

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (CCSPP): IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TEMPLATE

Instructions

This 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 Cohort 2 implementation applicants with the requirement of submitting an implementation plan (**per site**) as part of their Request For Application and to support California Community School Partnership Program (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 schools, legislative updates, and course corrections informed by your continuous improvement and school community engagement processes. **The 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 and the Community Schools Implementation Growth Chart (forthcoming). To build on existing objectives for community schools, alignment with overarching Local Educational Agency (LEA) goals and objectives as stated on Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) and School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) is strongly recommended. We also recommend using the Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Timebound (SMART) Goals Framework as you complete this plan.

LEAs and school sites are encouraged to 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).

The Implementation Plan will be submitted to CDE as part of the Cohort 2 Implementation Grant by those who are applying. This implementation plan template will be updated as the CCSPP accountability system is developed.

California Community Schools 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.

The CDE and the California State Board of Education have determined that the CCSPP will be an equity-driven and assets-building school transformation program.

Adopted in 2022, the California Community Schools 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.

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 CCSPP Framework](#).

Implementation Growth Chart Overview

The S-TAC is in the process of developing an Implementation Growth Chart (IGC) that serves as a road map for both LEAs and school sites and is meant to enhance the adoption, implementation and sustainability of community schools. The Implementation Growth Chart is structured by three phases of growth (**visioning, engaging, and transforming**) and consists of phase-specific implementation strategies and activities. Nine key phase-specific capacity-building strategies are highlighted including a focus on:

1. Needs and assets assessment: Collective Priorities
2. Shared understanding
3. Collaborative leadership
4. Coherence: Policy and initiative alignment
5. Staffing and sustainability
6. Strategic community partnerships
7. Professional learning
8. Centering community-based curriculum and pedagogy
9. Progress monitoring and collective problem-solving

This resource (IGC) will be available in the next month or so and will support the implementation of community schooling as a strategy for school transformation.

CCSPP: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

School Site Contact Information

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Goals/Priorities

Describe the main goals/priority actions for the school site's community schools initiative. Please include goals at the site level. Add lines as needed. Include how progress toward each goal will be measured (i.e. SMART goal). Use the phase-specific activities outlined in the Implementation Growth Chart (forthcoming) as a guide and reflect on how your goals/priorities are informed by the needs and assets assessment and aligned with the CCSPP Framework.

Priority 1: Needs and Assets Assessment: Collective Priorities

School sites plan and execute a deep needs and asset assessment engaging a majority of students, staff, families and community members in identifying their top community school priorities and vision. Thoroughly describe your plan for conducting a deep Needs and Assets Assessment in the space below. Ensure that you will leverage multiple (at least three) data collection and analysis methods, such as interviews, focus groups, surveys, town halls, family nights, home visits, etc., to inform your community school strategy.

Interest-holders then identify priority topics from needs and asset assessment and form working groups or goals teams that utilize Improvement Science or other strong problem-solving strategies to address root causes. LEAs support this process, and develop structures to address system-level issues that span multiple school sites. After conducting the Needs and Assets Assessment, discuss how you will analyze your data and develop priorities, and then strategically collaborate with community partners on the core priorities that emerge.

ATMS: Empowering Our Community for Growth

Building on the valuable insights from our recent needs and assets assessment, ATMS is committed to empowering our entire community for growth. We will achieve this through a collaborative and data-driven approach.

Harnessing Collective Wisdom: First, diverse teams or committees within the ATMS community will meticulously analyze the data. This includes educators, parents, and students, each bringing their unique perspectives to the table.

Open Forums and Shared Priorities: Informed by the data analysis, we will prioritize clear communication and collaboration by hosting regular "Open Forums." These transparent meetings will be a platform for the ATMS community to discuss the findings and engage in open dialogue. Through this collaborative process, we will work towards developing shared priorities that reflect the needs and aspirations of everyone in our school community.

Goals Driven by Consensus: Once a consensus is reached through committee discussions and open forums, ATMS will begin to create specific and measurable goals based on the identified priorities. These goals will form the foundation for our strategic initiatives, ensuring we are working towards a shared vision for ATMS and empowering our community for growth.

Priority 2: Shared Understanding

LEAs and schools raise awareness of community schools throughout the community, developing a shared understanding of the community schools approach that is centered on establishing racially just, relationship-centered schools. Schools and LEAs answer the question, “why a community school for my school/district?”

Information about the community school strategy is continually shared, shaped and reinforced at school-wide events, over announcements, on websites, in school branding and throughout internal and external communication in multiple languages that are responsive to the community.

Shared Understanding Built Around Core Commitments

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. Indicate how your site’s understanding of community schools reflects its commitment to the CCSPP Cornerstone Commitments:

1. **Assets-Driven and Strength-Based Practice:** Community schools view students, their families and their community through the lens of their assets and strengths and value the collective wisdom derived from experience, family, history and culture and language.
2. **Racially Just and Restorative School Climates:** Community schools commit to creating, nourishing and sustaining school climates that are centered in the embrace of and support for all students in the totality of school interactions.
3. **Powerful, Culturally Proficient and Relevant Instruction:** Community schools commit to be driven by teaching and learning that is relevant to, inclusive of and centered in the wisdom, history, culture and experience of students, families and communities.
4. **Shared Decision Making and Participatory Practices:** Community schools all share a commitment to authentic and dynamic shared leadership in all aspects of school governance and operations.

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

Stay Informed, Get Involved: Keeping You Updated on ATMS's Progress

ATMS is committed to transparency and collaboration. To keep you informed and involved, we will be providing monthly updates on the progress of our action plan. These updates will be easily accessible through:

- **ParentSquare:** Look for updates directly in your ParentSquare account.
- **School Website:** A dedicated section on the school website will house all updates for easy reference.
- **Social Media:** Follow us on social media for bite-sized updates and reminders.

Your Voice Matters: Each update will include a dedicated section for you to share your feedback and suggestions. We value your input and believe it is crucial for shaping a successful plan that benefits everyone at ATMS.

Priority 3: Collaborative Leadership

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. This could include creating a new site-level steering committee/advisory council, or expanding an existing team, such as the School Site Committee, student councils, English Learner Advisory Committee or group of teams.

Site Level Goals and Measures of Progress

Goals	Action Steps	Outcome/Indicators
Parent Involvement	ATMS Parent Club	Creation of Parent Club that works to promote ATMS.
Student Involvement	Club Live	Club Live will work to promote student well-being in all facets of education

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

ATMS: Partnering for Progress

ATMS is committed to working hand-in-hand with our school community. Here's how we'll achieve this:

- **Meaningful Meetings:** We will host regular, focused meetings designed to spark open discussions and collaboration on our shared priorities. These meetings will welcome walk-in parents and community members, ensuring everyone's voice is heard.
- **Actionable Feedback:** Our dedicated school learning teams will analyze the feedback received at meetings and translate it into concrete steps for moving forward. This ensures your input directly influences progress on our priorities.

Priority 4: Coherence: Policy and Initiative Alignment

Schools and systems work to align policies to ensure an integrated community school strategy at the site and LEA level. A coherent and comprehensive plan/strategy for community schools “de-silos” all parallel LEA and school-level initiatives. Schools fully integrate the community school strategy with all existing school-wide strategic plan(s)/ improvement plan(s) such as the LCAP and SPSA. The community school implementation plan and school improvement plan become one cohesive plan.

Site Level Goals and Measures of Progress

Goals	Action Steps	Outcome/Indicators
School Safety	Club Live	Reduction in disciplinary referrals and promotion of positive school culture.
Parent Involvement	ATMS Parent Club	Sustained Parent Recruitment for 3 years school enrollment

Priority 5: Staffing and Sustainability

Schools and systems address staffing. As needed to serve 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	Outcome/Indicators
School Social Worker	Improved Student Mental Health	Provide mental health assistance and introduction to drug counseling
Academic Liaison	Improved Student Academics	Provide supplemental academic support in or outside of the classroom.

Key Staff/Personnel

Rodney Del Rio	Principal
Yanin Ayon	School Social Worker
Melissa Villalvazo	Academic Liaison

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

Collaborating with the District to Secure Vital Support Services

We are working closely with the district to explore solutions for sustaining the crucial services provided by these two individuals at our school. This may include exploring partial funding through our school's LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) to ensure continued student success.



Priority 6: Strategic Community Partnerships

Schools conduct external asset mapping, developing a comprehensive map and database of potential partners in the surrounding 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 that community partners were actively involved in the planning, development, and continuous improvement of the community school.

Site Level Goals and Measures of Progress

Goals	Action Steps	Outcome/Indicators
Basic Family Needs	Partner with Community Connections	Improved Attendance, Confidence, and Academics
Basic Family Support	Partner with Child Guidance	Improved Family Support Services

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:

Building a Strong Safety Net for Families in Need

Through established partnerships, we're providing essential support to families facing temporary hardships:

- **Emergency Food Assistance:** We have partnered with local organizations to help families bridge the gap during difficult times. This could include providing a few days' worth of groceries or connecting them to food banks and other resources.
- **Temporary Housing Solutions:** Recognizing the importance of stable housing for student success, we are working with community partners to help families find temporary accommodations if needed. This ensures students can continue their education without disruption.

- Family Support Services:** We are collaborating with Child Guidance and other agencies to offer families the resources they need to thrive. These services can help families cope with challenges and create a safe and supportive environment for all members.

Priority 7: Professional Learning

Role-specific professional learning supports are offered to administrators, educators, classified staff, families, and other role groups as necessary. Schools identify the supports and professional learning needed to support the community schools initiative, including learning focused on shared leadership and a reimagining of teaching and learning to be collaborative, relationship-centered, culturally-affirming/relevant, asset-based, democratic and community-based.

Site Level Goals and Measures of Progress

Goals	Action Steps	Outcome/Indicators
Site Leadership Team	ATMS AVID Team	Shared Leadership among site staff members
Parent Leadership Team	ATMS Parent Club	Shared Leadership among parents of ATMS Community.

Priority 8: Centering Community-Based Curriculum and Pedagogy

Educators learn the theoretical roots and practical elements of community-based learning (CBL), an approach to instruction that is responsive to local history, knowledge, values, language, literature, institutions, culture, and environments. Educators see examples of CBL in action, and discuss and explore the integration of CBL in their classrooms.

Site Level Goals and Measures of Progress

Goals	Action Steps	Outcome/Indicators
AVID	AVID School Wide	Increased of AVID strategies school wide to improve student organization
SEL	Social/Emotional Learning	Dedicated SEL Time during instructional week to improve student well being.

Priority 9: Progress Monitoring and Collective Problem-Solving

The LEA, with educational partners, explores the development of an evaluation plan for the community schools initiative, rooted in local data and measures that allows for diverse community-based definitions of success.

School site teams pursuing goals/actions emerging from the needs and asset assessment develop metrics to gauge success and guide their work. Improvement science strategies, such as Plan-Do-Study-Act cycles, are used for continuous improvement of the system. School site develops a baseline data portfolio based on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and other data sources that the school is currently collecting.

Site Level Goals and Measures of Progress

Goals	Action Steps	Outcome/Indicators
Academic Improvement	Improvement of 3 or more points	Available SBAC data demonstrating improvement of 3 or more points from all student groups
Attendance Improvement	KIDS monitoring program	Program will provide valuable monitoring of student attendance to measure if attendance is improving.

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