses on each student's individual needs and strengths. As a result, our students, including those in significant subgroups, are supported consistently and benefit from the actions described above.

The English Learner Program Specialist work hand in hand with credentialed teaching staff to identify and assess English Learners (ELs) and provide guidance to our teachers supporting ELs. Sutter Peak ensures all EL students access a comprehensive English Language Development (ELD) program which includes a combination of tier-specific core curriculum, supplemental programs, as well as online interventions that meet the needs of our EL population.

For any K-12 student enrolling in the state of California for the first time, the family must complete a Home Language Survey. If the response to the first or second question on that survey is any language other than English, the student must take the Initial English Proficiency

Assessment for California (ELPAC) Assessment to determine language status. Students take this assessment one time within 30 calendar days of enrollment, year-round (Current pandemic may allow for a waiver to extend to 45 days). Any student with an EL language status is required to participate in the Summative ELPAC Assessment annually until he/she is reclassified as per state and local county office education criteria.

In addition to the state-mandated assessments previously described, Sutter Peak administers the Exact Path Diagnostic assessment for all students, including ELs, in grades 3-11 in Language, Reading, and Mathematics and the DIBELS Early Literacy Assessment system for students in grades K-2.

The overall ELPAC score and the Exact Path Diagnostic results help guide appropriate placement for SPCA ELs and are outlined in the SPCA English Learner Program and Support Pathway. There are three components (tiers) to the comprehensive ELD program which includes:

Tier 1- Core English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum is tier-specific and is based on the academic achievement level of each EL:

Journeys K-5

Study Sync 6-12

Inside 6-8

Edge for 9-12

Tier 2 - Supplemental Programs:

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Tier 3- Interventions:

Lexia -

Core 5: K-5

Power Up: 6-8

**Exact Path** 

Rosetta Stone - English

#### **ELPAC Practice Tests**

All teachers with ELs on their caseload are provided with regular communication from the EL Program Specialist regarding recommendations for core curriculum, supplemental programs, and interventions based on the individual student needs; all of which is also outlined in the EL Program and Support Pathway.

Once an EL meets the required criteria set forth by the state and local county office of education, he/she is Reclassified Fluent English Proficient (RFEP). This is done in conjunction with teacher evaluation, a review of mastery in ELA and math, and parental input and consultation. Once an EL is reclassified, the student is proficient in English and no longer requires English Language Development (ELD) designated language support. The English Learner Program Specialist must still work with teachers with RFEP students to ensure that his/her progress continues to be monitored for a minimum of four years after being reclassified to ensure that:

- · the student was not prematurely exited
- · any academic deficit has been remedied
- the student is meaningfully participating in the standard instruction program comparable to

their English only speaking peers

Internal electronic forms have been created to aid in this process.

#### **Effectiveness of Implemented Pupil Learning Loss Strategies**

[A description of how the effectiveness of the services or supports provided to address learning loss will be measured.]

The Exact Path Diagnostic is a web-based exam administered in the fall and winter to supply teachers with data to inform instruction, show student growth, and create individualized learning paths. This assessment can be completed at home. Each student's fall assessment data will be reviewed by the credentialed teacher, administrator and parent to determine a rigorous academic growth plan. Fall and winter data will be compared to ensure the growth plans are accurate and rigorous. Adjustments will be made when needed.

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The school established academic goals for all students to complete a-g coursework at the high school level. All students have access to, adopted grade level curriculum allowing them the ability to remain at grade level or near grade level with the support of the credentialed teacher and the parent.

All curriculum and assessment results for students is sortable by state identified demographic categories for analysis and trends. With the independent study model already in place, there was little to no loss for students who are EL, SPED, homeless and/ or students in foster care. Additionally, there was no pause in educational supports or services due to COVID 19.

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Actions to Address Pupil Learning Loss [additional rows and actions may be added as necessary]

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As described above, Sutter Peak Charter Academy does not meet the requirements for Distance Learning under Ed. Code 43506 and therefore no specific actions or expenses will occur.		

# Mental Health and Social and Emotional Well-Being

[A description of how the LEA will monitor and support mental health and social and emotional well-being of pupils and staff during the school year, including the professional development and resources that will be provided to pupils and staff to address trauma and other impacts of COVID-19 on the school community.]

Our mental health supports include school counselors and the FIT (Family in Transition) program coordinator. These staff members regularly check in on families for immediate needs. Resources for financial assistance, food/ lunch program assistance, and free Wi-Fi opportunities are shared with our at-risk population.

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Our wellness team consists of psychologists, counselors, district nurse, administration, and Human Resources. The goal of this team is to help provide extra support and wrap around services to students who are showing signs of emotional distress, have sudden changes in communication or attendance patterns, and/ or appear to be socially isolated.

Additionally, the team focuses on staff needs and wellness by providing staff check-ins, conversations, and opportunities for connection. As part of our regular tier one program, school counselors are responsible for conducting small group sessions to facilitate peer support and connection, will attend online ACES training and events. (Tier 2), written and online surveys will be sent to check in on student social-emotional health. Finally, (Tier 3), an online referral link is included on our Pacific Charters website, our counseling website, anyone to initiate a wellness team check-in on a student.

The wellness team will also be creating a crisis outreach video for students and staff with information on how to get help. Staff will continue to receive communication on the importance of self-care, and wellness

# **Pupil and Family Engagement and Outreach**

[A description of pupil engagement and outreach, including the procedures for tiered reengagement strategies for pupils who are absent from distance learning and how the LEA will provide outreach to pupils and their parents or guardians, including in languages other than English, when pupils are not meeting compulsory education requirements, or if the LEA determines the pupil is not engaging in instruction and is at risk of learning loss.]

Sutter Peak Charter Academy has a clear policy for student engagement in its parent handbook. When pupils are not meeting compulsory education requirements for engaging in instruction and are at risk of learning loss, school staff follow this policy of tiered re-engagement strategies to ensure students participate fully in instruction.

Students, parents, teachers, and counselors confer to establish a rigorous schedule of classes. The class schedule is used to create a Master Agreement for each student at Sutter Peak Charter Academy. This academic contract provides stakeholder agreements, provides reference to Ed. Code relevant to student rights and expectations, and outlines objectives, methods of study, methods of evaluation, and resources.

At the beginning of the school year teachers offered virtual orientation meetings for parents and students. The purpose of these meetings was multi layered, each offering a foundation of support and community engagement. On a most basic, yet critical level, these virtual orientation meetings gave the teacher an idea of who in his/her class did not have reliable internet and or technology to run the virtual platform. The teacher was able to immediately place a request with the technology department to remedy any previously unknown technology issues. During the meeting, the teacher was able to provide an introduction to his/herself, the school, school policies, curriculum, synchronous and asynchronous instruction. With both students and parents are present, students were able to offer translation to parents who are unable to understand English.

Parents had a separate meeting with the SPED team/teacher. These meetings were held privately to ensure confidentiality. If a student or family was unable to attend due to homelessness, the teacher reached out via phone to review the meeting with the parent and student.

Sutter Peak Charter Academy has an academic counselor dedicated to working with the outreach team to provide translated information to be shared with English Learner parents at parent/teacher meetings, as well as EL monitoring meetings.

Sutter Peak uses an automated system of tech tickets to report computer or internet problems for all student issued devices. In addition, the tech team hosts daily tech office hours for all staff to enable staff to work effectively with the students on the TEAMS platform.

Sutter Peak Charter Academy utilizes procedures and processes to engage all pupils who utilize distance learning. Central to these procedures and processes for engagement are the virtual technology Boot Camps. Held at the beginning of each semester, these technology Boot Camp workshops introduce students to their equipment, curriculum, and teachers. Through a combination of online workshops and technology distribution students learn:

- Computer maintenance procedures
- · Use of tech. tools
- Electronic communication norms
- · How to create, save, and share files
- How to access programs and info for each course
- Organization & note-taking strategies

Virtual Boot Camps ensures that processes are accessible to all parents and families, including processes for distribution of technology and internet accessibility. At the Technology boot-camps students:

- Sign out equipment, textbooks, wireless hotspots, and other supplies
- Get access codes and experiment with online tools
- plan for equipment collection later.

The review of school data trends over time identified a need to dedicate time to increase teacher knowledge of the features and components for Common Core writing and to improve teacher's skills as instructors, coaches, and evaluators of student writing across grade levels, content areas, and programs.

All credentialed staff and school leaders will participate in synchronous interactive sessions throughout the school year during which new information, strategies, and tools will be presented.

Additionally, teachers who have less experience/confidence to address specific areas of writing may elect to participate in asynchronous sessions that provides direct training on specific elements of writing instruction. Asynchronous sessions will be recorded for future to build capacity to deliver strong writing lessons. These learning opportunities will be led by PCI's ELA Content Specialist.

Following the independent study model, teachers communicate frequently with students and parents to monitor student performance and engagement, provide appropriate resources and supports, and administer formative and summative assessments. In the event a student fails to comply, adequately perform, or demonstrates disengagement any teacher or staff member may begin the process to re-engage the student. This tiered approach, as outlined in the PCI Parent/Student Handbook

reinforces student expectations and positive behaviors. Categories of infractions include:

#### Academic

Unacceptable levels of work completion

Failing a class or earning a GPA of 2.0 in a single semester

Unexcused absence from a class or teacher meeting

Plagiarism or cheating

Failure to attend mandatory testing

Behavioral

Exhibiting offensive behavior towards a staff member or student

Failure to comply with the PCI behavior or school policy

Each infraction is documented in the SIS.

The first two warnings are designed to serve as informative, providing the student (1st warning) and the parent (2nd warning) opportunity to address the concern. In the event corrective actions have not adequately addressed concerns, a 3rd warning requires a meeting with student, parent, teacher(s), and appropriate support staff (Counselor, Administrator, or Special Ed. Coordinator) to discuss next steps and/or to determine whether Independent Study is the appropriate program for this student. The student may be referred back to his/her school of residence.

## **School Nutrition**

[A description of how the LEA will provide nutritionally adequate meals for all pupils, including those students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, when pupils are participating in both in-person instruction and distance learning, as applicable.]

Sutter Peak Charter Academy is a non-classroom based school and therefore does not provide meals for students. Parents are notified via email with a list of local schools providing meals for all students regardless of local attendance. As the list updates or changes, parents will be notified. The school counselor provides an additional list of supports including local food bank information.

# Additional Actions to Implement the Learning Continuity Plan [additional rows and actions may be added as necessary]

Section	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
Mental Health and Social and Emotional Well-Being	Counseling Program Specialist	18,780	Yes
Pupil Learning Loss	Director or Student Services	26,747	Yes
Pupil Engagement and Outreach	EL Program Specialist	18,780	Yes
Pupil Learning Loss	Edmentum Online Applications	44,000	Yes
Pupil Learning Loss	SPED Program Support	299,123	Yes

# Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students

Percentage to Increase or Improve Services	Increased Apportionment based on the Enrollment of Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income students
8.01%	406,283

# **Required Descriptions**

[For the actions being provided to an entire school, or across the entire school district or county office of education (COE), an explanation of (1) how the needs of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students were considered first, and (2) how these actions are effective in meeting the needs of these students.]

Central to academic student growth is the social emotional learning of each student including those in significant subgroups. Cornerstone to this is the role of the Counseling Program Specialist. As the lead for the school counselor, they provide supports and resources for our atrisk students.

When SEL is secured, the Director of Students Services is able to work with every teacher to provide academic support and intervention.

Some of those supports include the online suite of services provided by Edmentum learning products. This array of products includes assessments and individualized academic support. EL, foster and homeless youth are additionally supported academically by program specialists. While these supports are always fundamental to our school, they are especially critical during the COVID-19 crisis.

[A description of how services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students are being increased or improved by the percentage required.]

Because our services were provide through an independent study model before the pandemic, our students have, by in large, not experienced learning loss due to COVID. Although we do not anticipate an increase in services, we will continue to improve our rigorous academic support for all special populations.

In review, our programs will continue support for all students through the Exact Path Diagnostic assessment for all students, including ELs foster youth and low income, in grades 3-11 in Language, Reading, and Mathematics and the DIBELS Early Literacy Assessment system for students in grades K-2 three times per year. Additionally, we will continue to offer the following tiered approach:

Tier 1- Core English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum is based on the academic achievement level of each at risk student.

Journeys K-5

Study Sync 6-12

Inside 6-8

Edge for 9-12

Tier 2- Supplemental Programs:

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Tier 3- Interventions:

Lexia – K-12

Core 5: K-5

Power Up: 6-8

and

**Exact Path** 

Rosetta Stone - English

All teachers who support at risk students are provided with regular check ins from support personal. Recommendations for core curriculum, supplemental programs, and interventions based on the individual student needs will be provided.