

# PACIFIC YIEW CHARTER SCHOOL

# Pacific View Charter School 2.0 - SELF-STUDY REPORT

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#### **Preface**

Explanation of the school self-study process used to accomplish the parameters of the self-study, i.e., any modifications from the model self-study process. By addressing these outcomes of the self-study, the school will have accomplished:

- 1. The involvement and collaboration of all staff and other stakeholders to support student achievement
- 2. The clarification and measurement of what all students should know, understand, and be able to do through schoolwide learner outcomes and academic standards
- 3. The analysis of data about students and student achievement
- 4. The assessment of the entire school program and its impact on student learning in relation to the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and WASC/CDE criteria
- 5. The alignment of a long-range action plan to the school's areas of need; the capacity to implement and monitor the accomplishment of the plan.

This 2021-2022 self-study report will further Pacific View Charter students with trauma to access the curriculum and raise the equality gap of achievement with other Californians when receiving a diploma for career and college. The school's mission is to increase Pacific View Charter's understanding of how intersectionality affects student achievement and apply that understanding to reduce social inequality and injustice on campus and in the community. The organization's paradigm shift from independent study school to trauma-informed school will need unifying initiatives of Curriculum Development, Stakeholder Engagement, Data Collection, Universal Student Supports, Continuous Improvement, and Team Support.

Pacific View Charter contains students from Humboldt, the County with the highest reported child abuse, foster care, homeless, neglect, sexual violence, and parent death, then California as a whole (Arledge, 2017). These situational factors are called adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The school administrator identified "environmental forces" at PVCS by having a small ten-student sample size of students complete a ten-question ACE test from the American Psychological Association (Felitti et al., 1998). The results reported back from the administrator to the school collaboration team said that all students had five or more ACEs. The data made sense for the staff to change the mission statement in the future to reflect the identification of at-risk ACE students and provide support in their school and community achievement.

Past strategy enrolled students to complete in minimum credit requirements with little thought of what happens after a diploma or if students drop out or change schools due to students missing their independent study assignments. Observations from staff and stakeholders indicated that the organization needs to identify the ACE population of students and remove the facilitator role of independent study from the teacher once the school mission is changed. Parents and communities need education on ACEs, resilience, and the vision of real choice to career and college to better support students. The employee mindset needs to have a two-part goal: 1) Student education in restorative social/emotional care. 2) Student curriculum access to aid in college, career, and community.

The self-study process began with a discussion conducted with the board of directors and the Charter school co-founder from the administration. Initial WASC visitation recommendations were considered and analyzed on the feasibility. The administration and board of directors all agree on the changes in Humboldt County's trauma community and recognize that action is necessary. Board members feel a deep connection to the school due to the time invested and previous decisions for the school, so it is imperative to share the vision of transformational change. Board members want to increase career technical education for students and agreed that social, emotional care was needed first. A Charter co-founder suggested having the first week of school an ACE and parent education session to start the immersion of social-emotional care. The administration's next step was to create a School Wide Collaboration (SWC) team to study our current practice, increase stakeholder involvement, and execute the transformation at PVCS to service the students and the community.

#### Staff and Stakeholder Involvement

During the 2019-2020 school year, the SWC created a new team charter with a shared vision and mission to start the process of reviewing the external and internal drivers of change. However, a month later, the COVID-19 pandemic pushed the team meetings to virtual utilizing zoom, google collaboration tools, and Likert/free response survey instruments to assess parent and student voice (Appendix Photos). Utilizing the digital tools, the SWC reviewed every aspect of the PVCS school program utilizing a social, technological, economic, environmental, political (STEEP) analysis of internal and external drivers affecting the success of our vision and mission (Appendix ). Following the STEEP analysis, the SWC narrowed the change drivers into a strengths, weakness, opportunity, and threat (SWOT) analysis to determine strategic actions to aid in our mission/vision and student learner outcomes (SLO) (Appendix ). The analysis led to 2020-2021 goals and strategies to be executed along with an evaluation plan that would be reported out to stakeholders and the board of directors.

PVCS's outside stakeholder engagement process began in January of 2020, just prior to the COVID-19 school closure, and continued

through May 2021. Four parent surveys were executed through that time pertaining to COVID response and participation. Additionally, a new parent-teacher-admin COVID-19 reopening committee was created that further addressed student learning loss and safety that have influenced this LCAP. That engagement process of surveys and the subsequent feedback, tabling events, open meeting invitations, participation, and direct communication with school administration has greatly impacted this LCAP. The engagement with students, families, board members, staff members, and other interested parties resulted in three general goals. Those original goals, whose integrity has been maintained, have grown into being student-centric and objectively measurable. Time-Line of Events:

- January/February 2020 School Climate Survey (Students/Parents/Teachers)
- June 2020 Communication Audit Survey
- June 2020 Parent Reopening Survey for 2021-2022
- September 2020- Parent Feedback Survey
- October 2020 Parent in-person learning survey
- November 2020- Parent Conference/Input
- December 2020 Semester 1 Parent curriculum Evaluation
- February 2021 COVID In-person Learning Survey
- March 2021- Parent-Teacher committee recommendations
- March 2021- Teacher Strategic Goal Evaluation Survey
- April 2021 Parent Conference
- Monthly Board Meeting Open Forum Admin, Teachers, Parents

The 2020-2021 evaluation plan, continued COVID-19 pandemic, ACS WASC Self Study, and state-reported data forced our school to revamp our strategies for the 2021-2022 school year. The SWC incorporated the Self Study process into our strategic planning for the 2021-2022 school year. To complicate matters, half of the staff turned over and a new SWC team was created. The SWC agreed to keep the mission/vision but repeated the same steps in STEEP, SWOT, Strategic Goal Action creation, and Strategic Goal Evaluation Plan to blend with our ACS WASC/CDE Self-Study report. The collaborative self-study process and strategic planning allowed all new staff members to come up to speed on the vision/mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

#### Clarification of Student Learning Measurement

The 2021-2022 SWC consented to keep the SLO's from our WASC initial visit in 2018. After the staff 2021 turn-over, all SLO's were consented to and posted in subject-specific courses as well as defining our student outcome data sources from the previous two years and the current year moving forward. SLO data sources heavily relied on:

- Student GPA.
- CAASPP scores.
- Renaissance Learning scores in ELA/Math,
- Staff, Parent, and Teacher Surveys
- Dashboard indicators
- o Graduation Rate
- o College and Career Readiness
- o Absenteeism
- o Suspension
- o Demographic Disproportionality
  - Course Samples (PE Logs etc)

The 2021-2022 schoolwide learner outcomes that are measured from the above data sources are: For all students to develop into contributing citizens in the 21st century, PVCS will seek to develop in each student the following SLO's:

### Effective Communication and Learning Skills:

Each student demonstrates effective verbal and written communication skills:

- 1. Students can read and comprehend written instruction, information, and leisure materials.
- 2. Students can effectively communicate ideas in writing, using appropriate grammar, tone, and style of writing.
- 3. Students can separate fact from opinion and respect differing opinions.
- 4. Students can comprehend and follow verbal instructions.
- 5. Students can verbally communicate ideas to groups and individuals in a manner appropriate to the audience.

#### **Effective Mathematical Skills**

- 1. Student demonstrates use of arithmetic skills to function in a business environment.
- 2. Student demonstrates use of basic geometry skills for measurement.
- 3. Student demonstrates the basics of algebra.

- 4. Student demonstrates working knowledge of basic statistics and probability.
- 5. Students can use basic problem solving and critical thinking skills.

#### Effective Science and Technology Skills

- 1. Student demonstrates use of technology and how it affects his/her/their life
- 2. Student demonstrates ability to analyze data and make logical conclusions.
- 3. Student recognizes the effects of the sciences, technologies, and societies on one another and the environment
- 4. Student demonstrates the basic understanding of the life and physical sciences.

#### **Effective Social Science Skills:**

- 1. Student demonstrates knowledge and responsibility with the political process in America.
- 2. Student demonstrates a basic understanding of other forms of government.
- 3. Student identifies the course of history that formed the US and other nations.
- 4. Student demonstrates knowledge of the earth's physical geography.
- 5. Student demonstrates basic understanding of cultural diversity, its causes, and how diversity affects interpersonal relationships. Effective Personal Skills:
- 1. Student demonstrates an ability to set goals and maintain a course of progress toward those goals.
- 2. Student identifies the benefits of maintaining health: good nutrition, exercise, and life choices.
- 3. Student identifies importance of participation in community, including volunteer services.
- 4. Student can identify his/her/their individual strengths and seeks methods to develop them.
- 5. Student demonstrates skills and processes need to seek employment and higher education.
- 6. Student demonstrates honesty, respect, and discipline.

#### California Dashboard Analysis

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state suspended the reporting of state and local indicators on during the 2020 school year and forward. However, local data and CAASPP testing data allow the SWC to observe growth in Dashboard weakness indicators for the 2020-2021 school year in:

- Math CAASPP scores
- ELA CAASPP scores
- Graduation Rates
- College and Career Readiness

The school was able to maintain our dashboard strengths with exemplary chronic absenteeism and suspension rates reported favorably on the 2018 dashboard and past dashboards. Pacific View Charter will continue to create goals and strategies to further strengthen the weaknesses in CAASPP scores, graduation rates, and college and career readiness.

#### School Program Assessment and Impact on Student Learning

The ongoing assessment of the entire school program continues to impact schoolwide learner outcomes and graduates. For example, during the initial assessment in 2018-2019, California Department of Education (CDE) changes in college readiness greatly affected course requirements at the school. PVCS moved to a 0% readiness graduate profile on the dashboard. The administration quickly received board approval on the expansion of math course requirements, and A-G only mandated courses at the school. The foreign language bottleneck was also removed making all students take a Spanish course.

Parent and student stakeholder survey assessments have impacted the school greatly with increased communication through a new website, zoom, and the purchased Chromebooks for "at home" use. Before 2020, students were not allowed to take Chromebooks home, nor have internet hotspots available. The assessment of parent and student stakeholders impacted the access of curriculum for all students and allowed more flexibility with college and career opportunities such as our college pipeline program and work experience.

Even outside stakeholders feedback greatly influenced our school by increasing our social-emotional awareness, and career technical education outcomes. Prior to the pandemic local companies such as military contractor "Wing" and Blue Ox were offering tours and possible trade jobs. The Humboldt county office of education reached out to PVCS to be a part of a Career Technical Education group for health career pathways and horticulture. Pacific View Charter will continue to audit and analyze data to further our mission/vision, academic standards, produce better graduates, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

#### Action Plan Alignment to the LCAP and Areas of Need

Schoolwide actions plans, LCAP, and the school's areas of need are all aligned. Based on the California state dashboard, graduation rates and college and career indicators are our highest priority due to the last reported 2019 data displaying a 68.4% grad rate and a 0% college readiness rate. The 2021 LCAP Goals and Actions targeted these needed areas along with the factors influencing the low outcomes. It is stated in the current LCAP, and Action Plans that PVCS is committed to social-emotional learning, student flexibility from trauma, and college and career opportunities making high school relevant. Funding will be allocated to increase technology Self-Study Report

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tools/curriculum for individualized students for the 2021-2022 school year. See 2021-2022 LCAP for goals and action alignment (Appendix ) and strategic planning for 2020-2021 (Appendix ) and 2021-2022 (Appendix) school year.

#### **Chapter I: Progress Report**

Summarize progress on each section of the current schoolwide action plan that incorporated *all schoolwide critical areas for follow-up* from the last full self-study and all intervening visits.

Comment on the original critical areas for follow-up not in the current plan.

#### Significant Developments Since Last WASC visit

There have been significant changes at the school and the community at large since the last WASC visit. Teaching staff has been reduced to two full time teachers in English and Math and part time teachers for SPED, office clerk, history, 7/8th grade, and science. The decrease in staffing has limited the number of students attending past lunch at our school. In 2020 a new school vision and mission has been a major driving force schoolwide.

Outside school changes such as the COVID-19 pandemic has also played a large roll driving changes in service to students. PVCS had to shift to a distance learning only program for many months until public health deemed it was safe to open. However, the large influx of COVID money from the federal and state department has allowed us to upgrade our technology, increase technological access to students, increase concurrent community college enrollment, and create a CTE pathway. Although early to see, the 2016 legalization of cannabis is starting to play a role in family life because in 2010, 79% of cannabis nationwide came from northern California. Eureka. The loss in jobs and money from the change in industry will have future ramifications on our student demographic.

At the state level, continued legislation and reform targeting independent study charters continues to be a threat to the school (AB1316, AB77, etc). Many of the assembly bills are written through the lens of urban settings and do not consider the feasibility of a small independent study hybrid in Northern California. A change in funding models, staffing, etc, severely threaten our alternative education program.

#### Process for implementing and monitoring the schoolwide action plan

PVCS utilizes weekly schoolwide collaboration meetings for implementing and monitoring action plans. During the Spring of 2020, the SWC created a shared new mission and vision of the school based on internal and external data points significant to the academic success of our school. For example, the team reviewed academic process in CAASPP, College and Career readiness, climate surveys, local ELA Math Assessments and schoolwide GPAs. The team consented that the largest strides in academic progress rely heavily on creating an effective learning environment based on our student demographic. Our student trauma, equity, access, understanding, greatly limited student achievement goals from past WASC visit, SLOs, and the California state dashboard. An appropriate shared vision/mission was created to drive a strategic planning process for implementing and monitoring school plans (Appendix):

- STEEP Analysis of external Internal Drivers
- SWOT Analysis
- Draft Goals and Strategies
- Implementation Worksheet on Top Goals and Strategies
- Strategic Goal Evaluation/Communication Plan

From this collaborative process, administration aligns goals and strategies from the SWC with the LCAP goals and strategies.

#### Summary of schoolwide action plan progress

• Summarize progress on each section of the current schoolwide action plan/SPSA that incorporated all schoolwide critical areas (growth areas for continuous improvement) from the last full self-study and all intervening visits.

#### Critical Areas for Follow-Up

• Comment on the original critical areas for follow-up (growth areas for continuous improvement) not in the current schoolwide action plan/SPSA.

#### **Chapter II: Student/Community Profile and Supporting Data and Findings**

Tell the story of your school through the use of data and information. This thorough examination of the school includes:

- The history and background of the school
- A description of the school programs
- School performance indicators as organized by the Local Control Funding Formula's (LCFF) "Eight State Priorities" rubrics and local measures
- Examination of perceptual data, such as surveys
- Provide findings, noting trends, irregular patterns or anomalies for the data, including longitudinal and disaggregated data (see profile guide)
- Provide a brief summary that includes:
  - Implications of the data
  - Identification of 2–3 preliminary critical student learning needs (at this stage of analysis)
  - o Important questions to be discussed in the Focus Groups.

#### Chapter III: Student/Community Profile — Overall Summary from Analysis of Profile Data and Progress

For each category of criteria include:

- 1. A summary of the degree to which these criteria are being met, including comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the critical student learning needs
- 2. A list of strengths
- 3. A list of prioritized growth areas.

Note: The five criteria categories are:

- A. Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership, Staff, and Resources
- B. Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum
- C. Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction
- D. Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability
- E. School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth Culture.

Have available pertinent evidence for review by visiting committee. This includes samples of representative student work that have been analyzed.

#### Category A: Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership and Staff, and Resources

#### A1. Vision and Purpose Criterion

The school has a clearly stated vision and mission (purpose) based on its student needs, current educational research, the district LCAP, and the belief that all students can achieve at high academic levels. Supported by the governing board and the district LCAP, the school's purpose is defined further by schoolwide learner outcomes and the academic standards.

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard A: Mission Statement**: The mission statement of a quality online program clearly conveys its purpose and goals. It serves as the basis for the program's day-to-day operations, as well as a guide for its strategic plans for the future. Communications between and buy-in from stakeholders is a critical component of a mission statement. [iNACOL Standard A, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### Vision - Mission - Schoolwide Learner Outcomes - Profile

- **A1.1. Indicator:** The school has established a clear, coherent vision and mission (purpose) of what students should know and demonstrate; it is based upon high-quality standards and is congruent with research, practices, the student/community profile data, and a belief that all students can learn and be college and career ready.
- **A1.1. Prompt:** Evaluate the degree to which the development of the school's statements has been impacted by pertinent student/community profile data, the district LCAP, identified future global competencies, current educational research and an overall belief that all students can learn and be college and career ready.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Development/Refinement of Vision, Mission, Schoolwide Learner Outcomes

- **A1.2. Indicator:** There are effective processes in place to ensure involvement of all stakeholders in the development and periodic refinement of the vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes.
- **A1.2. Prompt:** Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes that engage representatives from the entire school, the district board, business, and the community in the development and periodic refinement of the vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Understanding of Vision, Mission, and Schoolwide Learner Outcomes, District LCAP

- **A1.3. Indicator:** Students, parents, and other members of the school and business community demonstrate understanding of and commitment to the vision, mission, the schoolwide learner outcomes, and the district LCAP.
- **A1.3. Prompt:** Evaluate the degree to which the school ensures that students, parents, and other members of the school's community understand and are committed to the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### A2. Governance Criterion

The governing board (a) has policies and bylaws that are aligned with the school's purpose and support the achievement of the schoolwide learner outcomes and academic, college, and career standards based on data-driven instructional decisions for the school; (b) delegates implementation of these policies to the professional staff; and (c) monitors results regularly and approves the single schoolwide action plan and its relationship to the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard B: Governance Statement: Governance is typically provided by a Board of Directors, an Advisory Board or an ISCHOOL Board. In a quality online program, governance and leadership work hand-in-hand, developing the operational policies for the program and its leadership and staff. [iNACOL Standard B, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Governing Board and District Administration**

- **A2.1. Indicator:** The district policies and procedures are clear regarding the specific duties and roles of the governing board and district administration in their relationship to the school and staff.
- **A2.1. Prompt:** Determine the clarity of board policies and procedures regarding the roles of the board and district administration, including supporting the school's vision, mission, schoolwide learner outcomes, monitoring student progress, engaging parent and community participation in site governance, implementing complaint procedures, and reviewing program effectiveness in alignment with the district LCAP requirements.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**A2.1.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the policies related to online instruction for effectiveness in clarifying the vision for the school's use of various types of online curriculum, instruction and support methodologies; this includes, upgrading or updating technology, acceptable use policies, CIPA policies, and policies to ensure internet safety.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Understanding the Role of the Governing Board**

- A2.2. Indicator: There is clear understanding about the role and responsibilities of the governing board and the professional staff.
- **A2.2. Prompt**: Determine the extent to which there is clear, sustainable understanding regarding the relationship between the governing board and the professional staff.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Governing Board's Involvement in Review and Refinement**

- **A2.3.** Indicator: Parents, community members, staff and students are engaged in the governance of the school.
- **A2.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the ways the school community and parents are a) informed as to how they can participate in the school's governance and b) engaged in the governance of the school through their participation on the School Site Council, ELAC, district LCAP committees and other advisory or shared decision-making groups that provide guidance or direction to the school.

Findings Supporting Evidence
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#### **Board's Evaluation/Monitoring Procedures**

- **A2.4.** Indicator: There is clarity of the evaluation and monitoring directed by the governing board and carried out by the district administration.
- **A2.4. Prompt**: Determine the degree to which there are evaluation and monitoring procedures conducted by the district administration and reported to the governing board, including the annual LCAP assessment of district goals and the Eight State Priorities, the review of student performance toward career and college readiness, assessment of overall school programs and operations, and the fiscal health of the school.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Complaint and Conflict Resolution Procedures**

- **A2.5. Indicator**: The established governing board/school's complaint and conflict resolution procedures as they apply to the school's stakeholders are effective.
- **A2.5. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the established governing board/school's complaint and conflict resolution procedures, including the ways the complaint procedures are communicated to parents.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### A3. Leadership: Empowerment and Continuous Planning and Monitoring Criterion

Based on student achievement data, the school leadership, parent/community, and staff make decisions and initiate activities that focus on all students achieving the schoolwide learner outcomes and academic, college, and career standards. The school leadership and staff annually monitor and refine the single schoolwide action plan and make recommendations to modify the LCAP based on analysis of data to ensure alignment with student needs.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard C: Leadership: The leadership of a quality online program is accountable to the program's governance body, and is responsible for setting and meeting the operational and strategic goals in support of the program's mission and vision statements. [iNACOL Standard C, 2009]

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard D: Planning: A quality online program makes planning, managed by the leadership and staff of the organization a regular part of the program. There are several types of planning activities, including strategic planning, long-range and operational planning, which identifies annual goals. Effective planning is not a one-time activity, but instead should provide opportunities for reflection on how to improve the organization's performance. [iNACOL Standard D, 2009]

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard F: Commitment:** In a quality online program governance, leadership and staff are responsible for creating an organization that demonstrates a commitment to attaining the program's goals and mission statement. Everyone within the organization understands the mission statement and works to achieve it. [iNACOL Standard F, 2009]

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard I: Integrity and Accountability: In a quality online program, leadership is transparent in its management of the program, providing regular and timely information on progress towards attainment of goals, alignment with policies and standards, and achievement of student learning outcomes. [iNACOL Standard I, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Broad-Based and Collaborative**

- **A3.1.** Indicator: The school's broad-based, collaborative planning process is a continuous improvement cycle that a) assesses data to determine student needs, b) collaboratively determines and implements strategies and actions and c) monitors results.
- **A3.1. Prompt**: Determine the effectiveness of the continuous school improvement planning process to ensure that it is broad-based, collaborative and fosters the commitment of the stakeholders.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Single School Plan for Student Achievement Correlated to Student Learning

- **A3.2.** Indicator: The school's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) is directly correlated to and driven by the analysis of student achievement data.
- **A3.2. Prompt**: How do staff ensure that the analysis of student achievement of the critical learner and college- and career-readiness needs, schoolwide learner outcomes, and academic and career-readiness standards are incorporated into the SPSA and impact the development, implementation, and monitoring of the SPSA and the LCAP?

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Staff Actions/Accountability to Support Learning

- **A3.3. Indicator**: The school leadership and staff demonstrate shared decision-making, responsibility, and self-reflection on actions and accountability for implementing practices and programs that support student learning.
- **A3.3. Prompt**: Determine the effectiveness of the processes and procedures for involving staff in shared decision-making, responsibility, and self-reflection on actions and accountability to support student learning throughout all programs.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Internal Communication and Planning**

- A3.4. Indicator: The school has effective existing structures for internal communication, planning, and resolving differences.
- **A3.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the existing structures for internal communication, planning, and resolving differences among the staff or administration?

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### A4. Staff: Qualified and Professional Development Criterion

A qualified staff facilitates achievement of the student academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes through a system of preparation, induction, and ongoing professional development. There is a systematic approach to continuous improvement through professional development based on student performance data, student needs, and research.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard E: Organizational Staffing: A quality online program recognizes appropriate levels of staffing are critical to the success of an online program. Staff should be well-trained in order to successfully meet their performance goals, and are provided with appropriate levels of support, resources, feedback and management. [iNACOL Standard E, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Qualifications and Preparation of Staff**

- **A4.1. Indicator**: The school has procedures to ensure that staff members are qualified based on staff background, training, and preparation.
- **A4.2. Prompt**: Evaluate the procedures to ensure all staff members in all programs, including online instruction, are qualified for their responsibilities based on employment policies and practices, staff background, training, and preparation.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Staff Assignment and Preparation**

- **A4.2. Indicator**: The school has a process to assign staff members and provide appropriate orientation for all assignments, including online instruction and focused programs, to maximize the expertise of the staff members in relation to impact on quality student learning.
- **A4.2. Prompt**: Evaluate the process to assign staff members and provide an appropriate orientation process, including online instruction and focused programs, to maximize the expertise of all staff members in relation to impact on quality student learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Defining and Understanding Practices/Relationships**

- **A4.3. Indicator**: The school implements a clear system to communicate administrator and faculty written policies, charts, and handbooks that define responsibilities, operational practices, decision-making processes, and relationships of leadership and staff.
- **A4.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the system used to communicate administrator and faculty written policies, charts, pacing guides and handbooks that define responsibilities, operational practices, decision-making processes, and relationships of leadership and staff. Determine the degree of clarity and understanding of these by administration and faculty.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Support of Professional Development/Learning and Measurable Effect on Student Learning

- **A4.4. Indicator**: The school effectively supports professional development/learning with time, personnel, material, and fiscal resources to facilitate all students achieving the academic, college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.
- **A4.4. Prompt**: Determine the effectiveness of the professional development support, time and resources to meet the needs. To what measurable effect have the professional development/ learning activities, including coaching and mentoring, had on student learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**A4.4. Additional Online Instruction Prompt**: Evaluate the processes and procedures for involving online staff members in professional development activities that enhance the use of technology in the delivery of instruction and support student learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

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#### **Supervision and Evaluation**

**A4.5.** Indicator: The school implements effective supervision and evaluation procedures in order to promote professional growth of staff.

**A4.5. Prompt**: How effective are the school's supervision and evaluation procedures?

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**A4.5. Additional Online Instruction Prompt**: How effective is the school's supervision and evaluation procedures in order to promote professional growth of online instructional staff, including their technological competencies and use of technology within the curriculum, and their fulfilling requirements for quality student-teacher interaction?

#### **A5.** Resources Criterion

The human, material, physical, and financial resources are sufficient and utilized effectively and appropriately in accordance with the legal intent of the program(s) and LCAP to support students in accomplishing the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard G: Financial and Material Resources: A quality online program has adequate financial and material resources to accomplish the mission of the organization. These resources are appropriately planned for and expended using sound business practices. [iNACOL Standard G 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Allocation Decisions and Their Impact**

**A5.1. Indicator**: There is a relationship between the decisions about resource allocations, the school's vision, mission, the schoolwide learner outcomes, the critical learner needs, the district's LCAP and the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), the academic standards, and the college- and career-readiness standards. The school leadership and staff are involved in the resource allocation decisions.

**A5.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which the resources are allocated to meet the school's vision, mission, the schoolwide learner outcomes, the critical learner needs, the student needs identified in the district LCAP and the SPSA, the academic standards, and the college- and career-readiness standards. Determine the extent to which leadership and staff are involved in the resource allocation decisions. What impact has the process for the allocation of resources made on student learning?

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Practices**

- **A5.2. Indicator**: There are processes operating in relationship to district practices for developing an annual budget, conducting an annual audit, and at all times conducting quality business and accounting practices.
- **A5.2. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's processes in relationship to district practices for developing an annual budget, conducting an annual audit, and at all times conducting quality business and accounting practices, including protections against mishandling of institutional funds. (**Note**: Some of this may be more district-based than school-based.)

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Facilities**

- **A5.3. Indicator**: The school's facilities are adequate to meet the students' learning needs, support the educational program (i.e., accomplish the vision, mission, and the schoolwide learner outcomes) and are safe, functional, and well-maintained.
- **A5.3. Prompt**: Determine the extent to which the facilities enable the school to maintain a learning environment to meet the educational health and safety needs of students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Instructional Materials and Equipment**

- **A5.4. Indicator**: The policies and procedures for acquiring and maintaining adequate instructional materials and equipment, such as textbooks, other printed materials, audio-visual, support technology, manipulatives, and laboratory materials are effective.
- **A5.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the policies and procedures for acquiring and maintaining adequate instructional materials and equipment, such as technology tools and software, the support systems for technology, software, textbooks, other printed materials, library media resources, manipulatives, and laboratory materials for instruction including online.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Well-Qualified Staff**

- **A5.5. Indicator**: Resources are available to enable the hiring, nurturing, and ongoing professional development of a well-qualified staff for all programs such as online instruction and college and career.
- **A5.5. Prompt**: Determine if the resources are available to hire, nurture, and provide ongoing professional development for a well-qualified staff. Include specifics if online, IB, and/or college and career preparation programs are in place.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Long-Range Planning**

**A5.6.** Indicator: The district and school's processes for regularly and effectively aligning the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with site resource decisions ensures the continual availability and coordination of appropriate funds to support students' achievement of the critical learner needs, the academic standards, college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

**A5.6. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of these processes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### A6. Resources Criterion [Charter Schools only]

The governing authority and the school leadership execute responsible resource planning for the future. The school has developed policies, procedures, and internal controls for managing the financial operations that meet state laws, generally accepted practices, and ethical standards. The school is fiscally solvent and uses sound and ethical accounting practices (budgeting/monitoring, internal controls, audits, fiscal health, and reporting).

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### Long-range Financial (and Other Resources) Plan and Stakeholder Involvement

- **A6.1.** Indicator: The school regularly involves stakeholders in the review of its long-range plan/capital needs (and other resources) in relation to the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes. Decisions about resource allocation are directly related to the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes.
- **A6.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of how the school regularly reviews its long-range plan/capital needs (and other resources) and makes decisions about resource allocations.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Regular Accounting and External Audit Procedures**

- **A6.2. Indicator**: The school has written policy that defines internal controls, contracts, regular accounting, and external audit procedures.
- **A6.2. Prompt**: Comment on the effectiveness of the accounting procedures and review process to determine if they meet the generally accepted principles of accounting and audit procedures and education code for charter schools.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Processes for Implementation of Financial Practices**

**A6.3.** Indicator: The school employs accountability measures to assure that personnel follow fiscal policies and procedures.

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**A6.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's processes and protections for the following: 1) who is authorized to sign contracts, write checks, and release institutional funds; 2) the monitoring of payroll information; 3) the review of bank reconciliations and deposits/withdrawals of all school financial accounts; and 4) the policies and procedures for the use of credit cards and other lines of credit.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Budgeting Process** — Transparency

- **A6.4. Indicator**: The school develops and monitors its annual budgeting process to ensure transparency and stakeholder involvement.
- **A6.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's procedures to develop and monitor its annual budgeting process to ensure transparency and stakeholder involvement.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Adequate Compensation, Staffing, Reserves**

- **A6.5. Indicator**: The school governing body provides adequate compensation to faculty, administrators, and staff; adequate staffing for the school's program; and reasonable accumulation of reserves.
- **A6.5. Prompt**: To what extent does the school's governing body provide adequate compensation to faculty, administrators, and staff; adequate staffing for the school's program; and reasonable accumulation of reserves?

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Marketing Strategies**

- **A6.6. Indicator**: The school has marketing strategies to support the implementation of the developmental program, including research and information to help develop future planning.
- **A6.6. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's marketing strategies to support the implementation of the developmental program, including research and information to help develop future planning.

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#### **Informing the Public and Appropriate Authorities**

**A6.7. Indicator**: The governing authorities and school leaders inform the public and appropriate governmental authorities about the financial needs of the organization.

**A6.7. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes for the governing authorities and school leaders for informing the public and appropriate governmental authorities about the financial needs of the organization.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

# WASC Category A. Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership and Staff, and Resources: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category A are being met.

Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical learner needs (Chapter IV).

Summary (including comments about the critical learner needs)

Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category A.

Category A: Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership, Staff, and Resources: Areas of Strength

Category A: Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership, Staff, and Resources: Areas of Growth

#### Category B: Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum

#### **B1.** Rigorous and Relevant Standards-Based Curriculum Criterion

All students participate in a rigorous, relevant, and coherent standards-based curriculum that supports the achievement of the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes. Through standards-based learning (what is taught and how it is taught), these are accomplished.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard J: Curriculum and Course Design: A quality online program will have a well thought-out approach to its curriculum and course design whether it develops its own courses and/or licenses curriculum from other educational providers. [iNACOL Standard J, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Current Educational Research and Thinking**

- **B1.1.** Indicator: The school uses current educational research related to maintain a viable, meaningful instructional program that prepares students for college, career, and life.
- **B1.2. Prompt**: Evaluate how effective the school uses current educational research related to the curricular areas to maintain a viable, meaningful instructional program for students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Academic and College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Each Area

- **B1.2.** Indicator: The school has defined academic standards and college- and career-readiness standards for each subject area, course, and/or program.
- **B1.2.** Prompt: Determine the extent to which there are defined academic standards and college- and career-readiness standards for each subject area, course, and/or program that meet state or national/international standards and, where applicable, expectations within courses that meet the UC "a-g" requirements. (This includes examination of the annual submission of course syllabus approval to UC for all AP courses. Verify that the facility requirements for "wet labs" are met for all lab science courses.)

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**B1.2.** Additional Online Instruction Prompts: Evaluate the extent to which the online curriculum/courses consistently meet state academic standards. Determine if there is effective integration of outsourced curriculum into the program.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Congruence

- **B1.3. Indicator**: There is congruence between the actual concepts and skills taught, the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.
- **B1.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which there is congruence or consistency between the actual concepts and skills taught, the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Integration Among Disciplines**

- **B1.4.** Indicator: There is integration and alignment among academic and career technical disciplines at the school and where applicable, integration of outsourced curriculum into the program so that curricular integrity, reliability, and security are maintained.
- **B1.4. Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent is there integration among disciplines and where applicable, integration of outsourced curriculum into the program so that curricular integrity, reliability, and security are maintained.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Articulation and Follow-up Studies**

- **B1.5.** Indicator: The school articulates regularly with feeder schools, local colleges and universities, and technical schools. The school uses follow-up studies of graduates and others to learn about the effectiveness of the curricular program.
- **B1.5. Prompt**: Determine the extent to which the school articulates curricular programs and expectations with its feeder schools, local colleges and universities, and technical schools. Explain how the school uses follow-up studies of graduates and others to learn about the effectiveness of the curricular program.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **B2.** Access to Curriculum Criterion

All students have equal access to the school's entire program and are provided assistance with a personal learning plan to meet the requirements of graduation and are prepared for the pursuit of their academic, personal, and career goals.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard H: Equity and Access: A quality online program's policies and practice support students' ability to access the program. Accommodations are available to meet a variety of student needs. [iNACOL Standard H, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### Variety of Programs — Full Range of Choices

- **B2.1.** Indicator: All students are able to make appropriate choices and pursue a full range of realistic college and career and/or other educational options. The school provides for career exploration, preparation for postsecondary education, and pre-technical training for all students.
- **B2.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes to allow all students to make appropriate choices and pursue a full range of realistic college and career and/or other educational options. Discuss how the school ensures effective opportunities for career exploration, preparation for postsecondary education, and pre-technical training for all students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Accessibility of All Students to Curriculum**

- **B2.2.** Indicator: A rigorous, relevant, and coherent curriculum that includes real world applications is accessible to all students through all courses/programs offered.
- **B2.2. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes to allow all students to make appropriate choices and pursue a full range of realistic college and career and/or other educational options. Discuss how the school ensures effective opportunities for career exploration, preparation for postsecondary education, and pre-technical training for all students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**B2.2.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the procedures to ensure that students have access to courses that meet the UC "a-q" requirements, including lab courses.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Student-Parent-Staff Collaboration

- **B2.3.** Indicator: Parents, students, and staff collaborate in developing and monitoring a student's personal learning plan and their college and career and/or other educational goals. (This includes the evaluation of whether online instruction matches the student's learning style.)
- **B2.3. Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent parents, students, and staff collaborate in developing, monitoring, and revising a student's personal learning plan and their college and career and/or other educational goals.'

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Post High School Transitions**

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- **B2.4. Indicator**: The school implements strategies and programs to facilitate transitions to college, career, and other postsecondary high school options and regularly evaluates their effectiveness.
- **B2.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies and programs to facilitate transitions to college, career, and other postsecondary high school options.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

# WASC Category B. Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category B are being met.

Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical learner needs (Chapter IV).

Summary (including comments about the critical learner needs)

Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category B.

Category B: Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum: Areas of Strength

Category B: Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum: Areas of Growth

#### Category C: Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction

#### C1. Challenging and Relevant Learning Experiences Criterion

To achieve the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes, all students are involved in challenging and relevant learning experiences.

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Results of Student Observations and Examining Work**

- **C1.1. Indicator**: The students are involved in challenging and relevant work as evidenced by observations of students working and the examination of student work.
- **C1.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the degree to which all students are involved in challenging and relevant learning to achieve the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes. Include how observing students working and examining student work have informed this understanding. Provide evidence on how the school has evaluated the degree of involvement of students with diverse backgrounds and/or abilities and how the school has modified instruction based on these findings.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**C1.1. Additional Online Instruction Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of timelines and pacing guides for completing coursework for asynchronous online instruction.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Student Understanding of Learning Expectations**

- C1.2. Indicator: The students understand the standards/expected performance levels for each area of study.
- **C1.2. Prompt**: Examine and evaluate the extent to which students understand the standards/expected performance levels that they must achieve to demonstrate proficiency.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Differentiation of Instruction**

- **C1.3. Indicator**: The school's instructional staff members differentiate instruction, including integrating multimedia and technology, and evaluate its impact on student learning.
- **C1.3. Prompt**: Determine how effectively instructional staff members differentiate instruction, such as integrating multimedia and technology, to address student needs. Evaluate the impact of this on student learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **C2. Student Engagement Criterion**

All teachers use a variety of strategies and resources, including technology and experiences beyond the textbook and the classroom that actively engage students, emphasize higher order thinking skills, and help them succeed at high levels.

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard K: Instruction**: A quality online program takes a comprehensive and integrated approach to ensuring excellent online teaching for its students. This process begins with promising practices but is equally committed to continuous improvement and adaptation to student learning needs through professional development. [iNACOL Standard K, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Current Knowledge**

- **C2.1. Indicator**: Teachers are current in the instructional content taught and research-based instructional methodology, including the integrated use of multimedia and technology.
- **C2.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which teachers effectively use a variety of strategies including multimedia and other technology in the delivery of the curriculum.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**C2.1.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate how teacher technology competencies are assessed during online instruction.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Teachers as Coaches**

- **C2.2. Indicator**: Teachers facilitate learning as coaches to engage all students.
- **C2.2. Prompt**: Evaluate and comment on the extent to which teachers use coaching strategies to facilitate learning for all students. Provide examples such as equitable questioning strategies, guided and independent practice, project-based learning, and other non-didactic techniques to engage students in their own learning.

Finc	dings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Examination of Student Work**

C2.3. Indicator: Students demonstrate that they can apply acquired knowledge and skills at higher cognitive levels to extend lea	ırning
opportunities.	

**C2.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which students demonstrate a) that they are able to organize, access and apply knowledge they already have acquired; b) that they have the academic tools to gather and create knowledge and c) that they have opportunities to use these tools to research, inquire, discover, and invent knowledge on their own and communicate this.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**C2.3. Additional Online Instruction Prompt**: Evaluate and comment on the effectiveness of reviewing student work online and online communications to determine the degree to which students are analyzing, comprehending, and conducting effective research.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

- C2.4. Indicator: Students demonstrate higher level thinking and problem solving skills within a variety of instructional settings.
- **C2.4. Prompt**: Evaluate and provide evidence on how well the representative samples of student work demonstrate that students are able to think, reason, and problem solve in group and individual activities, projects, discussions and debates, and inquiries related to investigation.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

- **C2.5.** Indicator: Students use technology to support their learning.
- **C2.5. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which representative samples of student work demonstrate that students use technology to assist them in achieving the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

- **C2.6. Indicator**: Students use a variety of materials and resources beyond the textbook.
- **C2.6. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which representative samples of student work demonstrate student use of materials and resources beyond the textbook; availability of and opportunities to access data-based, original source documents and computer information networks; and experiences, activities and resources which link students to the real world.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Real World Experiences**

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- **C2.7.** Indicator: All students have access to and are engaged in career preparation activities.
- **C2.7. Prompt**: Evaluate the degree of and the effectiveness of student access to career awareness, exploration and preparation that may include such activities such as job shadowing, internships, apprenticeship programs, regional occupational programs, career academy programs, on-the-job training programs, community projects and other real world experiences that have postsecondary implications.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**C2.7. Additional Online Instruction Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of opportunities within online instruction for real world experiences and applications for the students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

# WASC Category C. Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category C are being met.

Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical learner needs (Chapter IV).

Summary (including comments about the critical learner needs)

Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category C.

Category C: Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction: Areas of Strength

Category C: Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction: Areas of Growth

#### Category D: Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability

#### D1 Using Assessment to Analyze and Report Student Progress Criterion

The school staff uses a professionally acceptable assessment process to collect, disaggregate, analyze, and report student performance data to the school staff, students, parents, and other stakeholders.

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Professionally Acceptable Assessment Process**

- D1.1. Indicator: The school uses effective assessment processes to collect, disaggregate, and analyze student performance data.
- **D1.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's assessment processes. This would include the collection of data from state, national and local sources; the disaggregation of data for ethnic groups, socioeconomic status, and students with disabilities; and the analysis of performance that provides feedback as to how students are meeting the expectations of the academic standards (including Common Core) and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Monitoring and Reporting Student Progress**

- **D1.2. Indicator**: The school informs and creates understanding through effective processes in order to keep district, board, parents, and the business and industry community informed about student progress toward achieving the academic standards, the college-and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.
- **D1.2. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes that inform and create understanding of the appropriate stakeholders (governing board members, teachers, students, parents, business/industry community) about student achievement of the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Monitoring of Student Growth**

- **D1.3.** Indicator: The school has an effective system to determine and monitor all students' growth and progress toward meeting the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes, including a sound basis upon which students' grades are determined and monitored.
- **D1.3. Prompt:** Evaluate the effectiveness of the system used to determine and monitor the growth and progress of all students toward meeting the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes, including the basis for which students' grades, their growth, and performance levels are determined.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

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**D1.3.** Additional Online Instruction Prompts: Evaluate the effectiveness for determining if a student is prepared to advance to the next unit, course, or grade level. Evaluate how course mastery is determined and evaluate the "steps" or "gates" that are in place to prevent students from proceeding to the next unit if mastery has not been demonstrated.

Evaluate the effectiveness of the procedures for grading student work whether it is done electronically or individually by the teachers. Evaluate how teachers ensure academic integrity and determine students are doing their own work in the online environment. Comment on the degree to which the results for state-mandated assessments and the high school exit exam are used in decisions about student achievement and advancement and improving the instructional program.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### D2. Using Assessment to Monitor and Modify Learning in the Classroom Criterion

Teachers employ a variety of appropriate formative and summative assessment strategies to evaluate student learning. Students and teachers use these findings to modify the learning/teaching practices to improve student learning.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard L: Assessment of Student Performance: A quality online program values student academic performance and takes a comprehensive, integrated approach to measuring student achievement. This includes use of multiple assessment measures and strategies that align closely to both program and learner objectives, with timely, relevant feedback to all stakeholders. [iNACOL Standard L, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Appropriate Assessment Strategies**

- **D2.1. Indicator**: Teachers consistently use appropriate formative and summative strategies to measure student progress and guide classroom instruction.
- **D2.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness, the appropriateness and the frequency of the assessment strategies, especially student work, based on the programmatic goals and standards to determine student achievement.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**D2.1. Additional Online Instruction Prompts**: Evaluate the use of student work and other online assessments (formative and summative) that demonstrate student achievement of academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Demonstration of Student Achievement**

- D2.2. Indicator: Teachers use the analysis of assessments to guide, modify and adjust curricular and instructional approaches.
- **D2.2. Prompt**: Examine the effectiveness of the processes used by professional staff to use formative and summative assessments to guide, modify and adjust curricular and instructional approaches. This includes how professional learning communities and subject matter teams collaborate to collect, analyze, and use assessment data for the basis of curricular and instructional decisions.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Student Feedback**

**D2.3. Indicator**: Student feedback is an important part of monitoring student and classroom progress over time based on the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes. Interviews and dialogue with representative students inform the degree to which learning experiences are understood and relevant in preparing students for college, career, and life.

**D2.3. Prompt**: Using interviews and dialogue with students, evaluate the extent to which students understand the expected level of performance based on the standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes in relation to preparation for college, career, and life. Evaluate the effectiveness of the student-teacher interaction and monitoring of student progress based on student feedback.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### D3 Using Assessment to Monitor and Modify the Program Schoolwide Criterion

The school, with the support of the district and community, has an assessment and monitoring system to determine student progress toward achievement of the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes. The system drives the school's program to continually improve and to allocate resources to effectively meet student needs.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard R: Program Evaluation: A quality online program recognizes the value of program evaluation. Program evaluation is both internal and external and informs all processes that effect teaching and learning. Internal evaluations often are more informal in nature and may provide immediate feedback on a targeted area of inquiry. External program evaluations typically look at the entire program from an objective perspective that will bring additional credibility to the results. [iNACOL Standard R, 2009]

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard S: Program Improvement: A quality online program establishes a culture of continual program improvement. Improvement planning focuses on using program evaluations, research, and promising practices to improve student performance and organizational effectiveness. It fosters continuous improvement across all aspects of the organization and ensures the program is focused on accomplishing its mission and vision. [iNACOL Standard S, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Schoolwide Assessment and Monitoring Process**

- **D3.1.** Indicator: The following stakeholders are involved in the assessment and monitoring process of student progress: district, board, staff, students, parents, and the business and industry community.
- **D3.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the impact of stakeholder involvement in assessing and monitoring student progress. Include district, board, staff, students, parents, and the business and industry community.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**D3.1.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate how the school ensures that all online students have access to state-mandated tests and that results are reported to all stakeholders.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Curriculum-Embedded Assessments**

**D3.2. Indicator**: The school regularly examines and analyzes standards-based curriculum-embedded and standardized assessments for English language and mathematics in all subject areas.

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**D3.2. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of how the entire school examines and analyzes standards-based curriculum-embedded as well as other standardized assessments (Smarter Balanced, SAT, ACT, EAP, others) for English language and mathematics. Include how this assessment data is collected, analyzed, and used as the basis to make decisions and changes in the curricular and instructional approaches. Comment on how this process impacts the instruction of second language learners by modifying the teaching and learning process.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Schoolwide Modifications Based on Assessment Results**

- **D3.3.** Indicator: The school uses assessment results to make changes in the school program, professional development activities, and resource allocations demonstrating a results-driven continuous process.
- **D3.3. Prompt**: Comment on the overall effectiveness of how assessment results have caused changes in the school program, professional development activities, and/or resource allocations, demonstrating a results-driven continuous process. Examine examples and comment on the overall effectiveness of changes in the online opportunities, professional development of the staff, and the resource allocations to support student achievement and their needs.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

- **D3.4.** Indicator: The school periodically assesses its curriculum and instruction review and evaluation processes.
- **D3.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the process that the school utilizes to review and assess the effectiveness of each program area, including graduation requirements, credits, course completion, and homework and grading policies, to ensure student needs are met through a challenging, coherent, and relevant curriculum.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

- D3.5. Indicator: The school employs security systems that maintain the integrity of the assessment process.
- **D3.5. Prompt**: Evaluate the selection of and the use of proctors, the security systems for test documents, and the means to maintain the integrity of the assessments.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

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# WASC Category D. Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category D are being met.

Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical learner needs (Chapter IV).

Summary (including comments about the critical learner needs)

Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category D.

Category D: Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability: Areas of Strength

Category D: Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability: Areas of Growth

#### Category E: School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth

#### E1. Parent and Community Engagement Criterion

The school leadership employs a wide range of strategies to encourage family, business, industry, and community involvement, especially with the learning/teaching process.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard Q: Parents/Guardians: In a quality online program, parents and guardians play an integral part in their students' educational life. They work as a team with faculty, administrators, guidance services, and organizational support to ensure a quality educational experience for their students. [iNACOL Standard Q, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Regular Parent Involvement**

- **E1.1. Indicator**: The school implements strategies and processes for the regular involvement of all stakeholder support groups in the learning and teaching process, including parents of non-English speaking, special needs and online students.
- **E1.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the strategies and processes for the regular involvement of the family, business, industry, and the community, including being active partners in the learning/teaching process. Comment on the effectiveness of involving parents of non-English speaking, special needs and online students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Use of Community Resources**

- E1.2. Indicator: The school uses community resources to support student learning.
- **E1.2. Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent the school solicits and employs business and community resources to support and extend learning. Determine how effectively community members expertise and services, such as professional services, business partnerships, guest speakers, job fairs, field trips to local employers, and evaluation of student projects and classroom presentations, provide real world applications of the learning standards and schoolwide learning outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **E2. School Environment Criterion**

The school is a) a safe, clean, and orderly place that nurtures learning and b) has a culture that is characterized by trust, professionalism, high expectations for all students, and a focus on continuous school improvement.

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard P: Organizational Support:** A quality online program has organizational support to oversee the instructional learning environment as it is conveyed through technology. Some organizational support services may be distributed between the programs and other entities, depending on the physical location where the students are taking their online courses. [iNACOL Standard P, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### Safe, Clean, and Orderly Environment

- **E2.1. Indicator**: The school has existing policies and regulations and uses its resources to ensure a safe, clean, and orderly place that nurtures learning, including internet safety.
- **E2.1. Prompt**: Determine the extent to which the school has implemented policies and committed resources to ensure a safe, clean, and orderly environment that nurtures learning. Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's practices and procedures for all aspects of student safety including: effective operating procedures for internet safety, bullying, drug and alcohol abuse education and intervention, conflict intervention, use of derogatory or hateful language especially in the context of race or gender, disaster preparedness and other safety topics of local concern that may interfere with learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **High Expectations/Concern for Students**

- **E2.2. Indicator**: The school demonstrates caring, concern, and high expectations for students in an environment that honors individual differences and is conducive to learning.
- **E2.2. Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent the school has created and supported an atmosphere of caring, concern, and high expectations for students in an environment that honors individual differences. Determine how effectively school policies, programs and procedures support student learning by examining information such as: proportionality of discipline data, use of positive behavior strategies by staff, restorative justice practices, celebrations of students' heritage and ethnicity and other information or practices that support a caring, learning environment.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Atmosphere of Trust, Respect and Professionalism

- **E2.3. Indicator**: The school has an atmosphere of trust, respect, and professionalism.
- **E2.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the degree to which there is evidence of an atmosphere of trust, respect, and professionalism. Examine the quality and consistency of communication and collaboration between and among the school's leadership, staff and stakeholders; this includes the degree to which stakeholders are involved in the review of the Single Plan for Student Achievement and District's Local Control Accountability Plan and to what extent they are included in decision-making.

Finding	s	Supporting Evidence

#### E3 Personal and Academic Student Support Criterion

All students receive appropriate academic support and intervention to help ensure school, college, and career success. Students with special talents and/or needs have access to a system of personal support services, activities, and opportunities at the school. These are enhanced by business, industry, and the community.

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Online Programs: iNACOL Standard N: Organizational Support: A quality online program has student support services to address the various needs of students at different levels within the organization. The levels of support are appropriate and adequate for a student's success. [iNACOL Standard N, 2009]

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard O: Guidance Services: A quality online program has guidance services to support students and parents to ensure success of the online program. Depending on the program, these services are either directly provided by the program or a service provider, or in the case of supplemental programs, these services may be provided by the local school. [iNACOL Standard O, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Adequate Personalized Support**

- E3.1. Indicator: The school has available and adequate services to support student's personal needs.
- **E3.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the availability and effectiveness of academic and personal support services, including referral services, to support students in such areas as physical and mental health, and career, academic and personal counseling, including an individualized learning plan.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**E3.1.** Additional Online Instruction Prompts: Comment on the availability and adequacy of the academic counseling, college preparation support, personal counseling, and health services provided for the students involved in online instruction.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Support and Intervention Strategies Used for Student Growth/Development

- **E3.2.** Indicator: Strategies are used by the school leadership and staff to develop and implement personalized approaches to learning and alternative instructional options.
- **E3.2 Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the types of strategies used by the school leadership and staff to develop and implement personalized approaches to learning and alternative instructional options which allow access to and progress in the rigorous standards-based curriculum. This includes strategies such as personalized learning, the use of small learning communities and the implementation of alternative learning options.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**E3.2.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Provide evidence that the processes and strategies are effective for incoming students with regard to orientation or induction and the ongoing monitoring and support of the students to ensure all have a full opportunity for academic success.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Support Services - Interventions and Student Learning**

- **E3.3.** Indicator: The school leadership and staff ensure that the support services and related activities have a direct relationship to student involvement in learning based on the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes, e.g., within and outside the classroom, for all students, including the EL, GATE, special education, and other programs.
- **E3.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which student learning needs are accurately identified in a timely manner and the appropriate support and intervention services are provided. Examine how the school monitors the effectiveness and appropriateness of intervention for each student within and outside the classroom. Evaluate the processes that are used to identify under-performing or struggling students and the interventions to address these identified student learning needs. Comment on how interventions support and coordinate with regular classroom learning for all students, including those with special needs receiving services from ELL, GATE, Title I and special education.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

**E3.3.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the extent to which the support services and related activities have a direct relationship to student involvement in learning with respect to equity of access, availability of computers and internet.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Equitable Academic Support to Enable All Students Access to a Rigorous Curriculum**

- E3.4. Indicator: Through the use of equitable support all students have access to a challenging, relevant, and coherent curriculum.
- **E3.4.** Prompt: Evaluate the school's effectiveness in a) regularly examining for disproportionality in the demographic distribution of students throughout the class offerings (e.g., master class schedule and class enrollments) and b) providing additional and available support to provide equitable access to challenging, rigorous courses for all students (i.e., extra class time, tutoring, or types of alternative schedules available for repeat or accelerated classes, summer classes, class periods beyond the traditional school day).

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Co-Curricular Activities**

- **E3.5.** Indicator: The school ensures that there is a high level of student involvement in curricular and co-curricular activities that link to the academic standards, the college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.
- **E3.5. Prompt**: Evaluate the availability to and involvement of students in curricular and co-curricular activities. Determine the effectiveness of the extent to which co-curricular activities link to the academic standards and schoolwide learner outcomes. Examine the process that the school utilizes to evaluate the level of involvement for all students in a variety of activities.

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**E3.5.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the school's processes to address the needs of socialization for the students and involvement in the school. Provide evidence about the effectiveness of the students' involvement in school and community activities, such as clubs, yearbook, newsletter, newspaper, field trips, volunteer work, service projects, college courses, etc.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

# WASC Category E. School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category E are being met.

Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical learner needs (Chapter IV).

Summary (including comments about the critical learner needs)

Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category E.

Category E: School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth: Areas of Strength

Category E: School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth: Areas of Growth

## Prioritized Areas of Growth Needs from Categories A through E

Prioritize the growth areas from the five categories.

## **Chapter IV: Summary from Analysis of Identified Critical Student Learning Needs**

Summarize the identified critical student learning needs based on profile and Focus Group findings.

#### **Chapter V: Schoolwide Action Plan**

- A. Revise the single schoolwide action plan, i.e., Single Plan for Student Achievement. Ensure the plan is aligned with the Local Control and Accountability Plan.
- B. State any additional specific strategies to be used by staff within each subject area/support program to support sections of the schoolwide action plan.
- C. Describe the school's follow-up process, ensuring an ongoing improvement process.

Formal action plans from each Home Group are not necessary; the critical emphasis is the consensus and commitment from all stakeholders to implementing the various sections of the schoolwide action plan.

### **Appendices:**

- A. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP): provide link
- B. Results of student questionnaire/interviews
- C. Results of parent/community questionnaire/interviews
- D. The most recent California Healthy Kids Survey
- E. Master schedule
- F. Approved AP course list: <a href="https://apcourseaudit.epiconline.org/ledger/">https://apcourseaudit.epiconline.org/ledger/</a>
- G. UC a-g approved course list: <a href="https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/app/home/">https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/app/home/</a>
- H. Additional details of school programs, e.g., online instruction, college- and career-readiness programs, partnership academies, IB, AVID
- I. California Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Eight State Priorities Rubric Performance information
- J. School accountability report card (SARC)
- K. CBEDS school information form
- L. Graduation requirements
- M. Any pertinent additional data (or have on exhibit during the visit)
- N. Budgetary information, including school budget
- O. Glossary of terms unique to the school.