

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Programs for Exceptional Children Roadmap

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VISION

All Oakland school communities and departments embrace students with disabilities and provide support and resources to ensure *every student thrives*!

MISSION

Programs for Exceptional Children supports District students, families, departments to ensure that each student with unique learning needs is provided a rigorous academic program, achieves at the highest level, and is recognized and respected. We believe that every student can graduate prepared for college, career and community.

GUIDING BELIEFS

- 1. We believe that given the right supports, *ALL* students can achieve at high levels and graduate college, career and community ready.
- 2. We believe that students' cultures and experiences are tremendous assets that we must leverage for their own learning and that of their community.
- 3. We believe that *ALL* students in our system must have access to high quality instruction, Common Core curriculum, and social emotional learning.

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROGRAMS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN ROADMAP

Goal # 1: Demonstrate three consecutive years of improved performance for students with IEPs.

Objective 1: Ensure that all mild/moderate students have access to the Common Core curriculum and participate in the statewide and district-benchmark testing

Objective 2: Develop moderate/severe programs by including consistent curriculum and instruction while providing access to the community, functional living skills, and a positive social-emotional climate

Objective 3: Provide necessary technology and training to all teachers and students to support access to curriculum and needed resources

Objective 4: Increase Internal capacity by increasing staffing and providing sufficient training, ongoing PD, and coaching

Objective 5: Improve programs and services to support social-emotional learning of Special Education students' in the least restrictive environment

GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR ONE

Ensure that all mild/moderate students have access to the Common Core curriculum and participate in the statewide and district-benchmark

Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	
Build staff capacity at Programs for Exceptional Children (PEC) in academic content areas to align work with content specialists in Teaching & Learning (T&L) Why? Content specialists will ensure that all mild/moderate students have	Elementary Alignment to Common Core State Standards (CCSS): Create 3 FTE Mild/Moderate (M/M) Content Specialist TSA positions: Content Specialist will design and adapt grade-level OUSD Common Core units (math, ELA, & Science) for elementary students with special needs in multi-grade SDC classroom—with a focus on project-based learning. Project-based units promote the principles of Universal Design Learning (multiple means for student engagement, expression of knowledge, and positive social-emotional development), which are also the	Р	S	100% of elementary M/M SDCs teachers will adopt CCSS aligned curriculum and instruction with 60% reaching a "Satisfactory" level of implementation



access to the Common Core curriculum in order to develop the problem solving and critical thinking skills associated with success after high school; and be able to participate in the statewide and district-benchmark testing	foundation of Linked Learningcross-content instruction. Content Specialists will identify and create a cadre of Elementary PEC Teacher-Leaders to support on-site coaching. Content Specialists will support Summer Institute training of Teacher-Leaders starting in 2014. Content Specialists work with teachers to fully implement mild/moderate SDC participation in Benchmark testing Content Specialists work with all Resource teachers to implement and align with the Common Core Content Specialists and Reading Clinic staff will work with 15 elementary Resource teachers to pilot Reading Clinic style intervention curriculum with a goal of creating "Learning Center" models to reduce referrals to a more restrictive environment (MRE). Use of identical intervention curriculum will facilitate a re-entry for SDC students to Resource and General Ed	P	С	The number of referrals to SDCs from the pilot resource teachers will be reduced by 25%; and the number of students re-entering Resource from more restrictive placements at the pilot schools will increase 10%
Create a designated secondary position to ensure that the scope and continuum of CCSS alignment will be consistent Why? The purposed degree of general education inclusion requires revising, creating, and managing multiple programs in many departments	Secondary Alignment: Create 1 Mild/Moderate FTE Secondary Specialist TSA position who will: At High Schools- • Facilitate the transition of students college, career, and community readiness by collaborating with Gen. Ed at the larger high schools, to include all RSP students and SDC-M/M, ASIP and VI Inclusion studentswhose disabilities are not a significant barrier—in A-G courses through Linked Learning Pathways. • Expand designated seats in general education classrooms to increase access to Common Core and peer socialization • Discontinue remaining core RSP pull-out classes at high school level for 2014-15 school year	P P/C	C	10 th and 11 th grade SDC-Inclusion students at Skyline will be in Academies, and all SDC-Inclusion students there will have full A-G access. The percentage of M/M students included in Linked Learning Pathways will increase by 50% District-wide



So that the most impacted students who have relied on an IEP implementation of the state minimum graduation requirement can move towards the district 230 credit standard	 Reconcile student choice with special ed cohort support needs in presenting available pathway options The replacement curriculum (Voyager) which has been used in SDCs will be phased out. The Secondary Specialists and Content Specialists will collaborate to create the adapted material and student schedules —to facilitate participation in grade-level district benchmarks. Begin planning for a "Learning Center Model" (LCM) at Continuation schools, as well as SDCs that only have one teacher at the site. 	P	S	Voyager will only be used in 50% of the classes 25% of remaining High School SDCs will have the caseload divided by grade, and by period Two pilot sites will be designated for (LCM) implementation in 2015-16
Why? Middle school students need to prepare for Linked Learning	 Increase mainstreaming of SDC M/M students in Middle School Collaborate with Middle Schools site principals to develop a plan to expand designated seats in general education classrooms to increase access to Common Core and peer socialization Increase mainstreaming of SDC M/M students in Middle School Create the adapted material; and divide the caseload by grade and by period to facilitate participation in grade-level district benchmarks Full RS M/M and SDC M/M Teacher participation with General Educators in Common Core Professional Development starting with Summer 2014 	P/C	P	50% more M/M student Middle School Students will be prepared for High School inclusion, and Linked Learning
Coordination of Individualized Transition Plans (ITPs) with general education will require more PEC teacher	Build Special Education capacity to write and implement meaningful Individual Transition Plans (ITPs) • Expand access to school-wide activities including study tours and extra-curriculars. • The Secondary Specialists will assist in integrating ITP and SEIS training			Post high school tracking data will show a 25% increase of OUSD M/M student participation in college/work



trainingand lead to more success for special education students after graduation	Build in Case Manager collaboration-time with Career Transition Specialists	P/C	P	
	 Align ITP with graduation plan for general education students. Develop common document for graduation planning consistent with special education mandates Shared planning time and professional development for career transition specialists with their gen ed and agency counterparts As general ed graduation planning moves into middle schools, consider starting ITP process in 8th grade 	P/C	P	
PEC will ensure that all M/M special education student participate in district-wide benchmark assessment Why?	PEC course code will be reviewed for redundancy, out-dated language; and be updated with codes relevant to the Common Core alignment Collaborating to ensure test materials are provided for all M/M SDC students	P	С	100% of Special Ed. Course codes will be updated 100% of Elementary M/M students will take district benchmarks



Data reflecting	Collaborate on training PEC staff on District	The SBAC Field
academic progress	Benchmark, Common Core, and State Level	test—with 100% of
of M/M students	(SBAC) exams	accommodations
needs to be	Collaborate on training PEC staff on	correctly
compared	Common Core State Level (SBAC) testing	implemented
longitudinally with		
their general		
education peers		

GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR TWO Ensure that all mild/moderate students have access to the Common Core curriculum and participate in the statewide and district-benchmark testing

Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
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Continue collaboration between (PEC) academic content specialist, and (T&L) content specialists Why? Continuation will ensure M/M students students have access to the Common Core curriculum and continue to participate in the statewide and district-benchmark testing	Will continue training, and coaching elementary SDC teachers on Project-based units to promote the principles of Universal Design Learning (multiple means for student engagement, expression of knowledge, and positive social-emotional development), which are also the foundation of Linked Learning cross-content instruction Will continue training, and coaching elementary Resource teachers on Common Core Will increase the Resource Reading Intervention pilot to 30 teachers	P/C	P	85% of Elementary M/M SDCs will reach a "Satisfactory" level of adapted CCSS implementation The number of referrals to a more restrictive environment (MRE) from the pilot resource teachers will be reduced by 40%. The number of students re-entering Resource will increase to 20%
Why?	Secondary Alignmentthe Mild/Moderate Secondary Specialist TSA position:	_	Р	Voyager will be used in 25% of classes



Continuing the designated Specialist will ensure that the scope of CCSS alignment will be consistent Expanded general education inclusion	 Will continue with the expansion of the CCSS adapted curriculum and grade-level taught by period in these SDCs Will continue to work with Pathways, Linked Learning, principals, and counselors to increase inclusion of students who fit the criteria 	P P/C		The percentage of the identified group of M/M students included in Linked Learning Pathways will increase to 75%
requires revising, creating, and managing multiple programs More students will	 Two schools will implement the pilot of the "Learning Center Model." One Continuation schools, and one-room (single teacher) SDC 	Р	S	25% reduction in the use of State Minimum graduation requirement at those schools
move towards the district 230 unit graduation	Middle Schools Will Continue to:Increase mainstreaming of SDC M/M students	Р	С	
standard	 Expand collaboration with Middle Schools site principals to designate seats in general 			75% more M/M Middle School
	education classrooms to increase access to Common Core and peer socialization Increase use of adapted material, and	P/C	Р	Students will be prepared for High School inclusion, and
	 division of caseload by grade and by period at sites with multiple SDC teachers Full RS M/M and SDC M/M Teacher participation with General Educators in 	Р	S	Linked Learning
	Common Core Professional Development in Summer 2015 Will continue to work on the improvement	Р	С	
	of ITPs			Post high school tracking data will show a 50% increase of OUSD M/M student participation in college/work
PEC will ensure that all M/M special education students participate in	Liaison with the district assessment office Continue with collaboration on district-wide benchmarks	P/C	Р	100% of data on M/M performance the benchmarks will be analyzed for progress



district-wide benchmark assessment	Continue to collaborate on district-wide SBAC		75% of accommodations
Why? Data reflecting academic progress of M/M students needs to be compared with their general education peers longitudinally			will be correctly implemented

GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR THREE Objective 1: Ensure that all mild/moderate students have access to the Common Core curriculum and participate in the statewide and district-benchmark testing					
Focus	Actions	Respor P=pri S=supp C=collab Dist/PE C	mary porting	Benchmark Achievement	
Continue (PEC) and (T & L) collaboration Why? Continuing the content specialists positions will ensure M/M students have access to the Common Core curriculum, and statewide & benchmark testing	Will continue training and coaching elementary SDC teachers on the CCSS project-based model to increase effectiveness Will continue working with Resource teachers to expand the Reading Intervention pilot and CCSS curriculum to all schools	P/C	Р	100% of Elementary M/M SDCs will reach a "Satisfactory" level of implementation of the CCSS alignment described above. Referrals to (MRE) will be reduced by 75% at The number of students re-entering Resource from MREs the pilot schools will increase 35%	



Close gaps, and expand alignment to the maximum extent Why?	Secondary Alignment withthe Mild/Moderate Secondary Specialist TSA position: • Will continue with the expansion of the adapted CCSS—grade aligned SDCs	100% of Secondary SDCs will be the adapted CCSS—grade aligned SDCs
Momentum for these deep changes must be sustained by consistent personnel	 Will continue to work with Pathways and Linked Learning to increase inclusion of students who fit the criteria Will continue to work on the improvement of ITPs 	The percentage of The identified group of M/M students included in Linked Learning Pathways would increase to 100%
	Two additional schools will be selected for the pilot of the "Learning Center Model"	Post high school tracking data will show a 75% increase of OUSD M/M student participation in college/work
More students will move towards the district 230 unit graduation standard	Liaison with the district assessment office ● Continue with collaborate on district benchmarks, and SBAC	50% increase in the 230 credit graduation requirement 100% of Elementary M/M students will take district benchmarks, and the SBAC Field test—with 100% of accommodations correctly implemented



GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 2, YEAR ONE

Objective 2: Develop moderate/severe programs to include consistent curriculum and instruction while providing access to the community, functional living skills, and a positive social-emotional climate.

Focus	Actions	Respon P=pri S=supp C=collab Dist/PE	nsibility mary porting porating	Benchmark Achievement
Create a Blended-Learning model for instruction Why? Web-based curriculum provides hard data, and differentiation of CCSS. Project-based instruction promotes self-determination, provides tangible pathway for transition planning for adulthood; and engages students with research based neuro-scientific methods that increase social-emotional domains	Create 1 Moderate/Severe FTE Specialist TSA who will: • Ensure that consistent curriculum is procured and maintained for all Mod/Sev teachers that includes modified CCSS. • Train teachers in both web-based curriculum • Train teachers in project based instruction, which promotes the principles of Universal Design Learning (UDL) New Moderate/Severe State Assessment: Moderate/Severe Specialist will: • Spearhead the training of teachers on the new Common Core aligned Moderate/Severe State test, which will replace the California Alternate Program Assessment (CAPA)	S=supp C=collab	orting	
The new test is a Blended-Model				



GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 2, YEAR TWO

Objective 2: Develop moderate/severe programs to include consistent curriculum and instruction while providing access to the community, functional living skills, and a positive social-emotional climate.

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Focus	Actions	Respon P=pri S=supp C=collab Dist/PE C	mary porting	Benchmark Achievement
Continue with Blended-Learning curriculum and instruction Why? Web-based curriculum provides data and differentiated lessons. Project based instruction promotes self-determination, provides tangible pathway for transition planning for adulthood; and engage students with research based neuro-scientific methods that increase social-emotional	 Ensure that consistent curriculum is procured and maintained for all Mod/Sev teachers by renewing the annual licenses in a timely manner (by August 1st of 2015-16) Continue training teachers in web-based curriculum Continue training teachers in project based instruction, which promotes the principles of Universal Design Learning (UDL) 	P	P	Renew 100% of Elementary M/M SDCs licenses for web-based Common Core aligned curriculum—which has been modified for the Mod/Sev population 75 % of K-12 teachers will reach a "Satisfactory" level of implementation of the CCSS alignment 100% of Moderate/Severe students will participate in the adopted State test in 2016
domains	State Assessment: Moderate/Severe Specialist will:			
The new test is a Blended Model	 Spearhead the annual training teachers on the new Common Core aligned Moderate/Severe State test 	Р	Р	



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Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating Dist/PE		Benchmark Achievement	
Continue	Moderate/Source Specialist TSA will.	C	Site	Panau 100% of	
Continue Blended-Learning Model. Why? Web based curriculum provides data and differentiated CCSS lessons. Project based instruction promotes self-determination, provides tangible pathway for transition planning for adulthood; and engage students with research based neuro-scientific methods that increase social-emotional domains The new assessment is a Blended-Model	 Continue ensuring that consistent curriculum is procured and maintained for all Mod/Sev teachers by renewing the annual licenses in a timely manner (prior to the start of the 2016-17 school year) Continue training teachers in both web-based curriculum Continue training teachers in project based instruction, which promotes the principles of Universal Design Learning (UDL) State Assessment: Moderate/Severe Specialist will: Spearhead the annual training teachers on the new Common Core aligned Moderate/Severe 	P	P	Renew 100% of SDCs licenses for web-based Common Core aligned curriculum—which has been modified for the Mod/Sev population. 100 % of K-12 teachers would reach a "Satisfactory" level of implementation of the CCSS alignment.	
	State test			students will participate in the adopted State test in 2017	



GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 3, YEAR ONE Objective 3: Provide necessary technology and training to all teachers and students to support access to curriculum and needed resource					
Focus	Actions	2 21/2 21 11/2		Benchmark Achievement	
		Dist/PE C	Site		
Students and staff will demonstrate three consecutive years of improved technological skills Why? in order for both students and staff to access web-based curriculum and assessments, every classroom requires internet access and the appropriate equipment	 Partner with district Technology Services department in order to have PEC needs included in all technology services: PEC and Tech Services will designate a liaison for purposes of collaboration PEC and Tech Services will collaborate to train teachers on computers and other technology required to perform their duties Liaison will work with both departments to create a list of schools lacking full internet service, and provide it to the Tech Services department PEC will share the results of their technology survey regarding needs for equipment Tech Services department will collaborate 	P/C	P/C	All SPED classroom will be connected to the internet by June of 2015, and have all of the required computers and equipment for instruction. 75% of students who require Assistive technology	
	with PEC on the procurement of devices, including Chromebooks accessories (headphones, microphones, mice), and Assistive Technology needs			will have the equipment they require for their education at school	



GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 3, YEAR TWO Objective 3: Provide necessary technology and training to all teachers and students to support access to curriculum and needed resource				
Focus	Actions	P=pri S=sup _l C=collal	mary porting porating	Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	
Students and staff will demonstrate three consecutive years of improved technological skills Why? in order for both students and staff to access web-based curriculum and assessments, every classroom requires internet access and the appropriate equipment	 Strengthen the relationship with district technology department in order to have PEC needs included in all technology services: Tech department will track gaps in internet service PEC and Tech dept will continue collaborating to train teachers on computers and other technology required to perform their duties. The liaison will work with both departments trouble-shoot any barriers to full implementation PEC will share the results of their technology needs survey regarding needs for equipment Tech department will collaborate with PEC on the procurement of devices, including Chromebooks accessories (headphones, microphones, mice), and Assistive Technology need 	P/C	P/C	Any new SPED classrooms will start out connected to the internet, and supplied with the computers and equipment required for instruction. 100% of students who require Assistive technology will have the equipment they require for their education at school, and to complete homework



GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 3, YEAR THREE

Objective 3: Provide necessary technology and training to all teachers and students to support access to

curriculum and needed resource					
Focus	Actions	Respon P=pri S=supp C=collab Dist/PE	mary porting	Benchmark Achievement	
Students and staff will demonstrate three consecutive years of improved technological skills Why? In order for both students and staff to access web-based curriculum and assessments, every classroom requires internet access and the appropriate equipment	Partner with district technology department in order to have PEC needs included in all technology services: • Tech Services will continue to track gaps in internet service • PEC and Tech Services will continue collaborating to train teachers on computers and other technology required to perform their duties • The liaison will continue to work with both departments to troubleshoot barriers to full implementation • PEC will share the results of the technology survey regarding equipment needs • Tech Services will collaborate with PEC on the procurement of devices, including Chromebooks accessories (headphones,	C P	Site S/C S	Any new SPED classrooms will start out connected to the internet, and supplied with the computers and equipment required for instruction. 100% of students who require Assistive technology will have the equipment they require for their education at school, and to complete homework	
equipment	microphones, mice), and Assistive Technology need			nomework	



Goal 1: Demonstrate three consecutive years of improved performance for students with IEPs.

coaching Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievements
Build sufficient staffing to provide effective internal mental health assessments, services, and programs to students with IEPs Why? Reduce Non Public Agency (NPA) costs and reliance on contractors	Hire staff to support Mental Health Programs/Designated Instructional Service (DIS) Counseling Increase School Psychologist staffing by 7 FTE Increase Counseling Enriched- Special Day Class (CE-SDC) and Site-based Day Treatment teachers by 2-4 FTE Increase CE-SDC Social Workers by 2-4 FTE	Dist/PEC P	Site	Identified program staff approved and hired NPA costs reduced by 10%								
Create a source of qualified prospective employees with knowledge of OUSD Why? Sufficient staff for future	 Create a School Psychology Internship training Program Structure program Define supervisory roles and responsibilities Collaborate with stakeholders to include program in Coordinating Early Intervention Service (CEIS) Plan 	P	S	Internship program plan approved and integrated into CEIS plan; funding secured								
Build a culture of continuous improvement Why? Knowledgeable, skilled, and competent staff to improve programs and effectively serve students with IEPS	Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Institute job-alike Professional Learning Communities (PLC) for Teachers and DIS staff in monthly PD meetings	P	С	Job-alike PLCs established in monthly PD								



GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 4, YEAR TWO

Objective 4: Increase Internal capacity by increasing staffing and providing sufficient training, ongoing PD, and coaching

	coaching					
Focus	Actions		mary	Benchmark Achievements		
		Dist/PE C	Site			
Build sufficient staffing to provide effective internal mental health assessments, services, and SEL programs to students with IEPs Why? Cut NPA costs	 Continue to Build Mental Health Program/DIS Counseling Services staff Add 7 School Psychologists Add 2-4 Special Day Class Counseling Enriched (SDC-CE) and Site-based Day Treatment teachers Add 2-4 SDC CE Social Worker FTEs 	P	S	Identified Staff hired NPA costs reduced 15% Reduced Referrals for Emotional Disturbance (ED) and Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) for Special Education students		
Grow source of qualified candidates Why? Ensure sufficiently trained Psychologists for future years	 School Psychology Internship Program Advertise and recruit interns from local Universities Hire 4 interns Evaluate quality of Internship Program 	P	С	School Psychology interns hired Internship Program modifications implemented		
Increase capacity Why? Generalization of PD learning into practice	 Professional Learning Communities Develop data-driven achievement goals and strategies for differentiated instruction Coaching Staff-led PLCs develop coaching models (e.g., peer, video-modeling) appropriate to a variety of professional teaching and service practices in collaboration with site/dept. administrator 	P	S	PLC using data to inform instruction and intervention Coaching models developed		



GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 4, Y E A R THREE

Objective 4: Increase Internal capacity by increasing staffing and providing sufficient training, ongoing PD, and coaching

	coaching			
Focus	Actions	Respon P=pri S=supp C=collab Dist/PE	mary porting porating	Benchmark Achievements
		C	Site	
Build sufficient staffing to provide effective internal mental health assessments, services, and programs to students with IEPs Why? Reduce Non Public Agency (NPA) costs by eliminating reliance on contractors	 Staffing Increase School Psychologist staffing by 7 FTE Increase CE-SDC and Day Treatment teaching staff by 2-4 (8-12 more in total) Increase SDC CE Social Worker by 2-4 	P	S	Psychologist FTE approaches NASP recommended ratio Sufficient staff to support projected school Mental Health Program/Services NPA costs reduced by 15%
Grow source of qualified candidates Why? Ensure sufficiently trained Psychologists for future years	School Psychology Internship Program Expand number of interns based on program review	Р	С	4 + School Psychology interns hired
Continued training, ongoing PD, and coaching Why? Increase capacity and generalize PD learning into practice	 Coaching Coaching models implemented Strategies for Differentiated Instruction implemented 	Р	S	Peer coaching and PLCs integrated into culture of PEC. PLCS make evidenced-based programming recommendations



GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 5, Y E A R ONE Objective 5: Improve programs and services to support social-emotional learning of Special Education students'

in the least restrictive environment Responsibility P=primary Benchmark S=supporting **Focus Actions** C=collaborating **Achievement** Dist/PE Site С 33% of School Provide in-house **Mental Health Services** P S mental health Shift proportion of School Psychologist's Psychologists and all services and activities to mental health services and SEL Social Workers commensurate with increase in FTE behavioral conduct DIS interventions counseling or 1 skills group for students Social workers provide consistent DIS Whv? counseling services in Counseling-Enriched with IEP related **Special Day Classes** Maintain students mental health in the least services restrictive environment **Reduce Special Behavior Consultation** CPS implemented in Education referrals School Psychologists expand Collaborative 4 additional of SPFD students Proactive Solutions (CPS) Program to more sites Ρ Ρ Counseling Develop coordinated system for referring Enriched-SDC for Educationally Related Mental students with behavioral challenges to Behavior classes Health Services, Analysts/School Psychologists discipline, and Increase support to PEC teachers by School Behavioral Referral attendance Psychologists, Social Workers, Insights to system implemented Behavior & PEC Behavior Analysts for managing Why? challenging student behavior Classroom Ensure access to Utilize Insights to Behavior Tool to develop and Contingency educational monitor student Behavior Support Plans management and curriculum Establish communication between School behavior support Psychologists, BCBAs, and principals related to plans consistently developed and monitoring Behavior Support Plans monitored **Professional** Train staff in Evidenced-informed SEL P S 50% of CE-SDC/day Development and STEPS-A Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) treatment staff training in SEL curriculum/training provided to PEC mental trained in DBT or health Staff and teachers **CPS** Why? Collaborate with University partner to **Develop PEC** implement STEPS-A DBT groups and coaching Train PEC staff in Collaborative Proactive staff/teacher skills and competencies Solutions at 4 new sites related to SEL



GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 5, YEAR TWO

Objective 5: Improve programs and services to support social-emotional learning of Special Education students' in the least restrictive environment

in the least restrictive		Respon P=pri S=supp	mary	Benchmark
Focus	Actions	C=collab Dist/PE C	-	Achievement
Provide in-house mental health services and behavioral interventions Why? Maintain SPED students in Least Restrictive Environment Reduce Special Education referrals for ED and ERMHS, as well as attendance and discipline (suspensions, expulsion)	 Psychologists prioritize direct mental health services to IEP students Behavior Consultation Collaborative Proactive Solutions (CPS) expanded by School Psychologists Increase School Psychologists' participation in Coordination of Services (COST) and Student Success Teams (SST) meetings proportionate to increase in allocated FTE 	P	C	66% of School Psychologists provide 1 skills group or DIS counseling to students with IEPs Increased # of students with IEPs containing educationally related mental health service receive in-house counseling Collaborative Proactive Solutions expanded to 4 more school sites w/ SDC CE programs Increased # of Psychologists participating in COST/SSTs
Professional Development and training in SEL Why? Address staff and teacher gaps in skills and competencies	 Evidenced-informed SEL Training STEPS-A DBT curriculum/training provided to PEC mental health Staff and SDC teachers Train PEC staff in Collaborative Proactive Solutions at 4 new sites PEC liaison collaborates with T & L and BTSA to plan for incorporation of SEL training in summer institute for new PEC teachers 	P	С	90% of SDC CE/day treatment staff trained in SEL instruction (either DBT and/or CPS) SEL training plan developed for summer institute



related to	School Psychologists and Behavior Analysts		
promotion of SEL	provide in-class coaching to PEC staff in		
	implementation behavior management		
	strategies		

GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE, YEAR THREE Objective 5: Improve programs and services to support social-emotional learning of Special Education students' in the least restrictive environment Responsibility P=primary Benchmark S=supporting **Focus Actions** C=collaborating Achievement Dist/PE Site Provide in-house **Mental Health Services and Supervision** Р S 90% psychologists mental health Proportion of School Psychologists activities provide either 1 increased to 30% mental health services and social skills group or behavioral DIS counseling for students with IEPs interventions to 4+ Psychologists supervise 4+ interns students qualified providing counseling, counseling, and for ERMHS Increased # of IEP assessment students with Why? educationally Maintain SPED related mental students in Least health needs receive Restrictive **Behavior Consultation** in-house counseling Environment by Collaborative Proactive Solutions (CPS) expanded School Psychologists C provide CPS Р Increase School Psychologists' participation consultation at 4 in Coordination of Services (COST) and additional CE-SDC Student Success Teams (SST) meetings classes for a total of proportionate to increase in FTE 13 School Psychologists increase collaboration Reduction in number with Behavior Analysts to develop and *IEP student referrals* monitor student behavior support plans for higher levels of mental health services



Professional	Evidenced-informed SEL Training	Р	С	90% of SDC CE/day
Development and	 STEPS-A DBT curriculum/training provided to 			treatment staff
training in SEL	new PEC mental health staff and RSP teachers			trained in SEL
	 Train CE-SDC staff in Collaborative Proactive 			instruction (either
	Solutions at 4 new sites			DBT and/or CPS)
Why?	 Psychologists and Behavior Analysts provide 			
Develop staff skills	ongoing in-class coaching regarding			SPED teachers
and competencies	differentiated behavior management and SEL			self-selecting to
related to SEL	strategies			participate in SEL
	SEL training included in T & L summer institute			training in summer
				institute (STEPS-A
				DBT & CPS)



Goal 2: Collaborate with General Education to establish effective intervention models and services that support General Education students' social-emotional learning in order for them to benefit from their educational program

GOAL 2, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR ONE

Objective 1: Reduction of referrals for assessment of Emotional Disturbance (ED) and Educationally Related Mental Health Services to address disproportionality of ED in OUSD and for African American students

Mental Health Services to address disproportionality of ED in OUSD and for African American students					
Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating Dist/PE Site		Benchmark Achievement	
Improved prevention and SEL interventions in general education Why? Eliminate disproportionality Maintain access to the educational curriculum	Pre-referral Prevention Services ■ 30% of school psychologist allocated ½ day per site to provide pre-referral SEL education and support to Gen Ed students with challenging behaviors (see Goal 1 Objective 4) ■ Collaborative Proactive Solutions (CPS)-Certified School Psychologist each train Gen Ed staff at 1 new site	P		30% of psychologists assigned ½ day of prevention service and consultation per site CPS implemented at 4-6 new sites Students demonstrate symptom reduction on standardized measures; Improved teachers efficacy on standard measures Monthly meeting occur	
Initiate joint task-force to align services Why? Coordination of Resources to effectively serve General Ed students	 Social Emotional Learning Task-Force Solicit participation of Leadership Curriculum, and Instruction (T&L) and Community Schools, Student Services (CSSS) PEC liaison attends monthly meetings Identify, review, and evaluate SEL and Positive Behavioral Intervention Services (PBIS) Develop criteria for evaluating SEL program efficacy Recommend classroom management training program 	С	S	PEC Task-force Liaison identified Menu of SEL/PBIS services identified	



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 Create recommendations regarding 		
adoption of district-wide PBIS program		

GOAL 2, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR TWO

Objective 1: Reduction of referrals for Emotional Disturbance and Educationally Related Mental Health Services to address disproportionality of FD in OUSD as well as African American students identified w/FD

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Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	
Improved	Gen Ed Pre-Referral Interventions	Р	С	Reduction of initial
prevention and SEL	 Expand Collaborative Proactive Solutions 			referrals for
in general	(CPS): CPS-certified psychologists work with			assessment for
education	1 new school to train other psychologistsAdditional 30% of school psychologist	P	S	Emotional Disturbance and
	 Additional 30% of school psychologist allocated ½ day per site to provide 		3	qualification for
Why: to address	pre-referral SEL education and support to			Emotional
disproportionality	Gen Ed students with challenging behaviors			Disturbance
of ED in OUSD as	(see Goal 1 Objective 4)Interns provide			
well as African	pre-referral counseling			60% of psychologists
American students	Behavior Analysts and School Psychologists			conducting
	collaborate to provide Behavioral Consultation to Gen Ed staff			prevention service,
	Consultation to Gen Ed Stail			counseling, and teacher consultation
				½ at each of their
				school sites
Initiate joint	Social Emotional Learning Task-Force			Established
task-force to align	 Departments coordinate and align SEL 	С	S	Procedure for
services	services within a Multi Tiered System of			schools to select and
Why?	Supports (MTSS) context	С	S	adopt behavioral intervention
Coordination of	Collaborate to seek support for district –		3	programs
resources to reduce	wide Behavioral MTSS			programs
disproportionate				Behavioral MTSS
discipline and				adopted and
qualification of				supported
African-American				
students as ED				
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GOAL 2, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR THREE

Objective 1: Reduction of referrals for Emotional Disturbance and Educationally Related Mental Health Services to address disproportionality of ED in OUSD as well as African American students identified w/ ED

Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	
Increase prevention and SEL Interventions for students with conduct disorders under 504 regulations Why: Increase student access to education	 Collaborate with CSSS and T & L departments to develop Gen Ed 504 support services to students with conduct disorders at pre-special education (SPED) referral and post-SPED assessment levels to ensure educational access Identify General Education funding streams to support students qualifying for 504 accommodations 	С	S	504 services, program options and interventions are in place Dedicated General Education 504 Funding stream identified
Reduce disproportionality in discipline and ED qualification	 Additional 30% of school psychologist allocated ½ day per site to provide pre-referral SEL education and support to General Education students with challenging behaviors (see Goal 1 Objective 4) Expand Collaborative Proactive Solutions by having CPS-certified psychologists work with 1 new school each to train other psychologists and roll out the program 			90% of psychologists conducting prevention counseling and teacher consultation ½ day at each site Special Education qualifications for ED and Educationally-related services reduced



Goal 3: Provide access to optimal, safe, learning environments

Objective 1: Establish effective inclusive models for students with IEP's Objective 2: Transition students college, career, and community ready.

Objective 2: Transition students college, career, and community ready.						
	GOAL 3, OBJECTIVE 1, Y E A R ONE					
Focus	Objective 1: Establish effective inclusive models for stude Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement		
		Dist/PE C	Site			
A: Create a safe and operable learning environment for all special education students.	 Develop facilities standards for all school sites Collaborate with MK Think to develop standards for all SDCs, office and learning spaces Review standards in other program/district and new construction development Gather Current Data Create and distribute a survey to all PEC staff to 	P	S	All standards will be reviewed for new programs and construction development		
Why? Increase safe and positive teaching and learning environments so	 determine needed improvements and technology needs for sites. Complete walkthroughs of classrooms with needed updates. Work with Facilities to determine timeline for required needs Determine budget impact 	Р	S	in collaboration with Facilities, PEC and School Administrators		
meaningful teaching and learning can occur	 Improvements to Classrooms and Ongoing Data Create a Facilities checklist with highest needs for Year One Distribute a facility checklist to all PEC staff at the beginning of each school year Complete facility walkthroughs on a yearly basis to ensure current classroom room and office space standards are achieved. 	Р	S			
B: All PEC programs will be placed throughout the district in an equitable way	Create a standard for placing and moving programs into school sites Create a standard for how new programs are placed and how current programs are moved. Analyze clusters of continuums throughout the district and review types of services needed at	Р	S	Programs will be equally distributed amongst all regions		
Why? Balance the regions so	each site. School Site Impact • Create a task force with Principals, PEC teachers and PEC staff to shift current programs and map			Create the least amount of needed movements for		



students have access to programs located or close to their home school.	out movements and placements for 15/16 school year. • Determine budget impact for moves and opening new programs. (FTEs)			students from one program to another due to lack of continuum
C: Expansion of seats in general education classrooms Why: Integrate students in the general education setting in a meaningful way	 Expand designated seats in general education classrooms to increase access to Common Core and peer socialization. Work with the student assignment office to ensure general education seats for students prior to the start of the school year Designate time for special education and general education teachers to collaborate with one another and to develop a PLC. Provide training to site leaders and staff on meaningful and appropriate peer socialization. 	Р	S	There will be collaboration amongst SAC, PEC, and school sites to provide a meaningful inclusion model



GOAL 3, OBJECTIVE 2, Y E A R ONE Objective 2: Transition students college, career, and community ready.				
Focus	Actions	Respor P=pri S=supp C=collab Dist/PE C	nsibility mary porting	Benchmark Achievement
A: Support diploma-track students in meeting A-G graduation requirements in total or in part. Why? To enhance learning opportunities and mainstream students in A-G coursework with full Linked Learning Pathway participation.	Program all RSP students and SDC-NSH , ASIP and VI Inclusion students in A-G coursework with full Linked Learning pathway participation Discontinue remaining core academic RSP classes at high school level for 2014-15 school year Explore starting SDC-NSH Inclusion programs at Middle School, and expanding high school sites for 2015-16 school year. Full RS/NSH Inclusion Teacher participation with General Educators in Common Core Professional Development starting with Summer '14 and 2014-15 school year. Increase mainstreaming of SDC-NSH students as High Schools adopt 4 x 2 block scheduling with enhanced course offerings 9th and 12th grade seminars and Advisory/SEL components A-G Science and Social Science Mainstreaming, including Linked Learning Pathway coursework Full SDC-NSH Teacher participation with General Educators in Common Core Professional Development starting with Summer '14 and 2014-15 school year	P	S	10 th and 11 th grade SDC-Inclusion students at Skyline are all in Academies, and all SDC-Inclusion students there have full A-G access. Most HS RSP programs provide push-in support and Study Skills pull-out. Oakland High, CCPA, and Oakland International mainstream students for A-G social science and science courses.
B: Successfully align special education student cohorts with Linked Learning pathways throughout the District. Why? Enhance learning opportunities for	 Prepare for full RSP/NSH Inclusion Linked Learning pathway participation for 2015-16 school year. Reconcile student choice with Special Education cohort support needs in presenting available pathway options. Assign special educators to one Linked Learning pathway. (Possibly as grade-level cohort at larger schools). Shared conference periods and professional development for collaborative pathway 	С	С	10 th and 11 th grade SDC-Inclusion students at Skyline are all in Academies, two choices out of three per grade level.



special education students and explore possibilities for student access to Linked Learning Pathways.	teams, inclusive of assigned special educators. Explore possibilities for partial Linked Learning pathway participation for students requiring separate SDC classes as determined by their IEPs. Contextualize within differentiation of coursework for other students requiring ELL, remediation, enrichment or credit recovery. Align Special Ed cohorts with specific pathways, maximizing pathway course participation amidst directed mainstream support. Shared planning time and professional development for collaborative pathway teams, inclusive of assigned special educators.	С	С	Oakland High increasing SDC-NSH student access to Linked Learning pathways.
C: Develop successful transition plans for students, whether receiving a certificate of completion, or graduating with a high school diploma. Why? Successful transition plans will effectively provide families and students with a long term plan after high school.	 Build Special Education capacity to write and implement meaningful Individual Transition Plans. Recognize centrality of ITP for IEP development for high school students and young adults. Integrate ITP training with teacher training for new SEIS system Case Manager collaboration with Career Transition Specialists assigned to six original high schools with other schools in SELPA supported by PEC central office. Align ITP with graduation plan in hand for general education students. Develop common document for graduation planning consistent with special education mandates. Shared planning time and professional development for career transition 	P	S	Teachers being trained in SEIS system for IEP development. Dialogue with T & L and High School Tactical Team for closer alignment of special education mandates with district procedures.



specialists with their gen ed and agency counterparts.
As general ed graduation planning moves into middle schools, consider starting ITP process in 8 th grade.

Goal 4: Build accountability for quality in Special Education by creating systems and structures to engage the community and use data in planning for and measuring desired outcomes.

Objective 1: Create structures for meaningful family and community engagement

In order to create a culture of shared purpose and relational accountability to raise student achievement for students with disabilities, we must intentionally create spaces and structures for on-going family and community engagement among families and PEC district and site based staff. We must be in "Right Relationship" with each other, prioritizing trusting relationships that empower families to advocate and support their children's education and are based on student needs.

Objective 2: Develop systems for data informed decision making and accountability for outcomes

We must build a comprehensive data management system that integrates all Special Education technologies and processes, supported by a strong data culture. Meaningful, accurate, and accessible data creates opportunities for authentic engagement, and is a cornerstone of effective strategies and accountability for continuous improvements. Our data management system must be able to expose issues, identify trends, and support special education programs and services that:

- Meet the goals and objectives of students' IEPs
- Raise overall student achievement
- Promote inclusion in general education
- Improve ability to meet A-G requirements
- Increase access to post -secondary and career opportunities

GOAL 4, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR ONE Goal 4, Objective 1: Create structures for meaningful family and community engagement					
Focus	Actions	P=pri S=sup	nsibility mary porting porating	Benchmark Achievement	
		Dist/PE C	Site	7.0	
Build trust, mutual	SPED Family Engagement Specialists	Р		Family Engagement	
accountability, and	Create Special Education Family Engagement			Specialist position	
shared	Specialist job description; create and fill position			has been created	
responsibility	Direct Support for Families			and filled. Family &	



Why? Establish foundation of shared purpose and relational accountability to collaboratively realize quality improvements	 Develop and disseminate parent friendly special education handbook in multiple languages that explains in plain language, procedures, parent rights, how parents can get help, how placements are made, etc. Develop and conduct parent workshops on IEP basics, providing step-by-step orientation Provide consistent and effective logistical communication and data/info support to the CAC so that it can fulfill all of its mandated functions Build District Wide Capacity Develop and provide professional learning opportunities for site and PEC staff about the District-wide Family Engagement Standards and how to engage and build relationships with families of students with disabilities 	P	S	Community Engagement strategies and listed priority actions are in place, and a workplan for their implementation has been approved by Deputy Chief, PEC
Establish structures to support family involvement Why? Centrally provided structures and supports facilitate consistency, efficiency and equity	 Home Language Translation and Interpreting Provide translation and interpreting for all families that need it Create and fill two special education Translation Specialist positions. Hire one Spanish translator and one Chinese translator (Cantonese speaking). Site Based SPED Parent Community Groups that Engage with Teachers and Staff Design and pilot site-based structures and support for parents to participate in peer support, to engage with teachers and staff, to learn from workshops and speakers, and to advocate for special education improvements. The increased need is for parent-focused spaces, and conversations that will benefit teachers as well Options Brochure Include SPED program information and available site specific PEC supports in Options Schools Guide 	P C	С	Two Translation Specialist positions will have been created and filled. Capacity to translate IEPs, interpret at meetings with families, and translate relevant PEC parent materials has improved.



Goal 4 C	GOAL 4, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR TWO Goal 4, Objective 1: Create structures for meaningful family and community engagement					
Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement		
		Dist/PE C	Site			
Build trust, mutual accountability, and shared responsibility Why?	Build District Wide Capacity Conduct Train the Trainer workshops where site based family engagement staff and/or other key site staff learn to lead IEP parent orientation workshops from curriculum developed in Year One.	Р	С	30% of site based family engagement personnel in the district participate in at least one professional		
Establish foundation of shared purpose and relational	 Provide professional learning for site based family engagement staff across the district to become knowledgeable about special education and how to support families of students with IEPs 	Р	С	learning workshop		
accountability to collaboratively realize quality improvements	 Site based family engagement staff provide support for individual students' issues and needs with support from District SPED Family Engagement Specialist 	S	P			
Establish structures to support family involvement	 Home Language Translation and Interpreting Create 1 additional Translation Specialist position. Hire one Spanish translator. Site Based SPED Parent Community Groups 	Р		25% of schools have convened a SPED Parent Community Groups		
Why? Centrally provided structures and	 Assess pilot conducted in Year One; develop and implement plan to scale-up increasing number of participating schools 	С	С	Groups		
supports facilitate consistency, efficiency and equity	 Inquiry Based Family Engagement ◆ Assess baseline special education family engagement practice, set goals for development and monitor progress. Use standardized school/agency based survey that addresses topics such as information, communication and relationship 	Р	S			
	building, individual advocacy for student achievement, equity and participation in decision making, and academics Develop CAC Expand CAC into a site based representation model where every school has a consistent liaison with the CAC.	Р	S			



Goal 4, Objective 1: Create structures for meaningful family and community engagement

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Focus	Actions	C=collab		Benchmark Achievement
Build trust, mutual accountability, and shared responsibility Why? Establish foundation of shared purpose and relational accountability to collaboratively realize quality improvements	 Site Based SPED Parent Community Groups Provide topical workshops for families of special education students. For example, a topic might be student transitions from pre-K to K, elementary school to middle school, and middle school to high school. SPED Family Engagement Specialist collaborates with site Parent Community Groups to develop workshop curricula and train site based family engagement personnel to present workshops and provide technical assistance in service of group goals and needs Expand participation of special education families in existing structures Increase the number of special education families participating in regional family engagement summits and district wide parent conferences and site based common core workshops. Provide information and learning opportunities on topics of particular interest to parents of students with disabilities at regional and district 	S C	P S	System is in place to track participation of parents of students with disability in district wide conferences and summits
	SpEd specific parent summits and conferences			



Establish structures	Dispute Resolution			Findings from Cycle
to support family	 Articulate and communicate the system to 			of Inquiry have
involvement	handle and resolve disputes related to provision			informed family
	of special education program and services and			engagement
Why?	document the rate and success of its use	Р		strategies
Centrally provided	Inquiry Based Family Engagement			
structures and	 Continue to assess special education family 			
supports facilitate	engagement practices, follow-up on goals, and	Р	S	
consistency,	continue with cycle of inquiry. Through a cycle of			
efficiency and	inquiry, PEC and CAC will consider all assessment			
equity	data during SELPA development. Continue to use			
	standardized school based survey.			
	Develop CAC	С	С	
	 Develop informational materials and topical 			
	workshops for families of special education			
	students that CAC representatives can replicate			
	and share back at their school sites.			

GOAL 4, OBJECTIVE 2, YEAR ONE Goal 4, Objective 2: Develop systems for data informed decision making and accountability for outcomes.					
Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement	
		Dist/PE C	Site		
Fully implement	Assess transition from DA to SEIS			Successful transition	
SEIS as the	Review deployment of SEIS			to SEIS	
technology for	 Plan and implement any needed adjustments 	Р	S		
centralized	and corrections				
management and					
storage of IEPs and	Train New Teachers & Specialists in SEIS	Р	С		
Special Education					
	Fully Implement 2-Way Integration between SEIS	Р			
Why?	and Aeries				
Ensuring that all					
technologies are set					
up to provide					
accurate, complete,					
consistent and					
timely data is					
critical to effective					
SPED management					



Build effective and comprehensive SPED data management system Why? Data across related technologies must be synchronized to inform strategic questions and influence practice	 SPED Analytics and Research Specialist Create Special Education Analytics and Research Specialist job description; create and fill position Comprehensive Understanding of Special Education data and data technologies The Special Education Analytics and Research Specialist will develop a detailed understanding of SEIS, AERIES, CASEMIS, the data contained, how systems are related, and how information is translated and synchronized Describe a comprehensive, integrated overarching special education data management system Assess data quality and identify causes of compromised quality Articulate steps necessary to build the system and identify extant and potential obstacles Shared Vision for Data That Influences and Informs 	P	Special Education Analytics and Research Specialist position has been created and filled. Project plan for building Special Education Data Management System is in place, and has been approved by Associate Superintendent of PEC.
	 Practice Work with PEC Leadership Team to create a shared vision for data use, along with the values, goals and practices that reflect that vision 	Р	
	 Develop Project Plan and Timeline Describe a comprehensive, integrated overarching special education data management system Identify steps to build the system, including Defining and documenting business rules for data governance Systematizing streamlined and efficient data entry and consumption processes Procedures to ensure accuracy, completeness, and consistency of data 	P	
	 (including for data cleanup, if necessary) Planning to manage change Implement System Engage stakeholders to develop a strong data culture 	P	



	 Communicate changes; provide training for staff to effectively execute changes 			
Accountable for Quality Why? We must be accountable for multifaceted student success and accept shared responsibility to prepare all students	 Targeted Balanced Score Card Create a Special Education Balanced Score Card that is aligned with the District Balanced Score Card with metrics and goals that consider the unique experiences and needs of Students with Disabilities and are meaningful for that population. Conduct study drawing on research, current and trend data, and district and PEC priorities to establish SMART Goals specific to Special Education that do not compromise rigor and high expectations. 	Р	S	A Special Education Balanced Score Card aligned with the District Balanced Score Card has been developed
for college and careers, including those currently outside the sphere of success	 Special Education Alignment with School Quality Review (SQR) Collaborate with School Quality Review Team of QAA to elaborate an approach to evaluate how schools are living up to School Quality Standards through the lens of Special Education. 	С	С	

GOAL 4, OBJECTIVE 2, YEAR TWO Goal 4, Objective 2: Develop systems for data informed decision making and accountability for outcomes.				
Focus	Actions	Respon P=pri S=supp C=collab Dist/PE C	nsibility mary porting	Benchmark Achievement
Build effective and comprehensive SPED data management system Why? Data across related technologies must be synchronized to inform strategic questions and influence practice	 Execute Project Plan for Data Management System Evaluate progress to date Continue with Roll-Out with course corrections and process improvements Continue to engage with stakeholders with ongoing training and support 	Р		Year 2 project plan for building comprehensive SPED data management will incorporate findings from evaluation
Accountable for Quality	Identify priority questions			A Special Education Data Dashboard has



Why? We must be accountable for multifaceted	 What are the burning questions that must be answered in order to improve outcomes for Students with Disability? Incorporate data related to priority questions into a Special Education Data Dashboard 	Р	С	been designed and disseminated, with routines in place for ongoing production
student success and accept shared responsibility to prepare all students for college and careers, including those currently outside the sphere of success	 Reporting Maintain distinction between compliance reporting and data analytics and research tasks Clarify groups of students for whom reports will be generated: students in district schools, all students in SELPA, etc. Generate meaningful and accurate standard reports and analyses to answer strategic questions and make data-informed decisions that drive continuous improvements in Special Education 	Р	С	
	 Research Conduct studies to answer more complex questions Review performance and achievement data to identify effective special education practices and strategies in OUSD, and analyze potential for replication and scalability. 	Р	С	

Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	
Continually improve SPED data management system	 Assess Development of Data Management System Evaluate progress toward achieving data vision, including assessment of integration of data from multiple technologies, growth of data culture, and effectiveness of processes. 	P		Year 3 priorities for improving SPED data management will incorporate findings from
Why? Data must be usable across related systems to inform strategic	 Identify Year 3 priorities for improving SPED data management system Continue to engage with stakeholders on using data to inform instruction, programs and services 			evaluation



questions and influence practice				
Accountable for Quality Why? We must be	 Identify priority questions What are the burning questions that must be answered in order to improve outcomes for Students with Disability? 	Р	С	Data is routinely used to make strategic decisions.
accountable for multifaceted student success and accept shared responsibility to prepare all students	 Reporting Maintain distinction between compliance reporting and data analytics and research tasks Generate meaningful and accurate standard reports and analyses to answer strategic questions and make data-informed decisions that drive continuous improvements in Special 	P	С	
for college and careers, including those who currently outside the sphere of success	Research Conduct studies to answer more complex questions	P	С	

Goal #: 5 Hiring and retaining highly qualified staff while increasing central office support

Objective 1: Support effective and timely evaluations by collaborating with other departments to increase accountability, quality instruction and accurately document staff performance

Objective 2: Provide ongoing professional development and opportunities for career advancement

Objective 3: Identify and maintain appropriate staffing ratios in varied programs

Objective 4: Improved recruitment and screening process to ensure qualified and capable staff are placed in each position

Objective 5: Create positions currently filled with non-public agency staff

	GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR ON effective and timely evaluations by collaborating with y instruction and accurately document staff performa	other d	epartme	nts to increase
Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	Acmevement
Develop effective evaluation and coaching tools for site administration	Collaboration between departments Work with Human Resource Department to develop the Framework for Effective Teaching tool and support the piloting of Bloom Board	Р	S	A task force will finalize Framework for Effective Teaching Tool for PEC



Why?	Work with Labor Relationships and OEA to	
To enable site administrators and PEC to maintain high standards of staff performance	change the teacher contract language to allow PEC administrators to share the evaluation process with site administrators	PEC administration participate in contract negotiations



GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR TWO

Objective 1: Support effective and timely evaluations by collaborating with other departments to increase accountability, quality instruction and accurately document staff performance

Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	
Complete evaluations on PEC staff consistently and in a timely manner	 Timely Evaluations Share evaluation responsibilities with site administrators Evaluate all PEC administrators and teachers on special assignment 	Р	С	Evaluations on 35% of PEC staff at all levels
Why? Ensure quality staff and increase accountability				

GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR THREE

Objective 1: Support effective and timely evaluations by collaborating with other departments to increase accountability, quality instruction and accurately document staff performance

Focus	Actions	P=pri S=sup	nsibility imary porting porating	Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	7.0
Complete	Consistent Evaluations			75% of all PEC staff
evaluations on PEC	 Timely, quality evaluations completed 			have been evaluated
staff consistently	consistently with all staff: administrators,			
and in a timely	teachers and paraprofessionals			
manner				
		P	С	
Why?				
Ensure quality staff and increase accountability				



GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 2, Y E A R O N E Objective 2: Provide ongoing professional development and opportunities for career advancement				
Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	
Provide stipends	Training and Certifications			Plan complete and
for medical	Develop a plan to train Aides to Special			ready to implement
procedures,	Education to administer DIASTAT by student			
additional training	and school site and train staff			
and certifications	Contract non-public agency to train district staff	Р	S	PEC will have 12 CPI
	to be Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI)			trainers
Why?	trainers			
Develop current				0.0:
staff to begin	Professional Learning Community			PLC initiated with
eliminating	Support job-alike teachers in developing a			monthly PD
contracted staff	Professional Learning Community (PLC) by			
	providing monthly Professional Development			
	(PD) for all teachers			

GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 2, Y E A R TWO Objective 2: Provide ongoing professional development and opportunities for career advancement				
Focus	Actions	Respon P=pri S=supp	sibility mary	Benchmark Achievement
Training and professional development Why? Develop the capacity of current district staff at all levels	 Career advancement opportunities Work with labor relations and employee unions to develop a behavioral aide training and stipend Get union and board approval for behavioral aide stipend Monitor training and progress of DIASTAT and evaluate staff Train district employees in CPI, targeting moderate/severe Coaching models 	P	С	Stipends created for behavioral aide Staff trained in DIASTAT and CPI resulting in reduced NPA costs
	 Develop a peer-coaching model for special education teachers in collaboration with site administrators. 			Peer-coaching model successfully created



GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 2, Y E A R T H R E E Objective 2: Provide ongoing professional development and opportunities for career advancement					
Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement	
		Dist/PE C	Site		
Generalize skills learned in PD to classroom and site	Peer coaching Train staff on a peer-coaching model for special education teachers in collaboration with site administrators.	Р	С	Teacher trained in peer-coaching	
Why? To improve the quality of PEC teachers	 Develop a plan and train staff to become behavioral aides, beginning with sites/students who currently are supported with non-public agency Continue to monitor DIASTAT Train school safety officers, site administrators and mild/moderate staff where needed in CPI 	Р	С	NPA costs are reduced by 25%	

Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	
Develop and utilize	Assessment			Staff trained on
assessment tools to	 Train additional staff to complete the 			TAAS
determine	Temporary Additional Adult Support (TAAS)			
individual student	Assessment			
and program	 Audit current 1:1 aides and student need 			Class sizes
staffing needs	Class Size			determined by
	 Establish hard and soft caps for mild/moderate, 	Р	S	program
Why?	moderate/severe and inclusion programs			
Develop current	Student Projections			
staff to reduce contracted staff	 Complete student projections prior to budgeting to ensure that needed staff are included 			Student projections completed by January



Work with site
administrators to
ensure that
programs are
supported and
substitutes
provided when
necessary

Develop a collaborative

model that

in providing

students

supports site staff

authentic inclusive

experiences for all

Improved Substitute Coverage

- Budget and create replacement teacher UPC codes (4-5 positions) to cover long-term leave of absences
- Develop a contingency plan with teachers and site administrators in the event that a substitute is not available
- Support teachers to develop a substitute binder, which will include items such as class list, seating arrangements, schedules, individual IEP goals and behavior support plan, rules and routines.

Release Time and Professional Development

- Provide release time to inclusion teachers and general education teachers to allow for collaboration and planning
- Develop participation plans for individual students to communicate the purpose of their inclusive experiences and track progress on IEP goals
- Conduct monthly professional development among inclusion staff to allow for collaboration between school sites and grade levels
- Meet with site administrators at monthly regional meetings to strategize inclusion opportunities at their individual sites

Replacement teachers hired (4-5 positions)

Consistent
substitute plans in
every special
education
classrooms

Organization key created for release time

Participation plan created and utilized by all special education teachers

Professional development created and implemented

PEC staff attend regional meetings regularly

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GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 3, YEAR TWO Objective 3: Identify and maintain appropriate staffing ratios in varied programs					
Focus	Actions		mary porting porating Site	Benchmark Achievement	
Assessment and ongoing monitoring of student needs Why? Provide staffing in accordance with student needs	 Assessment Provide a coaching model for the TAAS, which includes taking inter-observer data to determine consistency of assessment results Conduct TAAS on students who currently have a 1:1 aide assigned to determine ongoing need 	С		TAAS assessments are conducted consistently Students served in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)	
Provide training and a system of monitoring implementation and develop standards of communication	 Training and Communication Behavioral team develops a plan of support for classrooms in the event of staffing difficulties for long-term leaves Provide training to substitute teachers and support staff (boot camp) on ongoing basis Develop and maintain a communication system to keep all parties informed of progress and needs 	Р	С	Training and support model created and implemented Communication system established	
Social skills curriculum to support students generalize skills their general education settings	 Curriculum and Instruction Determine and purchase curriculum (social skills and executive functioning) for students in full-inclusion settings to be used consistently between programs Develop and provide school-wide professional development at school sites with mild/moderate inclusion programs 			Curriculum purchased Professional development occurs on monthly basis	



participation by PEC

staff

PROGRAMS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN ROADMAP

GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 4, YEAR ONE Objective 4: Improved recruitment and screening process to ensure qualified and capable staff are placed in each position Responsibility P=primary **Benchmark** S=supporting **Focus Actions** C=collaborating Achievement Dist/PE Site **Policies and Procedures Improve** Creation of Р S recruitment, Meet with HR to review OUSD recruitment protocols for HR procedures and policies, and brainstorm candidate **functions** innovative recruitment techniques screening and onboarding Create internship program between Transition processes Partnership Program and Human Resources; select appropriate OUSD students to participate Why? as interns and complete yearly internship **Improve** program recruitment and Develop procedures between Human Resources expand candidate and Programs for Exceptional Children to check candidate references, EAF completion and pools submission of selected candidates to HR for Development of on-boarding process. well defined roles Р S and responsibilities **Refine Job Descriptions** Review current job descriptions, updating with Accurate and Recruit special clear, specific duties and responsibilities specific job education teachers Recruitment descriptions to encourage new Utilize Transition Partnership Program to assist Р S applicants to in recruitment techniques and practices; **Increased** Oakland allowing Special Education students internship participation by PEC opportunities staff in the Special educators attend and help to staff recruitment efforts tables/booths at employment fairs/hiring events S Provide Recognition PEC Awards for opportunities for Excellence Develop an opportunity to recognize the special educators achievement of individuals or groups in a Р to regularly manner that is public and celebratory network Actively participate in district recognition Increased

programs such as "Honoring Our Own" and

Teacher of the Year





Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	7.0
Increased scope of	Recruitment			Internship
recruitment efforts	 Partner with local colleges to encourage internships and field studies Create an OUSD special education brochure 			agreement and selection rubric
	 prominently featuring OUSD special educators Provide each candidate with a copy of the salary schedule as well as a description of the benefits provided by OUSD 			Brochure created
Why?	Protocols and Procedures			
Refine policies and procedures to be effective and efficient	 Review and refine (as needed) procedure between Human Resources and Programs for Exceptional Children to complete on-boarding process. 			Written procedure for on-boarding candidates
Provide	Networking			Teacher blog
opportunities for special educators to network	Start and monitor a Blog to encourage educators, specialists, and therapists to share experience and to address issues			

Objective 4: Improve position	GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 4, YEAR THI d recruitment and screening process to ensure qualifie		pable sta	aff are placed in each
Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	
Transparency with candidates	Supply each candidate with a schedule of planned professional development for the school year			Recruitment materials
Develop Intern program	 Create application for college partnership recruitment program, distribute to colleges, interview and select interns Networking 	Р	S	Application created
	 Establish a mentoring program to link new employees with experienced employees 			Mentoring program and panel initiated



Provide mentoring	Create an OUSD Special Education panel to	
and training opportunities	serve as an advisory board regarding educational materials, policies, and procedures	



GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 5, YEAR ONE Objective 5: Create positions currently filled with non-public agency staff					
Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement	
		Dist/PE C	Site	Acmedement	
Develop positions by collaborating with other central office departments	 Job Descriptions Work collaboratively with HR to develop job descriptions for a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) and Registered Nurse (RN) Vet job descriptions with Labor Relations and Unions 			Job descriptions complete	
Why? Replacing NPA staff with district staff will be more cost efficient while providing a higher level of service and accountability	 Gain Board approval for the job descriptions Budget Develop plan to replace NPA staff with district staff for year 2 Budget for 3 BCBA's, 25 LVNs and 2 RNs. 	Р	S	Budget complete with new positions	

GOAL 5, OBJECTIVE 5, YEAR TWO Objective 5: Create positions currently filled with non-public agency staff						
Focus	Cus Actions Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating Dist/PE Site		Benchmark Achievement			
Select candidates	Recruitment/Hire	С	Site	Candidates hired for		
	 Post positions, recruit and identify chosen candidates 	Р	S	positions		



Goal #6: Improve district compliance by 40% as measured by reduced settlement costs and compensatory awards for: Office of Administrative Hearing due process requests, California Dept. of Education compliance complaints and OCR special education complaints.

Objective 1: Improve district special education compliance through a more efficient response to complaints by 40%

Objective 2: Utilize both prevention and intervention strategies to address identified compliance deficiencies.

Objective 3: Create systems and procedures that support compliance across the district for all special education stakeholders.

GOAL 6, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR ONE Objective 1: Improve district special education compliance through a more efficient response to					
complaints by 40%.	re district special education compliance timough a	more en	iciciii i c	sponse to	
		Responsibility			
Focus	Actions	P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement	
		Dist/PE C	Site	Acmevement	
Develop a professional learning community of special education administrators and support staff that informs sites on	Site Communication System for Special Ed Complaints Create communication between Special Education Compliance Department and sites Sites and Compliance Unit meet to review compliance process, timelines and due process expectations	Р	С	PEC and sites will have met to discuss cases as complaints are file	
why? Reducing the cost of resolving special education legal issues	 Annual Cost Tracking of Settlements and Complaints Develop detailed spreadsheet of costs and exposures per case Examine trends to determine patterns of non-compliance and settlement costs Hypothesize possible litigation strategies to reduce costs and exposures that lead to complaints 	P		Data collection system will be developed reflecting an analysis of costs Minutes from the Legal Round Table	
	Legal Round-Table to Review Pending Litigation Discuss possible root causes for non-compliance and educate staff on issues related to procedural violations	Р		will reflect decisions regarding special education Cases.	



	Establish a Point of Contact for Special Education Legal Issues	P	Established internal policy to present
Why? PEC administrator roles and responsibilities	Create communication protocol for Special Education Administrators regarding contacting outside legal counsel		legal issues to Executive Directors
require refinement for handling legal issues	Define PEC Administrator Legal Roles and Responsibility Develop a professional learning community that supports compliance among PEC leadership	P	Leadership meetings that reinforce compliance education and collaboration with district and PEC legal teams

GOAL 6, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR TWO Objective 1: Improve district special education compliance through a more efficient response to complaints by 40%					
Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement	
		Dist/PE C	Site	710	
Develop a professional learning community of	Realign Legal Representation for PEC Conduct a cost benefit analysis of the merits of special education legal costs	Р		Cost analysis of reduction in cost using district funded legal support vs.	
special education administrators and support staff that informs sites on	 Independent Mediator to Resolve Complaints Contract with an independent mediator proficient with alternative dispute resolution techniques 	P		private legal firms.	
compliance issues Why?	Professional Development for PEC Administrators • Fund attendance at symposia that address	Р			
Reducing the cost of resolving special education legal issues	current changes in the law and legal compliance issuesExplore attendance at LRP Legal Conference	Р			
	 Facilitated IEP Trainings New PEC administrators and program specialists receive training on conducting Facilitated IEPs PEC administrators / program specialists apply Facilitated IEP knowledge manage difficult cases with specific sites 	P			



PEC administrator roles and responsibilities require refinement for handling legal issues	 Trainer of Trainers Model to Manage Compliance Assign designated leadership staff to conduct trainings for program specialists 		PEC Administration attendance at legal symposiums, conferences and trainings.



GOAL 6, OBJECTIVE 1, YEAR THREE

Objective 1: Improve district special education compliance through a more efficient response to complaints by 40%.

Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	7.6
Develop a professional learning community of special education administrators and	 Explore ways to decrease district special education attorney fees Identify steps to build a systemic process to settle cases with fewer resources 	Р	С	Mediation firm contract is in place, and has been approved by Deputy Chief, PEC
support staff that informs sites on compliance issues	 Contract with independent mediation firm Review proposals of mediation firms Select firm and develop an annual contract 	Р		
Why? The district has experienced many legal challenges over the past few years that have resulted in increased costs to resolve the compliance issues	PEC administrators address systemic compliance deficits with site administrators • Corrective action site training conducted with support from PEC administrators	Р	С	



GOAL 6, OBJECTIVE 2, YEAR ONE

Objective 2: Utilize both prevention and intervention strategies to address identified compliance deficiencies.

	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark
Focus				
		Dist/PE	Site	Achievement
D ()		С	Site	
Professional	Professional development New teacher Summer Institute focused on			Documented new teacher attendance
development for teachers to address	compliance and SEIS trainings reviews	P		at Summer Institute
compliance	 Increase monthly professional development that 	P		and SEIS trainings.
standards	address compliance related issues			and SLIS trainings.
Standards	address compilative related issues			Detailed system of
	Build capacity to monitor IEP compliance	Р	С	monitoring
	Develop detailed spreadsheet of non-compliant			compliance.
	IEPs			Compliance Unit
Why?	Examine individual teacher data to determine	Р	С	training sessions.
To improve	patterns of non-compliance and procedural			
monitoring of IEP	errors.			
compliance, and	 Institute mandatory PD for IEP completion rates 			
rectify areas of	of 85% or lower			Initial referral
concern as it	_	Р		timelines met by
applies to IEP	Release time for Resource Specialists and Speech			100%
development,	and Language pathologists with caseloads that		C	
service delivery and	exceed limits.	Р	S	
quality instruction.	 Provide substitutes or extra duty to teachers who assist RS and SLPs with over caseload IEPs or 			
	assessments			
Increase capacity	Utilize focus team members to address compliance			
of focus team to	situations			Noncompliance due
support	 Use focus team members to augment the 			to absence and
compliance efforts	capacity of the department to address workload			leave reduced by
	overages			40%
Why?				
To establish		P	S	
protocols and		, r	3	
support processes				
to meet all				
c ompliance				
requirements using				
qualified focus staff				
personnel.				



GOAL 6, OBJECTIVE 2, YEAR TWO

Objective 2: Utilize both prevention and intervention strategies to address identified compliance deficiencies.

Focus	Actions	Responsibility P=primary S=supporting C=collaborating		Benchmark Achievement
		Dist/PE C	Site	
Professional development for teachers to address compliance standards Why? To improve monitoring of IEP compliance, rectifying areas of concern as it applies to IEP development, service delivery and quality instruction	 Trainers of Trainee Model to support SEIS and IEP Compliance District program specialist and teachers trained to support teachers displaying challenges in meeting compliance indicators Oakland Education Association collaboration with PEC on the feasibility of special education staff release days 	P	С	Documentation of professional development activities addressing compliance standards
Increase capacity of focus team to support compliance standards Why? To establish protocols and support processes to meet all compliance requirements using qualified focus staff personnel	 Increase focus team support staff Recruit, hire and train additional focus team members Explore use of focus team members to monitor caseloads and provide case management for vacancies, extended absences and/or leaves Evaluation of focus team process Evaluate effectiveness of focus team support for IEP development and assessments Investigate the costs and benefits of the focus team process 	P	C C	Noncompliance due to absence and leave reduced by 80%





GOAL 6, OBJECTIVE 3, YEAR ONE

Objective 3: Create systems and procedures that support compliance across the district for all special education stakeholders

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Focus	Actions	C=collab		Achievement
		c	Site	
Bolster the capacity of PEC central office to ensure quality digitized records	 Digital Records System PEC will digitize all special education records, including the psychological files, ERMHS assessment reports and other pertinent records Efficient maintenance and management of these records is required up to 7 years after a child exits or graduates from a special education program 	P	С	Complete and accurate records maintained with 97% accuracy
Why? To create a digitized records system that will support the	 Due to inaccuracy and non-compliance of files and records, digitized records will support a reduction in costly legal proceedings and settlements 	Р		
maintenance and management of special education records.	Recruit, hire and train additional temporary records room clerk Select and hire an additional temporary clerk to organize, review and prepare records for digitization	P		
Special Education Procedures Manual Why? Increasing access to	 Direct Support for non-compliance Publish and promulgate the use of a special education procedures manual Provide staff development on the use of the procedures manual 	P P	P P	Procedures Manual published and placed on the PEC website
knowledge about special education programs, services and compliance issues	 Maintain and Revise on Procedures Manual PEC Staff will update and revise the Procedures Manual 			

