

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

LEA Name

Innovations Academy

CDS Code:

37683380118083

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.

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.

Our ongoing goal at Innovations Academy is to help students learn to create their lives through self-expression, compassionate connection and purposeful learning. This primary goal is addressed in a variety of ways through our five LCAP goals. The three pronged mission leads us to support students social-emotionally and academically. We first assess students academically using multiple measures: CAASPP scores (state assessment), the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) and the NWEA Measure of Academic Progress (MAP). The DRA and MAP are given in the first month of school, providing data for teachers who need it immediately. Teachers also review assessment data from previous years of continuing students. We assess students' social emotional health through observations, school designed surveys, data from previous years for continuing students and the California Healthy Kid Survey. Once assessed we determine who is in need of academic support and who is in need of social-emotional support. Then we engage the following programs.

For social emotional support we train all of our teachers on teambuilding, conflict resolution, solution-seeking strategies for children, self-regulation and mindfulness. We also have a full time MFT intern contracted on staff who provides support to staff, parents and students. We also provide training for our MFT as needed. We also hire teacher assistants and train them in Positive Discipline strategies for conflict resolution, self-regulation, problem solving with students and minimally invasive classroom strategies. Intervention groups are designed to address specific social -emotional needs.

For academic intervention, our teachers are provided access to MAP specific interventions based on student assessments. Teachers are also provided coaching on a weekly basis through our assistant director who has received training in ways to support instructional shifts for teachers, teaching strategies. Throughout the year our teachers are observed and given feedback and participate in a variety of staff development designed to improve instruction.

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.

Innovations Academy, a single charter school site, works with integrity to align all of our program goals and the activities put in place to meet them with our charter. We achieve that by maintaining our dual focus of supporting students to grow social emotionally and academically through the programs listed above.

The use of federal funds through Title I A, Title II A and Title IV A will support the funding of these programs to meet our five LCAP goals which all support academic and social emotional improvement:

LCAP Goal #1 Develop and implement a school wide assessment plan to effectively analyze student performance data and utilize the data to improve instruction and achievement.

LCAP Goal #2 Teachers will use effective pedagogical strategies to engage students in high quality, vigorous inquiry based learning including the use of firm classroom management and behavioral interventions and supports.

LCAP Goal #3 Provide high quality standardized aligned materials and resources to teachers and students within facilities maintained for optimal learning.

LCAP Goal #4 Develop a structure for ongoing analysis and intervention of student absences and tardies.

LCAP Goal #5 Develop stronger parent partnerships through effective communication tools, increased means of input and parent education.

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.

A) A well-rounded program of instruction involves an alignment between pedagogy, curriculum and assessment. We provide this alignment in a constructivist learning environment where students are valued, work collaboratively, have teachers trained in the methods and curriculum and use assessment information to guide their interactions with students. Additionally, teachers are given the support, feedback and skill alignment to support students. LCAP goals 1-3 (addressing state priorities 1,2,4,7,8) and the actions designated to address those goals align with meeting the needs of all students.

B) Our comprehensive assessments listed above are all different and when given together, offer teachers a more clear picture of a student's academic strengths and needs, including those that are at the lowest levels of achievement. When used in conjunction with the social-emotional assessments, we get a picture of who is most at risk.

C) We hire teacher assistants to work with our teachers to focus on the needs of low achieving students. They are trained and work closely aligned with specific teachers and students. This consistency supports academic and social-emotional growth. In the afternoons on Mondays, our teacher assistants support students in small groups and one-on-one. Our LCAP goal 3 addresses the environment at school.

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).

Innovations Academy has a low suspension and a zero expulsion rate. We also have a strong social emotional program based on Positive Discipline by Jane Nelsen, a program that is aligned with restorative practices, Adlerian based interactions, and a no punishments/no rewards (intrinsic motivation) approach that treats children with a profound respect.

We also have a MFT full time on campus and have provided training for all staff in these practices. We have a strong special education team that is also trained and works with staff to focus on solution seeking interactions.

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.

We are a K-8 school, so CTE is not a typical focus at this level, however, we provide monthly field trip experiences and regular interactions with guest experts from a variety of careers to work alongside our students in their inquiry work.

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.

Providing high quality teachers is of utmost importance to providing a high quality learning experience. Specifically our LCAP goal 2 addresses professional growth for teachers. At Innovations Academy we have several intern teachers on staff that work alongside mentor teachers to grow into effective teachers. We also provide staff development to all teachers prior to starting work in a classroom (Responsive Classroom, Positive Discipline, several texts related to school philosophy). A teacher coach is on staff and observes in classrooms daily, providing timely feedback to teachers. We all follow a school philosophy which allows for a common language on campus. Our teachers are given both peer collaboration time weekly and planning time during the school day.

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.

N/A

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.

As a charter school, our attendance boundaries are set in our charter. We accept all students equally from San Diego County. Additonally, we check the housing status of all of our students in order to provide any necessary supports for homeless students. See ou Consolidated Application for more details.

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)

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

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

As a single charter school this is less of an issue because we are only managing a small number of teachers. All of our teachers are adequately credentialed and given support to work with a diverse group of children. Once again, we also provide a teaching coach, ample resources and peer collaboration for all teachers.

Parent and Family Engagement

ESSA SECTIONS 1112(B)(3) AND 1112(B)(7)

Describe how the LEA will carry out its responsibility under Section 1111(d).
Describe the strategy the LEA will use to implement effective parent and family engagement under Section 1116.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

Innovations Academy LCAP goal 5 addresses continued encouragement of parent engagement strategies including the following categories:

- Engagement through awareness of academic and social-emotional progress
- Engagement through a variety of volunteer opportunities
- Engagement through parent education workshops
- Engagement through whole school events

Innovations intends to utilize all Federal funds designated for increasing family engagement in these four categories.

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.

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

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

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:

This provision is designated for County Offices but Innovations Academy has a homeless student and foster care student coordinator who seeks families needing support and orchestrating the support given.

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.

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) coordination with institutions of higher education, employers, and other local partners; and
- (B) 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:

At Innovations Academy inquiry instruction is the primary method utilized by teachers. This involves project and hands on learning and collaborative explorations. This pedagogy lends itself to naturally differentiated instruction. Teachers receive training in this type of instruction and differentiate within classrooms to meet the needs of all students. We do not specifically assess for Gifted and Talented Students as we believe all students are gifted and talented in so many ways. We find it insulting to some students to refer to others as "gifted" and "talented" meaning others are not. We have and will continue to have one-to-one chromebooks in our 2nd through 8th grade classrooms and promote digital literacy in our classrooms.

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 LEA and 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 We are a K-8 school.

Parent and Family Involvement

ESSA SECTION 1423(8)

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

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:

N/A

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).

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

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:

N/A

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.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

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.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

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.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

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:

- (C) 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
- (D) meeting the challenging State academic standards.

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

N/A

TITLE IV, PART A

Title IV, Part A Activities and Programs

ESSA SECTION 4106(e)(1)

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

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

THIS ESSA PROVISION IS ADDRESSED BELOW:

Innovations Academy partners with many nonprofit organizations for the implementation of our inquiry/project based program. Our students partner with many nonprofits who provide guidance, information and mentors to our students while they explore academic content through an applied approach. We also utilize nonprofits and community groups to bring in a variety of instruction such as dance, music and media arts. Our students participate in field study experiences monthly, often to State and National Parks, museums, community based/non profits (such as the food bank, homeless shelter) where they practice academic skills or participate in service learning. Technology is one way to connect with outside organizations. Our students send emails, Skype, make podcasts and listen to them, research etc. Funds that are designated for technology and platforms that allow students to safely access the internet are important to our program. All of these resources mentioned are effective in meeting our charter goals and LCAP goals and providing high quality, well-rounded educational experiences.