



**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

**UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL
CHARTER**

A DISTRICT AFFILIATED CHARTER SCHOOL

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Renewal Charter Petition

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TERM OF CHARTER

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Assurances, Affirmations, and declarations

[University High School Charter,”(also referred herein as Uni),” “District Affiliated Charter School” and “Charter School”) shall:

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- Be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. (California Education Code (hereinafter “Ed. Code”) § 47605(e)(1).)
- Not charge tuition. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(1).)
- Not discriminate against any pupil on the basis of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, including immigration status, in any program or activity conducted by an educational institution that receives, or benefits from, state financial assistance, or enrolls pupils who receive state student financial aid.. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(1); Ed. Code § 220.)
- Except as provided in Education Code section 47605(e)(2), admission to a charter school shall not be determined according to the place of residence of the pupil, or of the pupil’s parent or legal guardian, within this state, except that an existing public school converting partially or entirely to a charter school under this part shall adopt and maintain a policy giving admission preference to pupils who reside within the former attendance area of that school. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(1).)
- Admit all pupils who wish to attend Charter School. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(2)(A).)
- Except for existing pupils of Charter School, determine attendance by a public random drawing if the number of pupils who wish to attend Charter School exceeds Charter School’s capacity. Preference shall be extended to pupils currently attending Charter School and pupils who reside in the Los Angeles Unified School District (also referred to herein as “LAUSD” and “District”). Preferences shall not result in limiting enrollment access for pupils with disabilities, academically low-achieving pupils, English learners, neglected or delinquent pupils, homeless pupils, or pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as determined by eligibility for any free or reduced-price meal program, foster youth, or pupils based on nationality, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and shall not require mandatory parental volunteer hours as a criterion for admission or continued enrollment. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(2)(B).)
- Charter school shall not encourage a pupil currently attending the Charter School to disenroll from the Charter School or transfer to another school for any reason, including, but not limited to, academic performance of the pupil or because the pupil exhibits any of the characteristics described in Education Code section 47605(e)(2)(B)(iii). (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(4).) Charter school shall not enter into

settlement agreements requiring students to disenroll or transfer to another school.

- If a pupil is expelled or leaves Charter School without graduating or completing the school year for any reason, Charter School shall notify the superintendent of the school district of the pupil's last known address within 30 days, and shall, upon request, provide that school district with a copy of the cumulative record of the pupil, including a transcript of grades or report card, and health information. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(3).)
- Meet all statewide standards and conduct the pupil assessments required pursuant to Education Code sections 60605 and 60851 and any other statewide standards authorized in statute or pupil assessments applicable to pupils in non-charter public schools. (Ed. Code § 47605(d)(1).)
- Consult, on a regular basis, with Charter School's parents, legal guardians, and teachers regarding the school's educational programs. (Ed. Code § 47605(d)(2).)

Charter School hereby declares that the Los Angeles Unified School District is and shall be the exclusive public school employer of the employees working at or assigned to Charter School for the purposes of the Educational Employment Relations Act (EERA), Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title I of the Government Code.

NOTE: This Charter contains specific "Federal, State and District Required Language" (FSDRL), including the *Assurances, Affirmations, and Declarations* section above. The FSDRL should be highlighted in gray within each Charter element or section. The final section of the Charter provides a consolidated addendum of the FSDRL. This intentional redundancy facilitates efficient charter petition review while ensuring ready access to the FSDRL for any given section of the Charter. To the extent that any inconsistency may exist between any provision contained within the body of the Charter and the FSDRL contained in the addendum, the provisions of the FSDRL addendum shall control.

Element 1 – The Educational Program

“The educational program of the charter school, designed, among other things, to identify those whom the charter school is attempting to educate, what it means to be an “educated person” in the 21st century, and how learning best occurs. The goals identified in that program shall include the objective of enabling pupils to become self-motivated, competent, and lifelong learners.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(A)(i).)

“The annual goals for the charter school for all pupils and for each subgroup of pupils identified pursuant to Section 52052, to be achieved in the state priorities, as described in subdivision (d) of Section 52060, that apply for the grade levels served, or the nature of the program operated, by the charter school, and specific annual actions to achieve those goals. A charter petition may identify additional school priorities, the goals for the school priorities, and the specific annual actions to achieve those goals.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(A)(ii).)

“If the proposed charter school will serve high school pupils, a description of the manner in which the charter school will inform parents about the transferability of courses to other public high schools and the eligibility of courses to meet college entrance requirements. Courses offered by the charter school that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges may be considered transferable and courses approved by the University of California or the California State University as creditable under the “A” to “G” admissions criteria may be considered to meet college entrance requirements.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(A)(iii).)

GENERAL INFORMATION

● The name and title of the contact person for Charter School is:	<i>Claudia Middleton</i>
● The contact address of Charter School is:	<i>11800 Texas Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90025</i>
● The contact phone number for Charter School is:	<i>(310) 914-3500</i>
● Charter School is located in LAUSD Board District:	<i>4</i>
● Charter School is located in LAUSD Region:	<i>West</i>
● The grade configuration of Charter School is:	<i>9th-12th</i>
● Charter School’s scheduled first day of instruction in 2026-2027 is:	<i>August 12, 2026</i>
● The current operational capacity of Charter School is: NOTE: For all District affiliated charter schools, the District determines each school’s operational capacity annually in accordance with District policy. Operational capacity refers to the maximum number of students that Charter School may enroll in a given year and includes all students, regardless of student residence or other factors.	<i>1373</i>

● The bell schedule (e.g. daily hours) for Charter School will be:	<i>Traditional 6 period day</i>
● The term of this Charter shall be from:	July 1, 2026-June 30, 2031
● If Charter School is Low performing, per the CDE Performance Category, the term of this Charter, if approved:	N/A

SELF REFLECTION FOR DISTRICT AFFILIATED CHARTER SCHOOL

University High School Charter’s first term as an affiliated school, consisted of fluctuating enrollment patterns. Reviewing the enrollment pattern over the last three academic years, University High School Charter’s enrollment increased by 72 students in the 2023-2024 academic year. However, in the last two academic years, there was a decrease in enrollment of 32 and 88 students, respectively for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic years, as recorded on the LAUSD Open Data platform As reported in the LAUSD Fingertip Fact Sheets, overall District enrollment has also steadily decreased over the last two academic years. As per the 2025-2026 LAUSD Fingertip Fact Sheet, the District overall enrollment was listed as 549,487, this is a decrease of 7865 students from the 2024-2025 academic year. When comparing LAUSD enrollment between 2024-2025 and 2023-2024, the student enrollment decreased by 5731 students.

One persistent challenge that our school community continues to face is the chronic absenteeism. As reported in the Data Quest platform and for the last three academic years (2022-2023, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025) University High School Charter has exceeded the chronic absenteeism rate when compared to LAUSD, LA County and statewide. The most recent data reported for the 2024-2025 academic year shows University High School Charter at 32.5%, LAUSD at 23.9%, LA County at 20.5% and 19.4% statewide.

Despite the chronic absenteeism challenge, our school community continues to strive for excellence and will continue to meet the needs of the community we serve as shown in the positive student outcomes described below. One accomplishment that we continue to succeed in is the 4 Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation rate. The most current 4 Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate for the academic year 2024-2025 reported in Data Quest shows University High School Charter at 92/1%, LAUSD at 88.5%, LA County at 87.6% and statewide at 87.5%. The 4 Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation rates for the 2023-2024 and 2022-2023 academic years reflect a similar pattern, as reported in Data Quest, with University High School Charter showing higher rates than LAUSD, LA County and statewide.

Another area of continued positive outcomes for students is the stronger collaboration that Uni has now with the West Los Angeles College. This collaboration has only strengthened over the years resulting in an increase in student enrollment in college courses and an increase in college course completion rates. These data are reflected in student West Los Angeles College transcripts and in-house school data of students who completed course work through West Los Angeles College. The last two academic

years of 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 have demonstrated greater interest in students enrolling in West Los Angeles College courses, as well as an increase in course completion rates

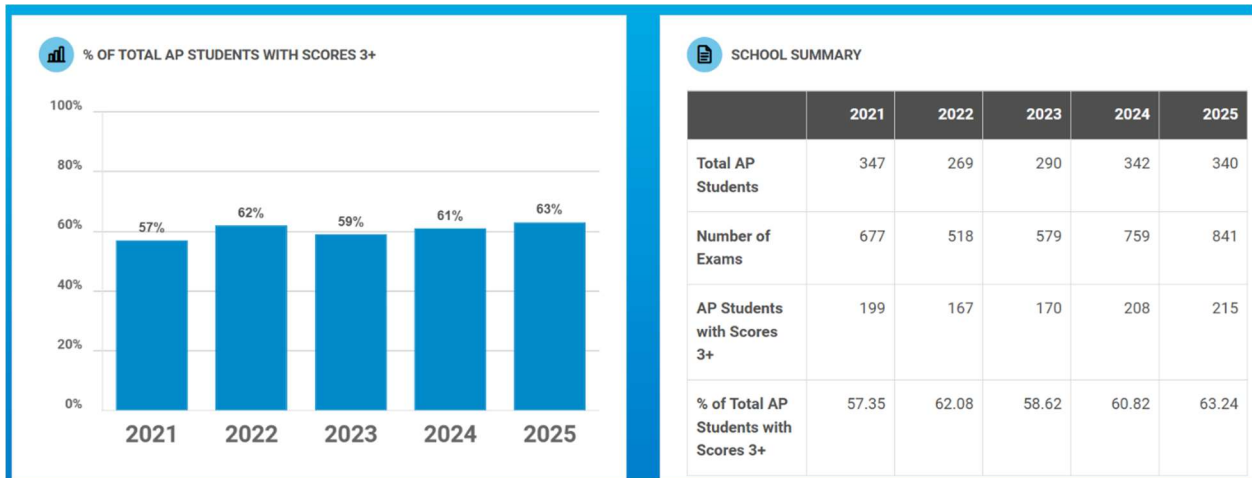
The total number of West Los Angeles College courses completed in the fall of 2024 was a total of 24, and the total number of West Los Angeles College courses completed in the fall of 2025 was a total of 54, more than double. The enrollment in West Los Angeles College courses from the spring of 2025 to spring of 2026 demonstrated a significant increase from 55 to 80 students, respectively.

Additionally, this 2025-2026 academic year, two periods of college courses were added during the instructional day: Allied Health in the fall and kinesiology in the spring. Refer to the West Los Angeles College data below.

Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Health 011: 12/16 completed Child Development 002: 12/13 completed	Health 011: 13/14 completed Psychology C1000: 16/18 completed Allied Health (in person): 25/27 completed

Spring 2025	Spring 2026 (ongoing)
Heath 011: 13/18 completed Real Estate 001: 7/17 completed	Health 011: 19 enrolled Child Development 001: 19 enrolled Kinesiology (in person): 42 enrolled

Students at University High School Charter have opportunities to challenge themselves by enrolling in college courses and/or by enrolling in the more than 20 selection of Advanced Placement courses. An increase in these two areas continues to show positive student outcomes as reflected in the College Board report below. The total percentage of students scoring 3 and above on their Advanced Placement tests have increased over the last three years from 58.62% in 2023 to 63.24% in 2025.



Student achievement as measured using the annual 11th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment System in English Language Arts and in math, have shown positive and negative trends. These trends are reported in the CA Dashboard and the results demonstrate how well students are meeting proficiency standards.

During the 2024 academic year overall, all University High School Charter students as a cohort increased academic performance in English Language Arts as reported on the CA Dashboard. Student performance demonstrated a change of 18.5 points and 1.0 distance from standards (DFS). When compared to the state, University High School Charter students scored higher than the state (-13.2 distance from standards).

During the 2025 academic year, the only University High School Charter student groups who increased significantly in English Language Arts as reported on the CA Dashboard were: the English Learners at a change of 25.7 points and -110.6 distance from standard, Students with disabilities at a change of 21.9 points and -120.8 distance from standard, and white students at 51.4 points and 50.3 points distance from standards. The Asian student group declined significantly at -56.5 points change and 40.8 distance from standards. Although, the test results of African American/Black, Latinos and socioeconomically disadvantaged student cohorts decreased, their results are still higher than the state results. The Asian cohort of students declined significantly by 56.5 points.

During the 2024 academic year overall, all University High School Charter students as a cohort increased academic performance in math as reported on the CA Dashboard. Student performance demonstrated a change of 35.1 points and -68.9 distance from standards. When compared to the state, University High School Charter students scored lower than the state (-47.6%). The only student cohort that declined significantly during this year was the two or more-student group showing a change of -108.1 points and -120.9 distance from standards. All other student cohorts (African American/Black, Asian,

English Learner, Latino, socioeconomically disadvantaged, students with disability and white students) increased significantly. From these cohort of students, only the African American/Black and socioeconomically disadvantaged students showed results higher than the state.

During the 2025 academic year, the only University High School Charter student groups that increased performance in math were the English Learner, students with disabilities and white student groups. The English Learner group demonstrated a growth change of 15 points and -163.4 distance from standards. Students with disabilities demonstrated a growth change of 22.4 points and -171.6 distance from standards. The white student group demonstrated an increase of 12.9 points and -27.2 distance from standards. Although these student cohorts increased, their results are still lower than the state results, -86.1 and -120.7, and -6.2 respectively. All other student groups as reported on the CA Dashboard (African American/Black Asian, Latino and socioeconomically disadvantaged) demonstrated a decline in test results.

The CA Dashboard also reports results of English Learners making progress towards English language proficiency. English Learner students at University High School Charter increased performance and made progress towards English Language proficiency during the 2025 academic year. English Learner students demonstrated an English Learner Progress Indicator change of 15.7 points and Long-Term English Learners demonstrated an English Learner Progress Indicator change of 25.8 points, both at higher levels than the state at, 46.4% and 49.1%, respectively.

The CA Dashboard also reports results showing the percentage of graduates who meet specific College/Career Indicator as being “prepared.” During the 2025 academic year, University High School Charter students demonstrated an increase in the College and Career Indicator. The overall percentage of current graduates who meet “prepared” criteria, demonstrated an increased change of 7.6 points, placing University High School Charter students at a higher percentage of 54.7% than the state’s CCI at 51.7%.

The CA Dashboard Graduation Rate indicator for the academic years of 2025, 2024 and 2023 demonstrates University High School Charter’s graduation rate higher than the state at 92.1%, 92.2% and 90.3%, respectively. These results are for all students taken as a cohort of students. The three student groups with a decline during the 2025 academic year were the homeless youth at -2.9 change and 84.6% graduation rate, Latinos at -2.3 and 92% graduation rate and the two or more student group at -10.7 change and a 75% graduation rate.

The CA Dashboard suspension rate indicator **for** the 2025, 2024 and 2023 academic years, demonstrates University High School Charter’s suspension rate lower than the state at 0.2%, 0.1% and 0.1%, respectively.

Each year, these various sources of student performance and achievement data are taken into consideration in important decisions such as the development of the professional development calendars, the Single Plan for Student Achievement, Targeted Student Population Plan, and allocating funds each year.

GOALS AND PHILOSOPHY

Mission and Vision

The faculty, staff, administration, and parents of University High School Charter are committed to meeting the needs of our culturally, socioeconomically, and linguistically diverse student body. University High School is committed to providing an environment that both supports and challenges every student to attain their highest level of social, intellectual, and physical development. Our goal of nurturing accomplished, responsible, and well-rounded students is summed up by the motto, “A Tradition of Excellence.” To this end, University High School maintains the following vision where:

- Each student is prepared for the rigors of college-level study by emulating the educational excellence of the finest colleges.
- All students are career-ready.
- Each student will develop the knowledge, skills, and values required to flourish in and contribute to a democratic, multicultural, pluralistic society in an interdependent world.
- Relevant technology is readily available and integrated into curricular and administrative activities.
- All students have equal access to the full range of educational opportunities, regardless of socioeconomic, cultural, linguistic, or family background.
- Cross-curricular and interdisciplinary approaches develop the natural relationships between subjects.
- The school environment is safe, clean, and intellectually stimulating in curricular, cocurricular, and extracurricular endeavors. University High School’s curriculum rests firmly on the belief that all individuals are connected. As such, we develop students’ understanding of social institutions including family, school, local community, city, State, national and global structures. However, those understandings begin on a personal level. The diversity of our students and their families provides an ideal atmosphere in which to develop appreciation for one another’s background and culture. According to Jacobson (2016), “The institutions of a neighborhood are vital to its health and economic strength, and public schools are one of the most important shared institutions. They function

not only as centers for providing education but also as hubs for communities to organize a range of supports and opportunities for children and their families.”

On this note, University High School Charter will:

- Continue to empower students with stimulating, challenging, and diverse course offerings.
- Prepare students to be independent thinkers and learners who are encouraged to solve problems with a collaborative mindset as they engage in their course of study.
- Encourage students to participate in extracurricular activities such as leadership, student government, athletics, visual and performing arts, clubs, internships, and volunteer service, to increase student engagement, belonging, pride and motivation.
- Facilitate the use of innovative teaching strategies that maximize student learning opportunities, including interdisciplinary and cross-curricular teaching, the use of current research, and attending progressive off-site professional development.
- Ensure that all departments emphasize standards adopted by the Los Angeles Unified School District and the State of California.
- Provide all students with the tools to become lifelong learners by providing an educational program that inspires curiosity, increases critical thinking, and develops independence.
- Provide an academically challenging environment that teaches students to successfully adapt to changes beyond high school.
- Implement research-based pedagogy that teaches skills for a changing world.
- Adapt our educational options to meet the academic and vocational needs of our diverse students.
- Differentiate instructional time to accommodate students' varying learning styles and skill levels.
- Promote interdisciplinary instruction, and focus on mastery of common core standards to improve achievement and college readiness for all students.
- Enhance students' sense of physical and emotional security by providing experiences that promote self-esteem, responsibility and collective belonging to local and global causes.
- Ensure greater parental involvement in the educational process to expand the network of services and learning provided to students.
- Expand technological literacy across the curriculum
- Strive to achieve attendance rates exceeding the District goal of 96%
- Foster citizenship among students to engender mutual respect for cultural and multi-ethnic diversity within the school.

What It Means to be an “Educated Person” in the 21st Century

University High School Charter believes that an “educated person” in the 21st century is someone who:

- Adapts to complex life and work situations by thinking critically, communicating effectively, and solving problems collaboratively.

- Is an active, ethical, and informed citizen who uses reasoning to compromise, and who connects to community and culture.
- Uses media and technology to access and analyze information and develop effective communication skills.
- Adapts their skill set for lifelong learning.
- Innovates and develops the aptitudes needed for today's globally competitive society.
- Is curious, imaginative, and creative in pursuing their personal life vision.

Overall, University High School Charter believes that an “Educated Person” is someone who is well rounded socially, emotionally, and intellectually - a problem solver and critical thinker who builds connections through community & culture to adapt to a changing and complex global society.

Our mission, vision, and goals focus our learning framework to support innovative systems and an instructional environment designed to help students master these multidimensional abilities.

This is most effectively achieved by creating a school where students, parents, teachers, administrators, staff, and community members collaborate as a unified team.

How Learning Best Occurs

University High School Charter will be a safe, learner-centered environment. We recognize the wealth of knowledge, experience, and perspectives that students possess in approaching learning tasks. In a learner-centered environment, students make observations, predictions, and hypotheses about the topic of study that are then shared with the learning community. The teacher may act as diagnostician and facilitator to help students clarify thinking and correct misconceptions. Learning tasks are designed with appropriately high expectations to challenge and engage. During their time at University High School Charter, students will share new thinking, answer and raise questions, and make connections across the curriculum.

In our learner-centered environment, teachers will promote student independence. In a learner-centered environment, teachers help students construct their own meaning with a culturally relevant curriculum. As stated in *How People Learn*, “...learner-centered environments include teachers who are aware that learners construct their own meanings, beginning with the beliefs, understandings, and cultural practices they bring to the classroom. If teaching is conceived as constructing a bridge between the subject matter and the student, learner-centered teachers keep a constant eye on both sides of the bridge. The teacher attempts to get a sense of what students know and can do as well as their interests and passions—what each student knows, cares about, is able to do, and wants to do. Accomplished teachers ‘give learners reasons,’ by respecting and understanding learners’ prior experiences and understandings assuming that these can serve as a foundation on which to build a bridge to new understandings” (Duckworth’s study (as cited in Bransford, Brown, & Cocking, 1999, p.124).

Teachers use the California Common Core State Standards to focus content instruction. Students discover mastery of standards through various learning modalities. The instructional environments at University High School Charter will reflect a wide range of structures including directed, guided, experiential, and independent learning. Teachers will provide direct instruction for specific skill learning while acting as flexible mentors who guide students to observe, experiment, and discover, valuing creativity, inquiry, clarity of thinking, multiple viewpoints, problem solving, and self-management. We will value hands-on experiences, multi-sensory learning tasks, and field study as essential in University High School Charter classrooms.

Existing and evolving technologies are powerful tools for student learning, and critical instruments for instructional change. While such technology is increasingly integrated into our curriculum and classrooms, students will become more prepared to live and work in a rapidly evolving Digital Age.

University High School Charter teachers will guide students to make connections between past and present events in local, state, national, and global settings. We will strive to help children see history as a continuum, cultures as unique and similar, individuals as history makers, and themselves as part of an epic story, and to realize the power and responsibility this knowledge engenders.

How the Goals of the Program Enable Students to Become Self-Motivated, Competent, and Life-Long Learners

University High School Charter encourages students to be self-directed, independent thinkers who can ask questions and develop a vision of their future. Through counselor, teacher, and parent mentoring, we will support students in setting attainable and “stretch” goals to make decisions about their course of study. This investment in self-reliance will allow students to select courses that are meaningful to them and thereby promote intrinsic motivation. Similarly, instruction in core academic classes will be relevant and student-centered and use effective instructional approaches that challenge, engage, and promote active learning and participation.

Instructional methodologies (requiring students to solve problems, make evidence-based arguments, and think critically) will promote student competence in Common Core-based academic subjects and will transfer across the curriculum, thereby promoting competence in all subjects. Students will demonstrate learning through projects, presentations, research, debate, and portfolios.

Coursework-aligned service learning projects will provide University High School Charter students with volunteer experiences that extend classroom instruction, nurture thinking about career pathways, and revitalize community involvement. Through a volunteer service learning component, students will explore opportunities beyond self and experience the rewards of giving and serving. Nothing in this Charter shall be construed so as to supersede, supplement, or reduce District requirements regarding student service learning.

The instructional program—through meaningful project-based learning experiences in core academic subjects that nurture student interests and talents—will create lifelong learners.

The Overall Student Goals and Anticipated Outcomes of the Instructional Program will promote:

- the academic skills necessary to be successful in high school, college, career, and beyond
- knowledge and understanding of the value of positive character traits
- an appreciation of students' unique skills and talents
- an awareness of proper etiquette for interacting with people different from themselves
- an appreciation of diversity
- critical thinking skills
- basic study and organizational skills
- the ability and desire to actively participate in learning
- broadened, extended, and developed strengths
- seeing connections between learning and the surrounding world
- the ability to work both individually and as a member of a group
- the ability to problem solve
- high expectations for themselves
- self-motivation and greater self-confidence
- good character and an appreciation and concern for the larger community
- a 2.5 program-wide GPA
- a 96% attendance rate (7 days absent or less during the school year)
- the skills and attitudes needed to become lifelong learners

The integration of technology into the instructional program is critical to providing students with the tools needed to be equipped with 21st century skills.

Awareness of the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) standard of Global Collaborator. University High School Charter students actively and intentionally utilize digital tools to broaden their learning, collaborate with peers for the social learning aspect, and investigate issues to find solutions.

Desire to implement the ISTE standard of Global Collaborator, to intentionally have students connect with learners from multiple backgrounds and cultures.

Knowledge on how to use digital tools to collaborate with others, to examine issues and problems.

Ability to use and apply digital tools to contribute constructively to standard based activities and projects.

Reinforcement of the use of digital tools to broaden their learning, understanding, and use as an investigative tool.

Action Steps:

1. Students are able to communicate and articulate evidence-based argument – Theory of Action (TofA). Use of strategies as think-pair-share, think-pair-write-share, graphic organizers, etc. evidence from teacher peer observations, administration observations,

and ability of students to articulate demonstrates students and staff are self-directing their knowledge as consumers and producers.

2. Continue to facilitate the work of ILT and promote the idea of Learner Agency as self-directed engagement of knowledge through oral and written forms such as public announcements, social media, and digital and written paper communication.

3. With the implementation of Schoology, our students are able to access more resources, complete assignments/assessments online, and communicate with teachers/school staff.

4. Our students will use web tools like Read Theory, for English comprehension and critical thinking, and IXL, for math reasoning and problem solving, to give students opportunity for remediation and support at their individual level.

5. Through our After School program and our West LA Community College classes (held on our campus), workshops and classes will be established to help students learn 21st century skills.

6. Our teachers will continue to be trained on the various functions of Schoology and ways to decrease the paper load and increase online participation for instruction.

7. We will set aside professional development time to train teachers on Artificial Intelligence, Google Classroom, Coding, Computer Supported Collaborative Science, Adobe Creative Suite, and webtools like Kahoot, Notability, EdPuzzle, and Padlet.

8. Identify specific student needs and have students select and suggest topics and areas or interest of study (Empowered Learner).

9. Develop individualized personal learning plans based on the student's topic selection and cultivate and provide digital tools to students (Digital Citizen).

10. Provide online professional development for teachers on how to facilitate students' actively engaging and leveraging technology to demonstrate competency in their learning. By empowering teachers to leverage these tools students are able to explore, construct, and pursue their topics of interests (Knowledge Constructor).

11. Through the use of digital tools and the opportunity to self-select and study areas of interest students are empowered to produce and communicate their learning in multiple media and formats (Creative Communicator).

12. The opportunity to self-elect topics of interest, digital tools, and communicate through different forms of media all contribute, enable, and fosters the environment for students to collaborate with others on a global scale (Global Collaborator)

The Overall Teacher and Staff Goals and Anticipated Outcomes of the Instructional Program will:

- ensure that students areas of needs are identified, addressed, and strengthened in an ongoing manner
- ensure that students are encouraged to excel and gain a deeper understanding of subjects/concepts
- ensure that teachers have high expectations for themselves and their students
- ensure that teachers continually develop and improve through professional development
- ensure that teachers work collaboratively with other staff
- ensure that the Common Core Standards are taught
- use differentiated research-based instructional strategies to meet students' needs
- connect subjects across the curriculum
- promote parent involvement
- instruct parents in understanding how they can assist their child's learning
- ensure that teachers utilize technology and other resources to develop students' understanding
- ensure the use of multiple forms of data to guide instruction and professional development
- encourage student attendance
- use a school wide behavior support plan to keep the school safe and organized
- maintain a school-wide 96% attendance rate
- maintain at least an 90% twelfth grade graduation rate or higher

Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Requirements

Charter School acknowledges and agrees that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations related to AB 97 (2013) (Local Control Funding Formula) in accordance with District policies and procedures, as they may be amended from time to time. Charter School shall comply with all requirements of Education Code section 47606.5, including but not limited to the requirement that Charter School “shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, parents, and pupils in developing the local control and accountability plan and annual update to the local control and accountability plan.” (Ed. Code § 47606.5(d).)

LCFF STATE PRIORITIES (Charter Term Commencing July 1, 2026)	
GOAL #1	
Academic Excellence	Related State Priorities: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X 1 <input type="checkbox"/> X4 <input type="checkbox"/> X7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X 8

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Local Priorities:

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Specific Annual Actions to Achieve Goal

State Priorities addressed by this goal:

State Priority 2: State Standards (Conditions of Learning)

State Priority 4: Pupil Achievement (Pupil Outcomes)

State Priority 7: Course Access (Conditions of Learning)

State Priority 8: Other Pupil Outcomes (Pupil Outcomes)

Expected Annual Measurable Outcomes

Outcome #1:

Four-year cohort graduation rate will increase by 2% each year.

Metric/Method for Measuring: Open Data Dashboard

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	92%	94%	96%	98%	100%	100%
English Learners Students	72%	74%	76%	78%	80%	82%
Long-term English Learners	83%	85%	87%	89%	91%	93%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	93%	95%	97%	99%	100%	100%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	85%	87%	89%	91%	93%	95%
Students with Disabilities	84%	86%	88%	90%	92%	94%
African American Students	97%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*

Asian Students	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Filipino Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latino Students	92%	94%	96%	98%	100%	100%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	75%	77%	79%	81%	83%	85%
White Students	84%	86%	88%	90%	92%	94%

Outcome #2: Decrease the Four-year cohort dropout rate by 2%						
Metric/Method for Measuring: Open Data Dashboard						
APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
English Learners Students	18%	16%	14%	12%	10%	8%
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	10%	8%	6%	4%	2%	0%
African American Students	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Filipino Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latino Students	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	17%	15%	13%	11%	9%	7%
White Students	7%	5%	3%	1%	0%	0%

Outcome #3:

Increase the A-G completion rate (meeting UC-CSU entrance requirements) by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: Open Data Dashboard

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	58%	63%	68%	73%	78%	83%
English Learners Students	28%	33%	38%	43%	48%	53%
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	58%	63%	68%	73%	78%	83%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	28%	33%	38%	43%	48%	53%
African American Students	64%	69%	74%	79%	84%	89%
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	79%	84%	89%	94%	99%	100%
Filipino Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latino Students	57%	62%	67%	72%	77%	82%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%	75%
White Students	52%	57%	62%	67%	72%	77%

Outcome #4:

Increase the Career Technical Education completion rate by 10%

Metric/Method for Measuring: Open Data Dashboard

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	5%	15%	25%	35%	45%	55%
English Learners Students	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	6%	16%	26%	36%	46%	56%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	3%	13%	23%	33%	43%	53%
African American Students	6%	16%	26%	36%	46%	56%
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	5%	15%	25%	35%	45%	55%
Filipino Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latino Students	6%	16%	26%	36%	46%	56%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	8%	18%	28%	38%	48%	58%
White Students	2%	12%	22%	32%	42%	52%

Outcome #5:

Increase the Advanced Placement (AP) exams with a score of 3 or higher by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: CA Dashboard

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	51%	56%	61%	66%	71%	76%
English Learners Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	44%	49%	54%	59%	64%	69%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	33%	38%	43%	48%	53%	58%
African American Students	43%					
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	64%	69%	74%	79%	84%	89%
Filipino Students	67%	72%	77%	82%	87%	92%
Latino Students	42%	47%	52%	57%	62%	67%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	69%	74%	79%	84%	89%	94%
White Students	71%	76%	81%	86%	91%	96%

Outcome #6:

Decrease Smarter Balanced Distance from standards (DFS) met in English Language Arts – Grade 11 by 10 points

Metric/Method for Measuring: CA Dashboard

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	-5	10	20	30	40	50
English Learners Students	-111	-101	-91	-81	-71	-61
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	-23	-13	-3	7	17	27
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	-121	-111	-101	-91	-81	-71
African American Students	-33	-23	-13	-3	7	17
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	41	51	61	71	81	91
Filipino Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latino Students	-17	-7	3	13	23	33
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	*	*
White Students	50	60	70	80	90	100

Outcome #7:

Decrease the Smarter Balanced Distance from standards (DFS) met in math – Grade 11 by 10 points

Metric/Method for Measuring: CA Dashboard

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	-74	-64	-54	-44	-34	-24
English Learners Students	-163	-153	-143	-133	-123	-113
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	-88	-78	-68	-58	-48	-38
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	-172	-162	-152	-142	-132	-122
African American Students	-106	-96	-86	-76	-66	-56
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	-7	3	13	23	33	43
Filipino Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latino Students	-86	-76	-66	-56	-46	-36
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	*	*
White Students	-27	-17	-7	3	13	23

Outcome #8:

Increase Percent met/exceed standard on California Science test (CAST) – Grade 11 by 10 points

Metric/Method for Measuring: Open Data Dashboard

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	27%	37%	47%	57%	67%	77%
English Learners Students	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	21%	31%	41%	51%	61%	71%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	13%	23%	33%	43%	53%	63%
African American Students	24%	34%	44%	54%	64%	74%
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	44%	54%	64%	74%	84%	94%
Filipino Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latino Students	21%	31%	41%	51%	61%	71%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	*	*
White Students	52%	62%	72%	82%	92%	100%

Outcome #9:

Increase Percent of English Learners who progress in English proficiency (as measured by ELPI levels) by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: CA Dashboard

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
English Learners Students	53%	58%	63%	68%	73%	78%

Outcome #10:

Increase Percent of students with disabilities who receive 100% of services specified in their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) by 10%

Metric/Method for Measuring: CA Dashboard

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	61%	71%	81%	91%	100%	100%
English Learners Students	61%	71%	81%	91%	100%	100%
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	62%	72%	82%	92%	100%	100%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities						
African American Students	73%	83%	93%	100%	100%	100%
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Filipino Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latino Students	54%	64%	74%	84%	94%	100%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	*	*
White Students	63%	73%	83%	93%	100%	100%

GOAL #2

Joy & Wellness

Related State
Priorities:

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Local Priorities:

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Specific Annual Actions to Achieve Goal

State Priorities addressed by this goal:

State Priority 5: Pupil Engagement (Engagement)
State Priority 6: School Climate (Engagement)

Expected Annual Measurable Outcomes

Outcome #1:

Increase Percent of All Students with Excellent Attendance (96% or Higher) by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: Open Data

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baselin e (Based on most recent data availabl e)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicab le if categori zed as Low Performi ng)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicab le if categori zed as Low Performi ng)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicab le if categori zed as Low Performi ng)
All Students (Schoolwide)	38%	43%	48%	53%	58%	63%
English Learners Students	28%	33%	38%	43%	48%	53%
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	38%	43%	48%	53%	58%	63%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	35%	40%	45%	50%	55%	60%
African American Students	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	55%
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*

Asian Students	57%	62%	67%	72%	77%	82%
Filipino Students	40%	45%	50%	55%	60%	65%
Latino Students	37%	42%	47%	52%	57%	62%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	45%	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%
White Students	42%	47%	52%	57%	62%	67%

Outcome #2:

Decrease chronic absenteeism by 2% each year.

Metric/Method for Measuring: Focus Dashboard Data/Open Data

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	35%	33%	31%	29%	27%	25%
English Learners Students	53%	51%	49%	47%	45%	43%
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	35%	33%	31%	29%	27%	25%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	36%	34%	32%	30%	28%	26%
African American Students	41%					
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	20%	18%	16%	14%	12%	10%
Filipino Students	35%	33%	31%	29%	27%	25%
Latino Students	34%	32%	30%	28%	26%	24%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	30%	28%	26%	24%	22%	20%
White Students	33%	31%	29%	27%	25%	23%

Outcome #3:

Increase percent of staff with Excellent Attendance (96% or higher) by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: Open Data/Focus Dashboard Data

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Staff	67%	72%	77%	82%	87%	92%

Outcome #4:

Increase Percent of Students who Feel Safe at School (Per School Experience Survey) by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: Per School Experience Survey

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	59%	64%	69%	74%	79%	84%
English Learners Students	78%	83%	88%	93%	98%	100%
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	58%	63%	68%	73%	78%	83%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	60%	65%	70%	75%	80%	85%
African American Students	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%	75%
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	61%	66%	71%	76%	81%	86%

Filipino Students	75%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%
Latino Students	60%	65%	70%	75%	80%	85%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	62%	67%	72%	77%	82%	87%
White Students	67%	72%	77%	82%	87%	92%

Outcome #5:						
Increase Percent of parents who feel their child is safe on school grounds (Per School Experience Survey) by 5%						
Metric/Method for Measuring: Per School Experience Survey						
APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Parents	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%	100%

Outcome #6:

Increase Percent of staff who feel safe at school by 1%

Metric/Method for Measuring: Per School Experience Survey

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Staff	97%	98%	99%	100%	100%	100%

Outcome #7:

Increase Percent of students who feel they are a part of their school by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: Per School Experience Survey

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Students (Schoolwide)	48%	53%	58%	63%	68%	73%
English Learners Students	54%	59%	64%	69%	74%	79%
Long-term English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students	47%	52%	57%	62%	67%	72%
Foster Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Youth Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	52%	57%	62%	67%	72%	77%
African American Students	41%	46%	51%	56%	61%	66%
American Indian/Alaska Native Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian Students	43%	48%	53%	58%	63%	72%
Filipino Students	44%	49%	54%	59%	64%	69%
Latino Students	48%					
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students of Two or More Races	59%	64%	69%	74%	79%	84%
White Students	62%	67%	72%	77%	82%	87%

Outcome #8:

Increase Percent of parents who feel welcome to participate at their child's school by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: Per School Experience Survey

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data availabl e)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicab le if categori zed as Low Performi ng)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicab le if categori zed as Low Performi ng)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicab le if categori zed as Low Performi ng)
All Parents	87%	92%	97%	100%	100%	100%

Outcome #9:

Increase Percent of staff who feel their school is a supportive and inviting place to work by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: Per School Experience Survey

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Staff	75%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%

GOAL #3

Engagement & Collaboration

Related State
Priorities:

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Local Priorities:

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Specific Annual Actions to Achieve Goal

State Priorities addressed by this goal:

- State Priority 3: Parental Involvement (Engagement)
 State Priority 5: Pupil Engagement (Engagement)
 State Priority 6: School Climate (Engagement)

Expected Annual Measurable Outcomes

Outcome #1:

Increase The percent of parents reporting on the School Experience Survey: "This school includes me in important decisions about my child's education." By 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: School Experience Survey

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term	Year 4 of Term	Year 5 of Term
	(Based on most recent data availabl e)			(Not applicab le if categori zed as Low Performi ng)	(Not applicab le if categori zed as Low Performi ng)	(Not applicab le if categori zed as Low Performi ng)
All Parents	76%	81%	86%	91%	96%	100%

Outcome #2:

Increase Percent of parents reporting on the School Experience Survey: "I can easily find information about parent workshops or other programs offered at this school." by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: School Experience Survey

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Parents	79%	84%	89%	94%	99%	100%

Outcome #3:

Increase the percent of parents reporting on the School Experience Survey: “This school provides instructional resources to help me support my child’s education.” by 5%

Metric/Method for Measuring: School Experience Survey

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Parents	82%	87%	92%	97%	100%	100%

Outcome #4:

Increase the percent of parents reporting on the School Experience Survey: "This school provides me with information (verbal and written) I can understand." By 2%

Metric/Method for Measuring: School Experience Survey

APPLICABLE STUDENT GROUPS	Baseline (Based on most recent data available)	Year 1 of Term	Year 2 of Term	Year 3 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 4 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)	Year 5 of Term (Not applicable if categorized as Low Performing)
All Parents	90%	92%	94%	96%	98%	100%

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

Innovative Components and Key Features

Instructional methodologies requiring students to solve problems, make evidence-based arguments and think critically will promote student competence in Common-Core based academic subjects and will transfer across the curriculum, thereby promoting competence in all subjects. Students will demonstrate learning through projects, presentations, research, debate and portfolios.

Coursework aligned service-learning projects will provide University High School Charter students with volunteer experiences that extend classroom instruction, nurture thinking about career pathways, and revitalize community involvement. The instructional program -through meaningful project-based learning experiences in core academic subjects that nurture student interests and talents - will create lifelong learners.

The overall student goals and anticipated outcomes of the instructional program will promote:

1. Academic skills necessary to be successful in high school, college, career and beyond.
2. Knowledge and understanding of the value of positive character traits
3. An appreciation of students' unique skills and talents
4. An awareness of proper etiquette for interacting with people different from themselves
5. An appreciation of diversity
6. Critical thinking skills
7. The ability and desire to actively participate in learning
8. Broadened, extended, and developed strengths
9. Seeing connections between learning and the surrounding world
10. The ability to problem solve
11. High expectations for themselves
12. Self-motivation and greater self confidence
13. Good character and an appreciation and concern for the larger community
14. The skills and attitudes needed to become lifelong learners

Implementation of strategies to support anticipated outcomes of the instructional program.

1. Use of strategies such as think-pair-share, think-pair-write-share, graphic organizers, etc..

2. Evidence from teacher peer observations, administration observations, and ability of students to articulate and demonstrate their learning
3. The work of the Instructional Leadership Team will promote the idea of Learner Agency as self-directed engagement of knowledge through oral and written forms such as public announcements, social media, and digital and written paper communication.
4. The work of the Instructional Leadership Team will also promote students to skillfully communicate using evidence-based arguments.
5. Through Schoology, students can access more resources, complete assignments/assessments online, and communicate with teachers/school staff.
6. Through various supplemental platforms such IXL, students will have an opportunity to improve and/or accelerate their English comprehension and critical thinking skills. This adaptive program provides the opportunity for remediation and support at their individual level.
7. Through the use of IXL and/or Delta math, students will improve and/or accelerate their math reasoning and problem-solving skills. This adaptive program provides the opportunity for remediation and support at their individual level.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

To better accomplish all of the foregoing goals and missions, and to assure college and career preparedness of all students as delineated by California's current College/Career Indicator, University High School offers rigorous coursework including A-G requirements, AVID, honors, and advanced placement classes. Furthermore, West LA Community College offers concurrent enrollment courses on our campus allowing students to earn college credit for free while exploring college and career options.

To help our students in meeting the common core standards, teachers and departments implement curriculum and utilize instructional strategies that focus on student-centered learning based in conceptual understanding. Students often work in structured teams to support each other's progress towards meeting explicitly stated learning targets. Teachers facilitate class and group discussions with different levels of questioning, and students learn how to ask higher level questions and incorporate academic language into their dialogue.

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Teachers also emphasize the use of academic language through rubrics, word walls, and visual aids. Teachers will facilitate active reading by teaching students note-taking skills and close reading techniques such as questioning, clarifying, predicting, visualizing, and summarizing. These strategies will be adapted to meet the diverse needs of our students such as those with IEPs, English Learners, GATE, and other targeted student populations.

To guarantee a smooth and successful transition to high school, University High School Charter will promote the First Year Summer Bridge Reading and the Rising Freshman programs. Ninth-grade students will be enrolled in the First Year Summer Bridge Program unless opted out by their parents. Parents may opt out by not signing their students up for this program.

The purpose(s) of the First Year Summer Bridge Readiness Program shall be: (1) to orient new University High School Charter students to the academic program and culture of our school; (2) to facilitate transitional summer activities, aiding incoming students in achieving academic readiness, 3) to facilitate activities that nurture student identity, fostering new relationships, engaging in social-emotional learning, and igniting motivation for the upcoming academic year.

CORE COURSES TO BE AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

Subject Area	9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade		12th Grade	
	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem
English Language Arts	English 9A (A-G & HS Grad)	English 9B (A-G & HS Grad)	English 10A (A-G & HS Grad)	English 10B (A-G & HS Grad)	Cont Comp (A-G & HS Grad)	Ame Lit (A-G & HS Grad)	Expos Comp (A-G & HS Grad)	Mod Lit (A-G & HS Grad)
English Language Arts					AP Lang A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Lang B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Lit A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Lit B (A-G & HS Grad)

Subject Area	9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade		12th Grade	
	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem
Mathematics Sequence 1	Algebra 1	Algebra 1	Geom A	Geom B	Algebra 2A	Algebra 2B	Pre Calc A	Pre Calc B

	(A-G & HS Grad)	(A-G & HS Grad)	(A-G & HS Grad)	(A-G & HS Grad)	(A-G & HS Grad)	(A-G & HS Grad)	(A-G & HS Grad)	(A-G & HS Grad)
							Prob Stas A (A-G & HS Grad)	Prob Stas B (A-G & HS Grad)
Mathematics Sequence 2	Algebra 1 (A-G & HS Grad)	Algebra 1 (A-G & HS Grad)	Geom A (A-G & HS Grad)	Geom B (A-G & HS Grad)	Adv Math A (A-G & HS Grad)	Adv Math B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc AB/BC A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc AB/BC B (A-G & HS Grad)
							AP Stats A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Stats B (A-G & HS Grad)
							Prob Stas A (A-G & HS Grad)	Prob Stas B (A-G & HS Grad)
Mathematics Sequence 3	Geom A (A-G & HS Grad)	Geom B (A-G & HS Grad)	Algebra 2A (A-G & HS Grad)	Algebra 2B (A-G & HS Grad)	Pre Calc A (A-G & HS Grad)	Pre Calc B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc AB/BC A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc AB/BC B (A-G & HS Grad)
							AP Stats A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Stats B (A-G & HS Grad)
Mathematics Sequence 4	Geom A (A-G & HS Grad)	Geom B (A-G & HS Grad)	Adv Math A (A-G & HS Grad)	Adv Math B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc AB A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc AB B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc BC A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc BC B (A-G & HS Grad)
							AP Stats A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Stats B (A-G & HS Grad)

					AP Calc AB A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc AB B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc BC A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc BC B (A-G & HS Grad)
					Prob Stats A (A-G & HS Grad)	Prob Stats B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Stats A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Stats B (A-G & HS Grad)
Mathematics Sequence 5	Algebra 2A (A-G & HS Grad)	Algebra 2B (A-G & HS Grad)	Pre Calc A (A-G & HS Grad)	Pre Calc B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc AB A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc AB B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc BC A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc BC B (A-G & HS Grad)
					AP Calc AB A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Calc AB B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Stats A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Stats B (A-G & HS Grad)

Subject Area	9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade		12th Grade	
	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem
History Social Science Sequence 1			World History A (A-G & HS Grad)	World History B (A-G & HS Grad)	US History A (A-G & HS Grad)	US History B (A-G & HS Grad)	Princ of Amer Govt (A-G & HS Grad)	Econ (A-G & HS Grad)
History Social Science Sequence 2	World History A (A-G & HS Grad)	World History B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP World History A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP World History B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP US History A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP US History B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Gov (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Macro Econ (A-G & HS Grad)
			AP Psych A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Psych B (A-G & HS Grad)				

Subject Area	9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade		12th Grade	
	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem
Science Sequence 1	Int A (A-G & HS Grad)	Int B (A-G & HS Grad)	Bio A (A-G & HS Grad)	Bio B (A-G & HS Grad)	Chem A (A-G & HS Grad)	Chem B (A-G & HS Grad)		
	Bio A (A-G & HS Grad)	Bio B (A-G & HS Grad)	Marine Bio A (A-G & HS Grad)	Marine Bio B (A-G & HS Grad)	Physics A (A-G & HS Grad)	Physics B (A-G & HS Grad)		
Science Sequence 2	Bio A (A-G & HS Grad)	Bio B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Bio A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Bio B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Chem A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Chem B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Physics A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Physics B (A-G & HS Grad)
							AP Env A (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Env B (A-G & HS Grad)

Subject Area	9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade		12th Grade	
	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	Spanish 1A (A-G & HS Grad)	Spanish 1B (A-G & HS Grad)	Spanish 2A (A-G & HS Grad)	Spanish 2B (A-G & HS Grad)	Spanish 3A (A-G & HS Grad)	Spanish 3B (A-G & HS Grad)		
	Spa Spkrs 1A (A-G & HS Grad)	Spa Spkrs 1B (A-G & HS Grad)	Spa Spkrs 2A (A-G & HS Grad)	Spa Spkrs 2B (A-G & HS Grad)	AP Spa Lang A	AP Spa Lang B	Ap Spa Lit A	AP Spa Lit B
	French 1A	French 1B	French 2A	French 2B	French 3A	French 3B		

	(A-G & HS Grad)	(A-G & HS Grad)	(A-G & HS Grad)	(A-G & HS Grad)				
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Subject Area	9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade		12th Grade	
	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem
Visual Arts Courses	Ceramics 1 A/B (A-G & HS Grad)	Ceramics 2 A/B (A-G & HS Grad)	Painting 1 A/B (A-G & HS Grad)	Painting 2 A/B (A-G & HS Grad)	Drawing 1 A/B (A-G & HS Grad)	Drawing 1 A/B (A-G & HS Grad)		
Visual Arts Advanced Courses	AP Studio Art & Drawing A/B	AP Studio Art 2 D A/B	AP Studio Art 3D A/B					
Performing Arts Courses	Keyboard 1 A/B	Keyboard 2 A/B	Choir 1 A/B	Choir 2 A/B	Guitar 1 A/B	Guitar 2 A/B		
	Jazz Ens A/B	Orchestra A/B	Music Tech A/B	Music Prod/Buss Music A/B	AP Music Theory A/B			

Other courses are offered at University High School Charter that provide students with the opportunity to deepen their learning through elective courses. The courses include:

Science: Anatomy/Physiology A/B (G)

History: AP Psychology A/B (G)

English: AP Seminar A/B and AP Research A/B are an Advanced Placement Capstone courses offered at the school. Students earning a qualifying in these two courses are eligible to receive a certificate from the College Board. Additionally, students earning a qualifying score in the two courses and four other AP exams will earn an AP Capstone Diploma

Math: AP Calculus AB and BC are introductory college-level calculus courses equivalent to the first year of calculus in university.

AP Calculus AB is typically equivalent to a first-semester college calculus course (Calc I), covering limits, derivatives, and basic integrals.

AP Calculus BC covers all AB topics plus additional advanced material (roughly Calc I and II), including parametric, polar, and vector functions, and series

AP Computer Science A/B

AP Computer Science is an introductory college-level computer science course. When completing this course, students will have a deep understanding of coding through analyzing, writing, and testing code as they explore concepts like modularity, variables and control structures.

English Language Development courses are provided to students acquiring English as their Second language. The courses are sequenced to promote literacy in English and support both social and academic language as student acquire listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The school also offers Advanced ELD and Literacy and Language courses to support Long-Term English Learners (LTEL) in mastering English Language Arts standards and reclassification criteria.

Students will also be required to meet the Physical Education requirements as prescribed by the California Department of Education.

Graduation Requirements

University High School Charter students must meet District and State graduation requirements including A-G courses in the following subjects: Social Science; English; Math; Science; Language other than English; Visual and Performing Arts; G Elective. Additionally, students must complete Health, Physical Education, an additional year of Social Science, the Career and Technical Education Pathway requirement, the Service Learning requirement and meet the 210 credit requirement set by the District.

The students' needs drive the creation of the master schedule to ensure that all students have access to the courses needed for graduation. The school's master schedule is crafted from scratch each year as students' course needs change year to year based on enrollment and academic progress. Counselors meet with all students a minimum of two times per year to guide and support students in their academic courses. For the first year of high school, students receive support from a dedicated 9th grade counselor who works with 9th grade students and parents to help manage the transition to high school and the academic success of the students. Similarly, counselors of grades 10th through 12th, meet with their counselees an average of three times per year to ensure that students remain focused and on track for graduation.

The school offers honors, AVID, EL and Special Education programs to meet the varying needs of students and to support student academic and career goals.

To support student success, the school offers a variety of credit recovery options including winter and spring academy, summer school, and ACE/STAR 17 program to support student access to four-year colleges. Counselors monitor student progress to enroll students into credit recovery courses and programs. The school's A-G Advisor works closely with all the Tier One, Two and Three students and their families to help recover credits and ensure that graduation requirements are met. Tier one, Tier two, and Tier three are terms used in education to describe different levels of intervention and support that students may need to achieve academic success. Tier 1 students receive high quality core instruction. Tier 2 students need extra help and receive targeted small group support. Tier 3 students need more help and receive intensive interventions for academic or behavioral needs. The A-G Advisor and the school develop and work closely with continuation and alternative programs throughout the city to support students who have fallen off-track with the idea that the student will return and graduate at University High School Charter.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES TO BE AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS

University High School Charter will strive to maintain a robust Advanced Placement program with offerings in as many disciplines as possible. These courses may include but are not limited to:

ENGLISH:

- AP Language
- AP Literature

- AP Government
- AP Psychology

SCIENCE:

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP Environmental Science

ARTS:

- AP Drawing
- AP Studio Art 2D
- AP Studio Art 3D
- AP Music Theory

MATHEMATICS:

- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH ("L.O.T.E."; FORMERLY REFERRED TO AS FOREIGN LANGUAGE):

- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature

HISTORY:

- AP World History
- AP U.S. History
- AP Economics

G ELECTIVE:

- AP Capstone - AP Seminar and AP Research

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program challenges identified highly gifted and high performing gifted students through a rigorous and demanding curriculum of enriched, honors, and advanced placement courses. All instruction in the honors courses is paced, providing differentiated levels of complexity, depth, and ultimately high expectations for student achievement that are appropriate to individual learning needs. Emphasis is placed on

engaging students in academic activities that demand critical thinking, shape independent judgments, and sharpen analytical and problem-solving skills.

Honors and advanced placement classes shall be made available in all academic core subject areas, whenever possible, unless the University High School Council otherwise authorizes a temporary exemption from this requirement. (In such an event, any such exemption shall expire at the end of the school year in which it was granted.) [See Gifted (GATE) subsection below.]

M.A.S.T. MAGNET

The Math, Arts, Science, and Technology (or “MAST”) Magnet program in place as of September 2016 shall continue to have a focus, structure, curriculum, culture, and programming designed to foster student excellence in mathematics, arts, science, and technology.

Where feasible, its curriculum design shall seek to align with programming at comparable “STEM” (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs at feeder schools.

The Local School Leadership Council shall be responsible for ensuring that the MAST Magnet continues to comply with the requirements of the Los Angeles Unified School District (“District”) governing magnet schools.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR GRADUATION AND POSTSECONDARY PREPARATION

To ensure college and career preparedness and to address gaps in learning during the semester, University High School Charter offers a variety of educational support opportunities. They may include but are not limited to Edgenuity after school program and ACE/STAR 17 recovery program, winter and spring academy, summer school, community college classes, free daily after-school tutoring, SAT prep, and the AVID elective program.

Curriculum and Instruction

Charter School shall have autonomy in their instructional programs and choice of curricular materials pursuant to District policy and consistent with the requirements of section 60000, et seq. of the Education Code, the *Williams* settlement, and aligned with California content and performance standards, including the Common Core State Standards, and CAASPP.

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Prior to enrolling, transfer student transcripts are analyzed carefully by the school to ensure the student can be successful in the school program. Parents are informed of what the graduation requirements are and how their students can meet the requirements when enrolling. Transfer students will have access to the same credit recovery options if necessary to meet the District and State graduation requirements including the A-G courses. The credit recovery options are offered through the after school Edgenuity program, during the summer school, and Winter and Spring Academy. A student with 4-5 or more classes deficient is considered to be in the Tier 3 level of needed intervention and support. This is usually a student who can be referred to attend continuation high school.

For students transferring out of the school, transcripts are reviewed at the time of check out. Parents will be informed that all courses are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) as well as of those courses which have been approved by the University of California as A-G eligible. In addition, for students checking out mid-semester, parents are informed that credits are not issued for the courses and that the student will only be receiving transfer grades based on the student's progress at the time of check out. The exceptions are those students who fall under the education code for specialized populations. Specialized populations are eligible students in foster care, students experiencing homelessness, students on probation, children in military families, migratory students, or newly arrived students. These students will receive partial credit based on their hours of attendance and their grades. For specialized populations, all effort will be made to enter the partial credits prior to the student checking out and a transcript will be sent to the receiving school.

Transitional Kindergarten

Charter School shall comply with all applicable requirements and District policy regarding transitional kindergarten. For purposes of admission to Charter School, transitional kindergarten shall be considered a part of kindergarten, and therefore students enrolled in transitional kindergarten at Charter School shall be considered existing students of Charter School for purposes of Charter School's admissions, enrollment, and lottery.

Academic Calendar and Schedules

Charter School shall offer, at a minimum, the number of minutes of instruction set forth in Education Code section 47612.5, and the number of school days required by California Code of Regulations, Title 5, section 11960. Charter School shall comply with all applicable District policies and procedures and provisions of LAUSD collective bargaining agreements (CBAs), as they may change from time to time, including but not limited to provisions related to work year, academic calendars, and schedules.

University High School Charter will continue a single track 6 period day bell schedule aligned with LAUSD instructional calendar and will be modified accordingly and as per LAUSD Board approvals. The Local School Leadership Council is empowered to revise the bell schedule by majority vote. Below are the approved school's bell schedules.

REGULAR DAY BELL SCHEDULE

Period	Start Time	End Time	Passing Minutes	Period Duration	Total Instruction Mins
Period 1	8:30 AM	9:36 AM	0	66	66
Period 2	9:43 AM	10:39 AM	7	56	63
Nutrition	10:39 AM	10:49 AM	0	10	0
Period 3	10:56 AM	11:52 AM	7	56	63
Period 4	11:59 AM	12:55 PM	7	56	63
Lunch	12:55 PM	1:30 PM	0	35	0
Period 5	1:37 PM	2:33 PM	7	56	63
Period 6	2:40 PM	3:36 PM	7	56	63
Total			35	391	381/383

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TUESDAY BELL SCHEDULE

Period	Start Time	End Time	Passing Minutes	Period Duration	Total Instruction Mins
Period 1	8:30 AM	9:26 AM	0	56	56
Period 2	9:33 AM	10:19 AM	7	46	53

Nutrition	10:19 AM	10:29 AM	0	10	0
Period 3	10:36 AM	11:22 AM	7	46	53
Period 4	11:29 AM	12:15 AM	7	46	53
Lunch	12:15 AM	12:50 PM	0	35	0
Period 5	12:57 PM	1:43 PM	7	46	53
Period 6	1:50 PM	2:36 PM	7	46	53
Total			35	331	321/323

SHORTENED DAY BELL SCHEDULE

Period	Start Time	End Time	Passing Minutes	Period Duration	Total Instruction Mins
Period 1	8:30 AM	9:20 AM	0	50	50
Period 2	9:27 AM	10:14 AM	7	47	54
Nutrition	10:14 AM	10:24 AM	0	10	0
Period 3	10:31 AM	11:18 AM	7	47	54
Period 4	11:25 AM	12:12 PM	7	47	54
Lunch	12:12 PM	12:47 PM	0	35	0
Period 5	12:54 PM	1:41 PM	7	47	54
Period 6	1:48 PM	2:35 PM	7	47	54
Total			35	330	320/318

MINIMUM DAY BELL SCHEDULE

Period	Start Time	End Time	Passing Minutes	Period Duration	Total Instruction Mins
Period 1	8:30 AM	9:10 AM	0	40	40
Period 2	9:17 AM	9:54 AM	7	37	44
Period 3	10:01 AM	10:38 AM	7	37	44
Nutrition	10:38 AM	10:58 AM	0	20	0

Period 4	11:05 AM	11:42 AM	7	37	44
Period 5	11:49 AM	12:26 PM	7	37	44
Period 6	12:33 PM	1:10 PM	7	37	44
Total			35	245	260/253



Los Angeles Unified School District
INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

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3/11/2025

JULY

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

SEPTEMBER

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

OCTOBER

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

DECEMBER

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

JANUARY

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

FEBRUARY

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

MARCH

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

APRIL

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	27	29	30

MAY

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

JUNE

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

07/03/26	Independence Day Observed	01/18/27	Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Birthday
08/12/26	First Day of Instruction	02/15/27	Presidents' Day
09/04/26	Admission Day	03/22 - 03/26/27	Spring Recess
09/07/26	Labor Day	03/31/27	Cesar E. Chavez Birthday
11/11/26	Veterans' Day	05/31/27	Memorial Day
11/26 - 11/27/26	Thanksgiving Holiday	06/04/27	Last Day of Instruction
12/21/26 - 01/08/27	Winter Recess	06/18/27	Juneteenth Holiday Observed
01/11/27	Second Semester Begins		

LEGEND:

- First Day/Last Day of Instruction
- Legal/Local Holidays
- School Recess
- Unassigned Day (No School)
- Pupil Free Days *
- Second Semester Begins
- Instructional Days

Instructional Days

Fall Semester	84
Spring Semester	96
Total	180

Pupil Free Days are Tuesday, August 11, 2026, and Monday, June 7, 2028.
 * If a school selects Monday, January 11, 2027, as a Pupil Free Day, then Monday, June 7, 2027, becomes an Instructional Day.
 ** The Board's adoption of these Instructional Calendars is tentative and conditioned on and subject to the outcome of negotiations with the unions regarding their members' work year calendars.

Instructional Days & Minutes

Grades	Grades Offered	Number of Regular Days	Number of Instr. Minutes Per Regular Day	Number of PD Early Dismissal Days	Number of Instr. Minutes Per PD Early Dismissal Day	Number of Minimum Days	Number of Instr. Minutes Per Minimum Day	Number of Shortened Days	Number of Instr. Minutes Per Shortened Day	Total Number of Instr. Days	Minutes Req'd Per State Law	Total Number of Instr. Minutes	Number of Instr. Minutes Above/Below State Req't.
9	Select Y/N	132	381	36	321	4	260	8	320	180	64800	65448	648
10	Select Y/N	132	381	36	321	4	260	8	320	180	64800	65448	648
11	Select Y/N	132	381	36	321	4	260	8	320	180	64800	65448	648
12	Select Y/N	132	381	36	321	4	260	8	320	180	64800	65448	648

Mathematics Placement Act

Charter School shall comply with all applicable requirements of the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015.

WASC Accreditation

If Charter School serves students in grades 9-12, before Charter School graduates its first class of students, Charter School shall obtain, and thereafter maintain, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation.

University High School Charter is fully accredited based on a full review in the Fall of 2019. A midterm visit validated the progress the school had made in Spring of 2024. The school is currently preparing for a complete Self-Study for the spring of 2027.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall comply with and implement required District policies and procedures related to staff professional development. University High School Charter will provide ongoing professional development to ensure that teachers have the skills needed to deliver the instructional program. Professional development (PD) will occur every Tuesday throughout the academic year based on District and State requirements. Teachers will be given the opportunities to attend District and other off campus professional development.

The Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) utilizes student assessment data and District outcomes to develop a comprehensive PD Plan for the year which includes District mandated Professional Development topics.

During the instructional calendar year, the teachers engage in a wide selection of professional development which includes:

- Supporting Foster Youth: Laws, Policies & Best Practices

- English Learners & Standard English Learner Master Plan
- Implementing A Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Framework
- Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Pedagogy (CRLP)
- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- California State Frameworks and Content Standards
- College and Career Readiness Standards Emphasizing Evidence-Based Argument

Instructional Leadership Team

The Instructional Leadership Team plans, designs and supports the facilitation of professional development activities aligned with the College/Career Readiness Standards from CCSS, The State Content Framework, the instructional program and the School's Theory of Action/Problem of Practice.

Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Collaborating with team and department members to identify professional growth needs of the faculty and staff based on student achievement.
- Designing professional development that addresses the identified needs in concert with school-wide goals
- Facilitating professional learning aligned with identified needs of the teaching staff to address student achievement.
- Establishing processes of observation and feedback that enhance the transfer of professional learning into practice.
- Reflecting on outcomes to determine continuing needs and to address changes in district, state and federal programs.
- Providing ongoing support to the teaching staff to ensure common strategies and growth plans are transferred to practice.
- Monitoring results of instruction using state and district assessments to further professional development for the teaching staff.

The Composition of the ILT consists of at least 8 and no more than 16 members. Members of the ILT include the principal and assistant principal(s) appointed by the principal. The majority of the members will be comprised of teachers, including non-classroom staff members.

Term of service

The Principal is a permanent member of the ILT. The other administrative members are designated by the principal to a term determined by the principal. Teacher members serve three year terms. Terms of service will be staggered to provide for a continuity of teacher members.

Election Process

All teachers (in and out of the classroom) with "permanent" status are eligible to apply for membership of the ILT. By March 1st of each year, teachers submit a letter or email of interest to participate in the ILT. The ILT reviews the letters of interest and selects candidates by majority vote of present ILT members for subsequent confirmation by the teaching staff. Upon confirmation, the teachers serve a three-year term. Should one or

more of the applicants fail to be confirmed, another candidate(s) will be selected from the group who submitted a letter of interest and put forward for confirmation. If no candidates remain, the principal, in consultation with the members of the ILT, will appoint the number of members necessary to make the committee whole.

Teacher members of the ILT are not required to participate in any other governance committee within the charter. This does not preclude the teacher member for volunteering for other charter committees.

A Lead Teacher (or teachers) will be identified within the teacher members of the ILT. The Lead Teacher (s) will be provided with resources to coordinate and facilitate the committee activities.

ILT members, by a majority vote, set the agenda for professional development on an annual basis and in consultation with the faculty as a whole based on school need and data on student achievement. ILT will conduct annual survey of the faculty to identify the needs of the school to inform decisions regarding future professional development. ILT will assist in the calendaring of all professional development days.

Absent a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote by Local School Leadership Council to the contrary, the decision of the ILT shall be binding for the period of time specified in the ILT's plan, not to exceed three years.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS

English Learners

As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall implement the provisions of the District's *Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners*, as it may change from time to time, and comply with all applicable federal and state laws and District policies and procedures related to the implementation of the *Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners*.

University High School Charter is dedicated to meeting the needs of all learners in an inclusive environment. University High School instructs English Learners with the goal that all will successfully meet and exceed the Common Core Standards. In accordance with the LAUSD English Learner Master Plan, students will be placed in ELD classes as appropriate to their language fluency based on their initial test scores. All students will be given equal access to all courses, including honors and AP classes.

University High School Charter teachers (designated and integrated ELD) and staff will meet the needs of English Learners by implementing instructional practices that are proven effective and supported by LAUSD (SDAIE strategies and the ELD Framework). The ELD Framework will be used as a critical tool in targeting the needs and strengths of student's abilities and finding meaningful ways to support language acquisition in all domains using the SDAIE strategies. These SDAIE strategies include but are not limited to scaffolding the presentation of concepts, clarifying learning objectives specific to

language development, differentiating instruction based on each child's readiness, enhancing vocabulary instruction, and developing a positive relationship with the parents of English Learners to keep them informed of their children's progress and to assist them with supporting at home.

The results of the ELPAC will be used to conduct teacher and student data chats, student and parent data chats and/or teacher-student-parent data chats. Additionally, these scores will be utilized to determine needed academic interventions.

The process for annual evaluation of the charter's EL program will consist of processes such as monthly presentations of data and monthly data chats with the English Learner Advisory Committee and School Site Council.

In addition, we will also continue to support students as they set achievable goals based on test scores or language fluency. Interventions for students who are learning English may include realia, poetry, peer reading and homework buddies, modeling, group work, small group instruction, pre-teaching/re-teaching, preferred seating, one-to-one conferencing and instruction, checking for understanding, choral reading, books on tape, interactive play, gesturing, visual cues, total physical response, repetition, repeating directions, leadership roles, differentiated and tiered instruction, teaching of phonics and vocabulary in meaningful contexts.

We will continue to be committed to quality professional development where we strive to successfully educate our students who are learning English. We will apply research-based practices in the classroom and share innovative best practices with colleagues. We will continue to provide quality language arts instruction that facilitates our students who are learning English moving through the ELD levels and becoming redesignated as fluent English speakers. We will also follow all district and state guidelines regarding initial and annual ELPAC testing and reclassification for students who are learning English.

The needs of students who are learning English are also supported by an on-site coordinator, school-wide programming, and ELAC. In addition, during the academic year we celebrate cultural differences and similarities both within the classroom and throughout the school.

Specifically, University High School Charter will:

- Examine data to identify students at risk of not making annual progress and refer them to the SSPT (as per the District's Master Plan for English Learners) to determine strategies to help the student be successful. Use effective instructional strategies for English Learners such as SDAIE, scaffolding, graphic organizers, and cooperative learning.
- Prepare students to take the ELPAC, Reading Inventory, and Smarter Balanced Assessment by using test released questions and examples so that students know what is expected of them on the test.
- Have ELs set goals towards reclassification and prepare a plan in order to achieve them.

- Utilize Teacher's Assistants and parent volunteers who speak the students' home language to offer translation of difficult concepts and to provide support.
- Encourage EL parents to be involved in their child's education by sending home all documents, and making phone calls, whenever possible in the parents' home language. Similarly, a concerted effort will be made to have a translator present at all parent meetings.
- Following the District Master Plan for ELs, all parents will be informed of what is needed for reclassification, their child's program placement and assessment scores, and the English Learner Program Options.
- Students that have already reclassified (RFEP) will continue to be monitored by the coordinator and SSPT for academic success and attendance and provided with support if necessary. Parents and teachers will participate in these discussions. The monitoring will happen after each grading period.
- Students that are LTEL's and at risk of becoming LTEL's will participate in additional push-in supports by the coordinator. This can be in the form of targeted test prep, reading circles, writing clinics, or dramatic play depending on the needs of the students. The coordinator will meet with the parents of these students to ensure there is clear

Gifted and Talented Students and Students Achieving Above Grade Level

Charter School shall continue to use LAUSD's Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) student identification process, adhere to District policies and procedures regarding GATE, and reimburse the District for GATE testing and processing on a fee-for-service basis.

Teachers deliver whole-class instruction at or above grade level for GATE students and then differentiate the curriculum for those students whose needs dictate greater challenge and higher-level instruction. Differentiation can take the form of individualized extension of the curriculum (both teacher and student initiated), increased complexity and depth of curriculum, accelerated pacing of instruction, and higher expectations for student production appropriate to individual learning interests, needs, and abilities. Instruction for students who are identified as gifted and talented includes opportunities to practice critical thinking and creative problem solving in conjunction with subject matter acquisition and content mastery.

GATE students will be identified following current LAUSD policy. Furthermore, identified students within the program will be monitored for progress every semester to ensure they are exceeding the progress of their peers. GATE students' progress is monitored by the GATE coordinator and academic counselors, Pupil Services and Attendance Counselor and administrators.

University High School Charter will offer an Honors program, also known as Schools for Advanced Studies Program for identified GATE students, and students who demonstrate a high level of academic achievement. This program will challenge students by providing rigorous instruction that promotes active learning and critical thinking. In addition,

teachers will provide opportunities for gifted students to modify their individual assignments to be more challenging and engaging.

Students Achieving Below Grade Level

University High School Charter is committed to meeting LAUSD's goal of 100% graduation and 100% attendance. The APSCS, Academic Counselors, A-G Pupil Services and Attendance Counselor, and School Based Pupil Services and Attendance Counselor will work with students identified as at-risk of dropping out due to credit deficiency and/or chronic absences. Utilizing the Student Support and Progress Team, low achieving students will be identified, and a student success plan will be developed with the student, parent/guardian and school staff, to suit their individual needs. Low achieving students will be monitored more carefully and for more extreme cases, students will be assigned Daily reports to progress monitor academics and attendance.

Students who are credit deficient by one or two courses will be referred to the After School program. This is considered a local design program available at Uni for a period of time after school. However, for students who are at least 16 years old and are credit deficient a semester (30 credits) or more will be referred to continuation high school, , AC2T, independent studies, Regional Occupational Program (ROP), summer school, West Los Angeles Community College (WLAC), after school tutoring, etc.

The school will use a tiered approach to monitor student progress. The School Support and Progress Team (SSPT) will monitor the data and hold meetings as appropriate for the students. Counselors will continue to monitor their caseload and meet with parents as well as consult with the SSPT.

Socioeconomically Disadvantaged

University High School Charter will identify socio-economically disadvantage/low income students by using the free or reduced lunch designations. Students with a code of 1 meet the federal guidelines for free lunch. Students with a code of 2 meet the federal guidelines for reduced lunch. Students with a code of 5 meet the federal guidelines for state or federal programs like CalWorks, a temporary welfare program. These three meal code designations are the indicator of a student in the socio-economically disadvantaged/low income group.

At University High School Charter, approximately 72% of the student population falls in the category of socio-economically disadvantaged. Necessary services are provided by the people serving in the following positions: Academic Counselor, Pupil Services and Attendance Counselor, Intervention/Prevention Support Coordinator, Problem Solving Data Coordinator, and Psychiatric Social Worker. The provision of services include, but

are not limited to working more closely with students to ensure class schedules are appropriate and A-G progress is on-track. The Pupil Services and Attendance Counselor will work with students who are not regularly attending school. The Intervention/Prevention Support Coordinator will work with students to provide appropriate intervention/credit recovery opportunities to stay on track for graduation. The Psychiatric Social Worker will work with students and their families to address social and emotional issues that limit academic progress. The Foster Youth & Homeless liaison will collaborate with various team members as needed. In general, a multi-disciplinary team effort will be provided to students needing extra support.

Students with Disabilities

Special Education

The District shall continue to serve the needs of students with disabilities enrolled in District affiliated charter schools in the same manner as at any other public school of the District and shall be responsible for adhering to the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”), California special education laws and regulations, and District policies and procedures for special education to ensure that all students with disabilities are accorded a free appropriate public education (“FAPE”) as is required of all District authorized schools.

Conversion Affiliated Charter

1. District Affiliated Charter School’s Special Education Responsibilities

a. General Requirements

The District Affiliated Charter School will adhere to the provisions of the IDEA and California special education laws and regulations to ensure that all students with disabilities are provided a free appropriate public education (“FAPE”) as is required of all District authorized schools. The District Affiliated Charter School will also ensure that no student otherwise eligible to enroll in the District Affiliated Charter School will be denied enrollment, or be required to waive their right to enrollment and/or continued attendance in a settlement agreement, on the basis of their special education eligibility.

The District Affiliated Charter School will comply with Sections 504 and 508 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and all Office of Civil Rights mandates for students enrolled in the District Affiliated Charter School.

The District Affiliated Charter School will use District forms to develop, maintain, and review assessments and Individualized Education Programs (“IEPs”) in the

format required by the District and will enter accurate assessment and IEP data into the District's designated data system (Welligent) in accordance with LAUSD policies and procedures. The District Affiliated Charter School will maintain copies of assessments and IEP materials for District review and submit to the District all required reports.

The District Affiliated Charter School shall keep daily attendance for each student which shall be reported and certified according to District policies and procedures.

The District Affiliated Charter School will participate in the state quality assurance process for special education (i.e., verification reviews, coordinated compliance self-reviews, complaints monitoring, procedural safeguards, and the local plan). The District Affiliated Charter School will participate in internal validation review ("DVR").

The District Affiliated Charter School is responsible for the management of its personnel, programs, and services. All employees shall be hired by the District and maintain the same relationships with and through all respective bargaining units as other District employees at non-charter schools. The District Affiliated Charter School will implement the programs and services, including providing related services, required by the IEPs of the students enrolled at the District Affiliated Charter School.

b. Transferring Students

For students transferring to the District Affiliated Charter School from other school districts, District-operated schools or District authorized charters, the District will provide those related services required by the students' IEPs immediately upon the students' enrollment regardless of the types of service provider (i.e., school-based, NPA, or private). District Affiliated Charter School will ensure that IEP team meetings for such students will be held within thirty (30) days of the student's enrollment in accordance with federal and state law and District policies and procedures.

c. Assessments

Unless circumstances indicate otherwise, the referral process shall include Student Support and Progress Team (SSPT) meetings to review prior interventions, accommodations, and modifications and to recommend further interventions as appropriate. The referral process shall be supported by the Response to Intervention (RtI) model approach using data to identify student strengths and weaknesses. Upon review of accumulated data, observation and review of records, the District Affiliated Charter School may determine that assessment is necessary to determine possible eligibility for special education programs and related services.

Upon a teacher or other staff member's request for assessment, the District Affiliated Charter School shall develop an assessment plan in Welligent for each student with suspected disabilities within the 15 day timeline.

Upon a parent/guardian's request for assessment, the District Affiliated Charter School shall develop an assessment plan in Welligent for each student with suspected disabilities within the 15 day timeline; or decline to assess with an appropriate Prior Written Notice Letter. The District Affiliated Charter School may hold a SSPT meeting with the parent within 15 days to discuss the request in light of student records, available data, and student performance, but must still meet the statutory timeline for the assessment request. The District Affiliated Charter School may provide general education interventions through the SSPT process whether the special education assessment is conducted or not. If parent/guardian wishes to forgo the SSPT meeting, the District Affiliated Charter will develop the assessment plan, as noted above.

The LAUSD assessment plan describes the types of assessments that may be used to discuss potential eligibility of students for special education instruction and services at an IEP meeting. Assessments will be conducted, within legal timelines, after receiving the parents' written consent. The District Affiliated Charter School shall conduct an IEP team meeting that includes required team members within mandated timelines for each student assessed to discuss results, determine eligibility, and (if eligible) specify special education instruction and services. The District Affiliated Charter School will make decisions regarding eligibility, goals, program, placement, and exit from special education through the IEP process according to federal, state and District timelines.

d. Alternative Placements

Under limited circumstances when a District Affiliated Charter School student's needs may not be met at the District Affiliated Charter School, the District Affiliated Charter School will consult with the District to discuss placement and service alternatives. The IEP team convened at the District Affiliated Charter School shall have the authority to make offers of a FAPE and decisions regarding the staffing and methodology used to provide special education and related services pursuant to an IEP.

e. Least Restrictive Environment

The District Affiliated Charter School will ensure students with disabilities are served in the least restrictive environment as required by law. The District Affiliated Charter School general program of instruction for students with disabilities shall be responsive to the required sequence of courses and related curricular activities provided for all students in the District Affiliated Charter School. Assessment and standardized testing procedures shall be implemented, including guidelines for modifications and adaptations, to monitor student progress.

f. Non-Discrimination

The Charter is committed to complying with applicable laws, regulations, and policies regarding nondiscrimination. The Charter will conduct outreach activities to attract and enroll students, including students with mild to severe disabilities, that is diverse and comparable with resident schools with similar demographics with the goal of aligning with the District-wide average. The District Affiliated Charter School may not refuse to admit a student based on special education eligibility, needs or services identified in the student's IEP and may not refuse or require waiver of enrollment rights based on a student's eligibility for special education. The District will make available to the District Affiliated Charter School reports indicating range of services and number of students served at individual District affiliated charter schools.

g. Staffing Requirements

The District Affiliated Charter School shall participate in available appropriate District trainings to support access by students with disabilities to the general education classroom, general education curriculum, integration of instructional strategies and curriculum adaptations to address the diverse learner, and interaction with typically developing peers.

The District Affiliated Charter School will maintain responsibility for monitoring progress towards meeting IEP goals. The District Affiliated Charter School will assess, develop, and implement Individual Transition Plans to help students with disabilities transition to adult living in accordance with Federal and State laws and District policies and procedures.

h. Student Discipline

The District Affiliated Charter School will ensure that it complies with the mandates of state and federal laws, including the IDEA, regarding discipline of students with disabilities. Discipline procedures will include positive behavioral interventions and align with District policy. Prior to recommending expulsion and/or prior to the eleventh day of cumulative suspension for a student with disabilities, the District Affiliated Charter School will convene a manifestation determination IEP team meeting as set forth in the District's Policies and Procedures Manual. The District Affiliated Charter School will collect data pertaining to the number of special education students suspended or expelled.

2. Procedural Safeguards/Due Process Hearings

The District on behalf of and/or in conjunction with the District Affiliated Charter School may invoke dispute resolution provisions set out in the charter petition, initiate due process hearings, and/or utilize other procedures applicable to the District Affiliated Charter School if the District determines that such action is legally necessary to ensure compliance with federal and state special education laws and regulations.

In the event that a parent or guardian of a student attending the District Affiliated Charter School initiates due process proceedings, the District will be named as a respondent . Whenever possible, the District and the District Affiliated Charter School shall work together to resolve the matter at an early stage (informal resolution session or mediation).

3. Complaints

The District will investigate and respond to all special education complaints the District receives pertaining to the District Affiliated Charter School including the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures, Office for Civil Rights and California Department of Education Special Education Compliance. The District Affiliated Charter School will cooperate with the District in any such investigations and provide the District with any and all documentation that is needed to respond to complaints.

4. Funding of Special Education

The District Affiliated Charter School will adhere to all District policies and procedures regarding special education and special education funding, as they may be amended from time to time. The District shall retain all state and federal special education funding for District Affiliated Charter School students which is allocated to the SELPA. The District shall be responsible for providing all appropriate special education and related services in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws.

5. District Responsibilities Relating to District Affiliated Charter School Special Education Program

As long as charter schools operate as public schools within the District, the District shall provide information to the school regarding District special education decisions, policies, and procedures to the same extent as they are provided to other schools within the District.

At its discretion, the District will make available training opportunities and/or information regarding special education to District Affiliated Charter Schools.

All District schools, including District affiliated charter schools, are required to implement the District's integrated student information system which is referred to as My Integrated Student Information System (MiSiS). MiSiS is a suite of applications which is designed to capture all District student data. All District affiliated charter schools are required to utilize MiSiS.

Students in Other Student Groups

Students placed in out-of-home care (e.g., foster home, group home, relative home,

etc.) or who have an open dependency court case will be identified through a data match using the My Integrated Student Information System (MISIS). The Foster Youth Counselor or administrator's designee will generate the Foster Youth Comprehensive Summary – Secondary report on a weekly basis to track existing, enrolling, and withdrawing foster youth. The Foster Youth Counselor will be the point person to provide comprehensive academic assessments; individual, transitional, and group counseling; develop goals and provide interventions; engage caregivers, refer to District and community resources; participate in multi-disciplinary meetings, advocate for the educational rights of foster youth; coordinate services and collaborate with school programs and community agencies to engage foster youth with opportunities to improve their attendance, educational achievement, and social-emotional well-being.

Element 2 – Measurable Pupil Outcomes, and Method by which Pupil Progress Toward Outcomes will be Measured

Element 3 –

“The measurable pupil outcomes identified for use by the charter school. “Pupil outcomes,” for purposes of this part, means the extent to which all pupils of the school demonstrate that they have attained the skills, knowledge, and attitudes specified as goals in the school’s educational program. Pupil outcomes shall include outcomes that address increases in pupil academic achievement both schoolwide and for all groups of pupils served by the charter school, as that term is defined in subdivision (a) of Section 52052. The pupil outcomes shall align with the state priorities, as described in subdivision (d) of Section 52060, that apply for the grade levels served, or the nature of the program operated, by the charter school.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(B).)

“The method by which pupil progress in meeting those pupil outcomes is to be measured. To the extent practicable, the method for measuring pupil outcomes for state priorities shall be consistent with the way information is reported on a school accountability report card.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(C).)

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Charter School agrees to comply with and adhere to state requirements for participation in and administration of all state mandated tests, including computer-based assessments. As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall test with the District and adhere to District testing calendars and procedures for all state mandated assessments. Charter School shall submit and maintain up-to-date and accurate school and student data in MiSiS, and other data systems used or required by the District, and otherwise ensure that Charter School reports complete, accurate, and up-to-date data for all purposes related to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) in accordance

with District policies and procedures and the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 861.

MEASURABLE GOALS OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Charter School shall meet all statewide content and performance standards and targets. (Ed. Code §§47605(d)(1), 60605.)

Charter School shall work toward aligning all applicable District goals, including but not limited to the school and student outcome goals set forth in the LAUSD's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Strategic Plan, as they may be amended, updated, and/or replaced by the District, throughout the term of the Charter.

Charter School shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and District policies and procedures related to AB 97 (2013) (Local Control Funding Formula) and AB 484 (2013), as they may be amended from time to time, including all requirements pertaining to pupil outcomes.

University High School Charter continues to measure the success of the educational program and to promote college and career readiness through the structure with the following goals:

- Increase graduation rates
- Increase completion of A-G graduation requirements
- Increase the percentage of students taking the PSAT, SAT, ACT and district and state mandated assessments.
- Increase AP participation and AP pass rates
- Increase the percentage of students participating in dual and concurrent enrollment coursework through programs such as our partnership with West LA College
- Increase acceptance rates at UC, CSU and private universities
- Increase CTE pathway participation
- Increase parental involvement through the Local School Leadership Council, committees and parent meetings.

MEASURABLE PUPIL OUTCOMES:

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Progress will be evaluated or determined by:

- Increased performance on CAASPP, SAT, PSAT, mandated district and State assessments and criterion-referenced tests.
- Increased number of SAT, PSAT, ACT and AP tests taken.
- Survey to measure the effectiveness of staff development activities.
- Teacher assessments, student work, and alternative assessments.
- Reduced number of suspensions, OTs, expulsions, violent incidents, disciplinary referrals.

- Increased student attendance.
- A yearly comparison of statistics on the number of underrepresented student groups placed in honor and AP classes and monitoring their success rates.

MEASURING PUPIL PROGRESS TOWARD OUTCOMES: FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School shall meet or exceed the District standards and guidelines for implementing diagnostic, screening, periodic and/or benchmark assessments. Charter School shall be responsible for paying all costs related to the implementation of any alternate and/or replacement diagnostic, screening, periodic and/or benchmark assessments.

Please refer to the section titled: Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Requirements.

DATA ANALYSIS AND REPORTING

Teachers at University High School Charter will assess students throughout the year using formative and summative assessments. Teachers will analyze these data and will use it as a guide for instruction as well as cre

Teachers will

- Use “MyData” and Focus Reporting and Dashboards from MiSiS to analyze deficits in student performance levels from previous years.
- Teachers will use Schoology to monitor ongoing progress and target students that need support. Teachers will then meet to discuss and implement strategies to help at-risk students.
- Teachers will use Periodic Assessments to determine student progress and level of understanding of subject matter in core classes. Periodic assessments allow teachers to compare student performance levels using a common assessment to determine ways to modify instruction and meet students’ needs. Periodic assessments may occur before every 5-week grading period. Similarly, daily or weekly quizzes, tests, classwork, assignments, and projects will be used to identify areas of concern and to guide instruction.
- Summative assessments will occur at the end of the semester and/or yearly. These include final exams, the CAASPP, and the ELPAC for English language learners.

Authentic assessments will occur throughout the year. Authentic assessments include portfolios, journals, work samples, homework, checklists, teacher observations, anecdotal records, and student projects. This informal data allows teachers to gain a big-picture understanding of student needs and learning levels.

Use of assessment data will be ongoing. Data will be integral in helping teachers differentiate instruction. Once student needs are identified, teachers can modify pedagogy and determine which instructional strategies and resources will best meet

student needs. Similarly, whole-class data can be analyzed by teachers in order to identify topics, concepts, and standards that need re-teaching or modification.

Assessment data will be used to improve the entire educational program, particularly to identify achievement gaps and strategies to close those gaps. Academic programs at University High School Charter will thereby be fluid and continually modified. Assessment data will be useful in helping the teaching staff determine professional development and instructional goals.

Overall, data will be used at University High School Charter to:

- Modify and guide instruction to meet students' needs.
- Identify students' areas of strength, weakness, and need.
- Identify at-risk students for SSPT or Intervention.
- Share with parents (through report cards, conferences, progress reports).
- Identify and prioritize professional development.
- Share at grade level and content area meetings.
- Share in public forums (such as parent and governance meetings).
- Determine school-wide needs (using SARC, Data Summary Report, and MyData) in areas such as attendance, suspension, and expulsion rates.
- Establish school-wide funding and instructional priorities.
- Identify subgroups, like English Learners, who need widespread use of specific instructional strategies.

University High School Charter agrees to comply with and adhere to state requirements for participation and administration of all state mandated tests. As a District affiliated charter school, University High School will test with the District and adhere to District testing calendars and procedures for all state mandated assessments.

GRADING, PROGRESS REPORTING, AND PROMOTION/RETENTION

As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall adhere to and implement District policies and procedures regarding grading, progress reporting, and promotion/retention.

Element 4 – Governance

“The governance structure of the charter school, including, but not limited to, the process to be followed by the charter school to ensure parental involvement.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(D).)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School is subject to the governance and control of the LAUSD Board of Education. Governance at the school site level shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Charter and shall be consistent with all applicable state, federal laws and regulations, District policies, and provisions of LAUSD collective bargaining agreements (CBAs). Adoption of any governance structure or model in conflict with the above shall be null and void unless the appropriate parties have agreed to a waiver or exemption. Absent agreed upon waivers between the District and UTLA, Charter School shall adhere to the requirements of Article XXVII of the LAUSD-UTLA CBA, as it may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to provisions related to Local School Leadership Council composition and responsibilities, and provisions regarding councils and committees (e.g., Title I School Site Councils).

Charter School shall adhere to and implement all applicable District policies and procedures for compliance with California open meetings laws (i.e., the Brown Act and the Greene Act, as applicable) and the California Public Records Act.

All staff and representatives of Charter School, including members of Charter School’s Governing Council, members of school committees and other councils, and school administrators, shall comply with federal and state laws, nonprofit integrity standards, and LAUSD’s charter school policies, regarding ethics and conflicts of interest.

Charter School shall ensure that, at all times throughout the term of the Charter, the bylaws of its Governing Council are and remain consistent with applicable laws, District policy, the provisions of LAUSD collective bargaining agreements (CBAs), any applicable District-UTLA waiver(s), and the provisions of this Charter.

The District reserves the right to appoint a non-voting single representative to Charter School’s Governing Council.

LEGAL AND POLICY COMPLIANCE

Charter School shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and local regulations, and District policies and procedures, as they may change from time to time.

In coordination and consultation with the District, Charter School shall comply with all applicable federal and state reporting requirements, including but not limited to the

requirements of CBEDS, CALPADS, the Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999, and Education Code section 47604.33.

Charter School shall notify parents, guardians, and staff in writing within 72 hours of the issuance of a Notice of Violation, Notice of Intent to Revoke, Final Decision to Revoke, Notice of Non-Renewal, or equivalent notice, by the LAUSD Board of Education.

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

University High School Charter will conduct bi-annual stakeholder meetings. By September 15th of each year, the stakeholder meeting will include an overview of the school's educational program, instructional support and available intervention/credit recovery programs. This meeting will also offer stakeholders the opportunity to provide actionable feedback on the Single Plan for Student Achievement.

Membership to the various decision making committees (Local School Leadership Council, School Site Council and English Learner Advisory Committee) will be established in September. During these committee meetings, stakeholders will have an opportunity to engage in dialogue and vote on action items about the instructional program, LCAP, Single Plan for Student Achievement Plan, funding, etc.

By March 31st each year, the school will hold a stakeholder meeting to review student achievement outcomes related to the LCFF/LCAP and provide feedback on revisions to address the areas of the instructional and support program that showed a lack of progress.

University High School Charter will conduct periodic surveys through the school website to gather feedback related to the instructional, counseling, and support programs at the Charter School. The website will also be used to give stakeholders contact information to offices and individual teachers.

At University High School Charter, parents/guardians are equal partners.

- All stakeholder groups, including parents are welcomed and invited to attend and/or become members of councils and committees.
- All stakeholders are invited to attend the monthly Local School Leadership Council, School Site Council, and English Learner Advisory Committee Meetings.
- Parents are welcomed and invited to parent workshops, Coffee with the Principal meetings and other school functions. Invitations are sent through Schoology, Blackboard Connect, Remind app and are also posted on the calendar on the school's website.
- All stakeholders are provided with announcements, agendas, and minutes of meetings ahead of time.

We continue to set opportunities in place and encourage parents to sign up for the Parent Portal. A Parent Portal Task Force composed of support staff such as

Categorical Program Advisor and School Climate Advocates, magnet coordinator, A-G counselor and other support staff facilitate parent workshops, and are available to support parents after every Coffee with the Principal meetings, and at main events such as Back to School Night and Parent/Teacher Conference nights.

Most verbal and written communication is delivered in at least 2 languages: English & Spanish at all meetings which include: Coffee with the Principal, Advisory Committee meetings, Parent Workshops, Informational Sessions, etc

All written communication is delivered in at least 2 languages: English & Spanish via a weekly principal's "Sunday message" which includes a detailed email with highlights, updates & reminders. The Sunday message also includes a voicemail and text messages highlighting the most important information for the week, in both English and Spanish.

Furthermore, since Latino families compose 55% of student enrollment, all offices at school have at least one Spanish speaking person.

Two Community representatives are available at the Parent Center and at offices when needed to support families.

Two of the Senior Office Technicians are certified translators and when needed, partake in parent conferences, IEPs, 504 meetings, etc.

TITLE IX, SECTIONS 504 AND 508, AND UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to its responsibilities under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504" and "Section 508"), the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures.

As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall adhere to all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and District policies and procedures, regarding pupil fees, including but not limited to procedures related to complaints filed pursuant to Education Code section 49013.

Charter School shall comply with the requirements of Education Code section 52075 and District policies and procedures regarding the filing of complaints related to certain provisions of the Local Control Funding Formula legislation.

RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES

Charter School shall promptly respond to all District inquiries, including but not limited to inquiries regarding financial records, and shall cooperate with the District regarding any

inquiries. Charter School acknowledges that it is subject to audit by LAUSD, including, without limitation, audit by the District Office of the Inspector General.

If an allegation or other evidence of waste, fraud, abuse, or other material violation of law related to Charter School's operations, or breach of the Charter, is received or discovered by the District, Charter School shall cooperate with any resulting inquiry and/or investigation undertaken by the District and/or the Office of the Inspector General Investigations Unit.

NOTIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT

Charter School shall provide the appropriate Region and the Charter Schools Division with copies of all collective bargaining waivers and/or exemptions within 10 days of the execution date of the waiver/exemption.

Charter School shall notify the appropriate Region and the Charter Schools Division in writing of any citations or notices of workplace hazards, investigations by outside regulatory or investigative agencies, lawsuits, or other formal complaints or notices, within one week of receipt of such notices by Charter School. Charter School shall also notify the appropriate Region in writing of any internal investigations within one week of commencing investigation. Charter School shall notify the appropriate District office(s) and Region immediately of any dire emergency or serious threat to the health and safety of students or staff.

STUDENT RECORDS

Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to the creation, use, maintenance, storage, and transfer of student records.

When a student transfers for any reason from Charter School to any other school district, Charter School shall notify the superintendent of the school district of the student's last known address within 30 days, and shall, within 10 school days of receiving a records request, provide that school district with a copy of the student's cumulative record, including a transcript of grades or report card and health information. Charter School shall comply with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 3024, regarding the transfer of student special education records.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Charter School shall not require a parent or legal guardian of a prospective or enrolled student to perform volunteer service hours, or make payment of fees or other monies, goods, or services in lieu of performing volunteer service, as a condition of their child's admission, continued enrollment, attendance, or participation in the school's educational activities, or otherwise discriminate against a student in any manner because their parent/guardian cannot, has not, or will not provide volunteer service to Charter School.

The Charter School may encourage parental/guardian involvement, but shall notify the parents and guardians of applicant students and currently enrolled students that parental/guardian involvement is not a requirement for acceptance to, or continued enrollment at, the Charter School. (Education Code section 47605(n).)

FEDERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School shall comply with and implement all applicable District policies and procedures related to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA, also known as Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)) and other applicable federal programs.

Element 5 – Employee Qualifications

“The qualifications to be met by individuals to be employed by the charter school.”
(Ed. Code § 47605(b)(5)(E).)

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Charter School acknowledges and agrees that all persons are entitled to equal employment opportunity in accordance with all applicable legal and District requirements. Charter School shall not discriminate against applicants or employees on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military and veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by California or federal law. Equal employment opportunity shall be extended to all aspects of the employer-employee relationship, including but not limited to recruitment, selection, hiring, upgrading, training, promotion, transfer, discipline, layoff, recall, and dismissal from employment.

STAFFING

Charter School shall comply with and implement all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, District policies, and LAUSD collective bargaining agreements related to staffing, credentialing, and assignment of teachers to grade levels, department, subjects, and classes. Charter School shall be subject to all District decisions regarding reduction in force, mandated furloughs, layoffs, and any other District decisions related to salaries, classifications, qualifications, and assignments. Unless the District has assigned all employees in a classification to a specific basis, Charter School will have autonomy in assigning positions to specific working bases.

Selection of the principal shall remain the purview of the LAUSD Superintendent or designee.

Certificated Personnel

Charter School shall comply with federal and state laws and regulations, District policies and procedures, and applicable collective bargaining agreements in the selection and assignment of certificated staff. Charter School will have the autonomy to interview and select teachers and school-funded support staff from District-approved lists of eligible candidates as determined by the LAUSD Human Resources Division, which may be limited to Priority Placement Lists (displaced teachers) and Rehire Lists depending on current hiring conditions in each subject area. While every effort will be made to avoid assigning a certificated employee to any Charter School campus, the District retains the right to make such assignments in cases in which no other alternative is available or when an administrative transfer is necessary as determined by the Region administrator (e.g., in order to provide reasonable accommodation in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act).

Classified Personnel

Charter School shall comply with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including but not limited to the merit system provisions of the Education Code, Personnel Commission Rules, and applicable collective bargaining agreements in the selection and assignment of classified staff. Unless valid reemployment lists exist, Charter School will have the autonomy, when selecting classified employees for regular assignment, to select from the top three eligible candidates on current valid eligibility lists promulgated by the Personnel Commission.

Element 6 – Health and Safety Procedures

“The procedures that the charter school will follow to ensure the health and safety of pupils and staff. These procedures shall require all of the following:

(i) That each employee of the charter school furnish it with a criminal record summary as described in Section 44237.

(ii) The development of a school safety plan, which shall include the safety topics listed in subparagraphs (A) to (K), inclusive, of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 32282. For schools serving pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, the development of a school safety plan shall also include the safety topic listed in subparagraph (L) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 32282.

(iii) That the school safety plan be reviewed and updated by March 1 of every year by the charter school.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(F).)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Charter School shall comply with all federal, state, county, and local laws and regulations, and District policies and procedures, related to health, safety, and emergency response and preparedness, as they may be changed from time. Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to protecting the health and safety of students and staff, including but not limited to policies and procedures related to child abuse and neglect reporting and awareness training, and allegations of employee-to-student sexual abuse.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to health, safety, and emergency response and preparedness, including but not limited to the required creation, maintenance, and implementation of an Integrated Safe School Plan. Charter School shall ensure that its staff receives annual training on Charter School’s health, safety, and emergency procedures, and shall maintain a calendar for, and conduct, emergency response drills for students and staff in accordance with District policies and procedures. Emergency Preparedness Plans should include considerations and planning for students with special needs, including but not limited to those with medical, physical, communication, and/or intellectual disabilities. Charter School shall periodically review, and modify as necessary, its Health, Safety and Emergency Preparedness Plan (Integrated Safe School Plan) and keep it readily available for on-site use. Charter School shall provide a copy of the Health, Safety, and Emergency Preparedness Plan for review upon CSD request.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Charter School, including its administrators, other staff, and representatives, shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Education Code section 49060 et seq., as well as applicable District policy, at all times.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CLEARANCES AND FINGERPRINTING

As a District Affiliated Charter School, in order to protect and promote the health and safety of students and staff, Charter School, including its staff, contractors (vendors), and volunteers, shall adhere to state laws and the policies and procedures of the District related to fingerprinting and criminal background clearances.

IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

As a District Affiliated Charter School, in order to guarantee the health and safety of students and staff, Charter School shall ensure that all staff, vendor/contracting entity employee who may have frequent or prolonged contact with students, and volunteers adhere to the policies and procedures of the District related to tuberculosis risk assessment, examination and clearance. Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to the immunization and health screening of its students, including but not limited to the immunization of students as a condition of attendance and screening, as applicable. Charter School will ensure that students with individualized education programs (“IEPs”) will continue to access their IEP special education program and related services, regardless of vaccination status. Charter School shall create, use, maintain, store, transfer, and dispose of student health records in accordance with District policies and procedures.

SAFE PLACE TO LEARN ACT

Charter School shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Safe Place to Learn Act. Education Code section 234 *et seq.* and related District policies and procedures.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School shall comply with all applicable District policies and procedures related to suicide prevention and the requirements of Education Code section 215.

Element 7 – Means to Achieve Racial and Ethnic, Special Education, and English Learners, including redesignated fluent english proficient Pupils Balance

“The means by which the school will achieve a balance of racial and ethnic pupils, special education pupils, and English learner pupils, including redesignated fluent English proficient pupils, as defined by the evaluation rubrics in Section 52064.5, that is reflective of the general population residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the school district to which the charter petition is submitted.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(G).)

COURT-ORDERED INTEGRATION

Charter School shall comply with all requirements of the *Crawford v. Board of Education, City of Los Angeles* court order and the LAUSD Integration Policy adopted and maintained pursuant to the *Crawford* court order by the District’s Student Integration Services (collectively the “Court-ordered Integration Program”). The Court-ordered Integration Program applies to all schools within or chartered through LAUSD.

Charter School shall take all reasonable steps to attract and maintain a racially integrated student body in a manner consistent with the Court-ordered Integration Program, applicable law, and District policy. Any provision of Integration Program resources to Charter School (e.g., Magnet, Permits with Transportation, and/or Transportation resources) is subject to change, in whole or in part, for budgetary and/or other reasons, at the sole discretion of the District.

Element 8 – Admission POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

“Admission policies and procedures, consistent with subdivision (e).” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(H).)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Charter School shall admit all students who wish to attend the school. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(2)(A).) As an existing District school that has converted to become a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School’s first priority is to admit students who reside in the former attendance area (boundary) of the school. (See Ed. Code § 47605(e)(1).) If the number of students who wish to attend Charter School exceeds its operational capacity, as determined annually by the District, Charter School shall conduct a public random drawing/lottery. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(2)(B).) Charter School’s existing students (regardless of residence or any other factor) shall be exempt from the lottery. Prospective students who reside within the former attendance area (boundaries) of Charter School (“resident students”) shall have first priority admission preference at all times and are thus deemed exempt from the lottery as well. (See Ed. Code § 47605(e).)

If, at any time during the school year, the total enrollment of Charter School approaches its operational capacity and Charter School appears potentially unable to enroll new students who reside within the former attendance area (boundary) of Charter School, Charter School shall immediately consult and coordinate with its Region administration as well as the District’s School Management Services and Student Integration Services, to manage its enrollment so that Charter School remains in compliance with all applicable laws and legal obligations (e.g., *Crawford v. LAUSD*) and that, to the maximum extent possible, Charter School is and remains able to enroll, at all times throughout the year, any and all students who reside within Charter School’s former attendance boundary who wish to attend.

If Charter School determines, in accordance with applicable law and District policies and procedures, that any student/parent/guardian used fraudulent address information to establish resident status within Charter School’s former attendance boundary to gain enrollment prior to the school’s conversion to a District Affiliated Charter School, or to gain enrollment through an admission preference in Charter School’s lottery and enrollment process, the student may be withdrawn and referred back to their school of residence in accordance with District policy and applicable law. If, at that time or any time subsequent, the student seeks re-enrollment in Charter School, Charter School shall make its admissions determination in compliance with applicable law, District policy, and the terms of this Charter.

Student Recruitment

Student Recruitment

The current demographics at University High School Charter reflect a similar pattern each year. The largest ethnic groups represented in our student body population are: 58% Hispanics, 19% African Americans, 12% whites, 4% Asians and 2% Filipinos.

There are currently 38 different cultures from around the world represented by our student body. This multi-culturalism is one of our greatest and unique assets. Other characteristics of the student body include:

- 81% socio-economically disadvantaged as per the qualification for the free and reduced lunch program.
- 32% GATE as per LAUSD identification criteria
- 17% Special Education program as per student's Individualized Education Plans. University
- 6% English Learners as per the Student Household Questionnaire

Students who enroll at University High School Charter come from many of our feeder middle schools such as Emerson Middle School, Johnnie Cochran Middle School, John Burroughs Middle School, Palms Middle School and Daniel Webster Middle School. To help this diverse student population continue to flourish at University High School, the University High School Charter will recruit new students from these feeder schools in the following ways:

- University High School Charter will continue to host parent/student tours
- Prospective families and community members will be invited to the Spring Open House event
- Magnet Coordinator, Academic Counselors, parent representative, Administrators and when feasible current students (Uni Ambassadors and/or ASB Leadership Students) will participate in recruitment fairs hosted on the campuses of our feeder schools
- Middle and elementary schools within our feeder pattern, as well as, community members will be invited to school events such as theatre productions and Multi-cultural fairs
- The school website will be utilized to help families understand the education, achievements, programs, teacher websites, and other important information about our academic program.
- Images of our campus and student resources will be identified on the "A day in the life of a University Student" on our website.

Application Procedures

Resident Boundary Students

Resident attendance boundary students go directly to the school main office to enroll. Prospective students who reside within the former attendance area (boundaries¹) of Charter School ("resident students") shall have **first** admission preference and thus are deemed exempt from the lottery.

¹ For all District Affiliated Charter Schools, which are conversion charter schools, the term "former attendance area (boundaries)" includes those sending areas designated under the District's Permits with Transportation (PWT) and Capacity Adjustment Program (CAP) programs.

Non-Resident Boundary Students

The Charter School will follow LAUSD's Choices process and deadlines for non-resident applicants. If there is more interest than the number of spaces available, a random public lottery will be conducted for non-resident boundary students as described below.

Charter School's non-resident lottery applications will be made available each year through the On-Time LAUSD Choices Process (Choices Brochure & Application and GoTo.LAUSD.Net). The six week On-Time application window spans the first week in October through the first week in November. Multiple birth applicants (e.g., twins, triplets) must reside at the same address and apply to the same program in the same year in order to be placed consecutively in the selection process.

Lottery Preferences and Procedures

In conducting its admissions lottery, Charter School shall provide the following admission preferences, in the stated order of priority:

- **LAUSD Students**

- Siblings

Prospective students who (a) are siblings of students enrolled in grades 9-11th at Charter School at the time of the lottery and (b) reside within LAUSD boundaries, but not within the former attendance area (boundaries) of Charter School, shall have **second** admission preference.

- Other LAUSD Students

All other prospective students who reside within LAUSD boundaries, but not within the former attendance area (boundaries) of Charter School, shall have **third** admission preference.

- **California Students**

- Siblings

Prospective students who (a) are siblings of students enrolled in grades 9th - 11th at Charter School at the time of the lottery and (b) reside in the State of California but not within LAUSD boundaries, shall have **fourth** admissions preference.

- Other California Students

Prospective students who reside in the State of California, but not within LAUSD boundaries shall have fifth admissions preference.

Students who participate in the lottery but are not selected for admission during the lottery shall be placed on a waitlist in the same priority order as above. As seats become available, Charter School shall fill the seats from the waitlist. This waitlist shall be effective until the end of the programmatic year to which it pertains.

During the month of February, after receiving the list of interested applicants from the Choices Program, the Charter School shall conduct its public random drawing (lottery) for non-resident boundary students only, if applicable. Information regarding the date and

procedures of the lottery shall be posted on Charter School's website (i.e., at least two weeks prior to the lottery) and made readily available in the main office.

Charter School shall hold its lottery in the auditorium, multi-purpose room or equivalent alternative space on campus. Affiliated Charters, as aligned to District guidance, may opt to include a virtual option for families at the same time and/or in addition to the in-person lottery. Any interested party or member of the public may attend, but attendance is not required to participate in the lottery. At the designated place, date, and time of the lottery, students selected will be announced.

Annual Random Lottery Process for Admission

1. Notify and post through website, verbal, and written communication regarding the choices/Unified Enrollment Process,
2. Field and Direct parents to choices to fill out Unified Enrollment application.
3. Notify and post Lottery procedures on the website.
4. Communicate Lottery procedures to prospective families attending the School tours.
5. Conduct a public meeting using a randomized electronic system such as "Spin the Wheel" or an alternative manual randomized system for selection of students.
6. Hold Community Meeting Posting Lottery Results (Based on space availability all applicants who applied on time during the Unified Enrollment Window were offered enrollment at UHSC),
7. Email a formal welcome letter to prospective families and inform them of next steps to follow to accept or decline in the Unified Enrollment Portal.

Parent/guardians of applicants being offered admission through the lottery will be notified in writing by email or mail, depending on method of application submission, in accordance with the Choices notification timelines and will accept the offered seat in accordance with the Choices timelines. Parent/guardians of student applicants who are placed on the waitlist resulting from the lottery may call or visit the school to find out their child's priority number on the waitlist. Parent/guardians of student applicants on the waitlist who are offered admission at any time subsequent to the lottery will receive notification by telephone call and will have to contact the parent/guardian a minimum of three times to accept the offered seat.

Non-resident boundary students who apply for admission after the On-Time application window will be added to the bottom of the waitlist in the order in which their applications are received. Choices Late Applications are processed on a first come, first-served basis beginning February 1st through norm day of the following school year. The school is responsible for contacting waitlisted and late applicants.

SCHOOLS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (SAS) PROGRAM

If Charter School offers an SAS Program, it shall not consider any student's eligibility or interest in the program in determining admission to Charter School. Once a student has been admitted/enrolled in Charter School, Charter School may accept and process an application from the student per SAS Program participation guidelines.

MAGNET PROGRAM

If an affiliated charter school is a full magnet or has a District-approved Magnet Center, selection to the Magnet Program (school or center) shall be determined in accordance with the rules and procedures established by District's Student Integration Services.

Students enrolled in the magnet program may take part in all programs and activities available to students at the Affiliated Charter school where they are enrolled.

HOMELESS AND FOSTER YOUTH

Charter School shall adhere to the provisions of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and ensure that each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youths. Charter School shall provide specific information, in its outreach materials, websites, at community meetings, open forums, and Regional Center meetings, that notifies parents/guardians that Charter School is open to enroll and provide services for all students. Charter School shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and related District policies and procedures regarding homeless and foster youth, including but not limited to the provisions of AB 379 (2015) and Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 48850) of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, as amended from time to time.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Charter School shall not require a parent/guardian/student to provide information regarding a student's disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, legal or economic status, primary language or English Learner status, immigration status, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, or any other information that would violate federal or state law, prior to admission, participation in any admissions or attendance lottery, or pre-enrollment event or process, or as a condition of admission or enrollment. Charter School may request, at the time of, and as part of, conducting its lottery process, the provision of information necessary to apply specific admissions preferences, if any, set forth in this Charter.

Charter School shall not request or require submission of a student's IEP, Section 504 Plan, or any other record or related information prior to admission, participation in any admissions or attendance lottery, or pre-enrollment event or process, or as a condition of admission or enrollment.

Charter School shall adhere to the District's policy consistent with the model policy developed by the California Attorney General addressing the Charter School's response to immigration enforcement, notify parents/guardians of their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs, prohibit the collection of information or documents regarding the immigration status of students or their family members, and fulfill other requirements of Education Code section 234.7.

DOCUMENTATION OF ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT PROCESSES

Charter School shall maintain complete and accurate records of its annual admissions and enrollment processes, including but not limited to documentation (i.e., District application portal) of implementation of lottery and waitlist criteria and procedures in accordance with the terms of the Charter. These records shall be made available to the District upon request.

Element 9 – Annual Financial Audits

“The manner in which annual, independent financial audits shall be conducted, which shall employ generally accepted accounting principles, and the manner in which audit exceptions and deficiencies shall be resolved to the satisfaction of the chartering authority.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(I).)

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School will not provide for a separate audit but will be included in the annual audit for LAUSD.

Element 10 – Suspension and Expulsion Procedures

“The procedures by which pupils can be suspended or expelled.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(J).)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to student discipline and behavior, suspension, and expulsion.

Charter School shall provide due process for all students, including adequate and timely notice to parents/guardians and students of the grounds for all suspension and expulsion recommendations and decisions and their due process rights regarding suspension and expulsion, including rights of appeal.

Charter School shall ensure that its staff is knowledgeable about and complies with the District's Discipline Foundation Policy and/or current equivalent District policy. Charter School shall comply with the terms of the School Discipline Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights resolution adopted by the LAUSD Board of Education on May 6, 2013.

Charter School shall implement alternatives to suspension and expulsion, especially in response to attendance-related concerns, e.g., truancy or excessive tardiness.

Charter School acknowledges that the District's Student Discipline and Expulsion Support Unit provides technical assistance to schools considering recommendations for expulsion, ensures that students recommended for expulsion are afforded a fair and impartial hearing and all other due process rights, and provides for post-expulsion placement/rehabilitation plans and services as required by law.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Charter School shall implement District policies and procedures ensuring compliance with federal and state laws and regulations regarding the discipline of students with disabilities. If a student is recommended for expulsion and the student receives or is eligible for special education, pending the completion of the expulsion process, Charter School shall identify and provide special education programs and services at an appropriate alternative educational placement, to be determined in coordination with the LAUSD Division of Special Education.

In the case of a student who has an Individualized Education Program ("IEP"), or a student who has a Section 504 Plan, Charter School shall ensure that it follows applicable disciplinary procedures to comply with the mandates of state and federal laws, including IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Plan of 1973, and District policies and procedures. An IEP team will meet to conduct a manifestation determination and to discuss, if appropriate, alternative placement utilizing the District's Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual. Prior to recommending expulsion for a student with a Section 504 Plan, Charter School's administrator will convene a Section 504 Link Determination meeting to ask the following two questions:

- A. Was the misconduct caused by, or directly and substantially related to the student's disability?
- B. Was the misconduct a direct result of the Charter School's failure to implement the student's Section 504 plan?

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT'S DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE

Upon the expulsion of any student, if the student is a resident of a school district other than LAUSD, Charter School must notify the Superintendent of the student's district of residence within 30 days of the expulsion. Additionally, upon request of the receiving school district, Charter School shall forward student records no later than 10 school days from the date of the request as stated in Education Code sections 49068 (a) and (b). Charter School shall comply with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 3024, regarding the transfer of student special education records.

OUTCOME DATA

Charter School shall gather and maintain all data related to placement, tracking, and monitoring of student suspensions, expulsions, and reinstatements, in the District's Student Information System and shall make such outcome data readily available to the Charter Schools Division upon request.

READMISSION

Charter School shall comply with all District policies and procedures related to requests for readmission by students expelled from Charter School.

GUN-FREE SCHOOL ZONE ACT

Charter School shall comply with the Gun-Free School Zone Act and other applicable state and federal law.

ELEMENT 11 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

“The manner by which staff members of the charter schools will be covered by the State Teachers’ Retirement System, the Public Employees’ Retirement System, or federal social security.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(K).)

District employees working at or assigned to Charter School will continue to receive compensation and benefits for their services according to the provisions of the collective bargaining agreements of their respective bargaining units with LAUSD, inclusive of but not limited to provisions related to salaries, unemployment benefits, retirement systems and benefits (including CalSTRS and CalPERS), health insurance, life insurance, and all other assigned compensation and benefits.

As LAUSD employees, Charter School's administrators, faculty and staff will receive all appropriate benefits in compliance with state and federal laws regarding employee benefits.

ELEMENT 12 – PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ALTERNATIVES

“The public school attendance alternatives for pupils residing within the school district who choose not to attend charter schools.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(L).)

Students of Charter School do not have or gain any right to admission in a particular school of any school district, or program of any school district, as a consequence of applying to or enrolling in a Charter School, except to the extent that such a right is extended by the school district.

A student residing within the territorial boundaries of the District who chooses not to attend a Charter School may contact School Management Services and Demographics to seek assistance in enrolling in a District school in accordance with District policies and procedures. Alternatively, the student may pursue an inter-district transfer, if available, in accordance with admission, enrollment, and transfer policies and procedures of the District, as they may change from time to time, or seek enrollment at another charter public school pursuant to applicable law and the terms of the school’s charter.

A student currently enrolled at Charter School who resides outside the territorial boundaries of the District and who chooses not to continue attending the Charter School may attend a public school within the student’s school district of residence in accordance with applicable law and that school district’s policies and procedures or seek enrollment at another charter public school pursuant to applicable law and the terms of that school’s charter.

ELEMENT 13 – RIGHTS OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

“The rights of an employee of the school district upon leaving the employment of the school district to work in a charter school, and of any rights of return to the school district after employment at a charter school.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(M).)

As a District Affiliated Charter School, all administrators, faculty, and staff of Charter School are and shall be LAUSD employees. All Charter School employees shall be hired by the District and maintain the same relationships with and through all respective bargaining units as other District employees at non-charter schools.

ELEMENT 14 – MANDATORY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

“The procedures to be followed by the charter school and the entity granting the charter to resolve disputes relating to provisions of the charter.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(N).)

Charter School agrees to resolve any claim, controversy, or dispute (“Dispute”) arising out of or relating to the Charter, except for any claim, controversy or dispute that is in any way related to revocation of this Charter, pursuant to the terms of this Element 14.

ELEMENT 15 – CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURES

“The procedures to be used if the charter school closes. The procedures shall ensure a final audit of the charter school to determine the disposition of all assets and liabilities of the charter school, including plans for disposing of any net assets and for the maintenance and transfer of pupil records. If the charter school leases or rents its facility from a related party or subsidiary, as identified in its audited financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or owns its facility, the charter school shall include a statement describing its plans for the use of the facility in its final audit.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(O).)

CLOSURE ACTION

In order to close Charter School, the LAUSD Board of Education must take a “Closure Action.” A Closure Action shall be deemed to have been automatically taken when any of the following occur: the LAUSD Board of Education revokes or denies renewal of the Charter; the LAUSD Board of Education takes specific Board action to close Charter School pursuant to the Board’s general authority and/or its unique authority as the legal governing board of Charter School pursuant to the Charter Schools Act of 1992; the Charter lapses; or the LAUSD Board of Education or its designee approves Charter School’s request to revert to a non-charter District school.

In the event of a Closure Action, unless the LAUSD Board of Education or its duly authorized designee expressly directs otherwise, Charter School shall revert to a District traditional school.

REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER

The Board of Education may revoke the Charter if Charter School commits a breach of any provision set forth in a District policy related to charter schools adopted by the District Board of Education and/or any provision of the Charter Schools Act of 1992, as it may be amended from time to time. The Board of Education may revoke the charter of Charter School if the District finds, through a showing of substantial evidence, that Charter School did any of the following:

- Charter School committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the Charter.
- Charter School failed to meet or pursue any of the pupil outcomes identified in the Charter.
- Charter School failed to meet generally accepted accounting principles or engaged in fiscal mismanagement.

- Charter School violated any provision of law.

Prior to revocation, and in accordance with Education Code section 47607(g) and state regulations, the LAUSD Board of Education will notify Charter School in writing of the specific violation, and give Charter School a reasonable opportunity to cure the violation, unless the LAUSD Board of Education determines, in writing, that the violation constitutes a severe and imminent threat to the health or safety of the pupils, or otherwise takes specific Board action to close Charter School pursuant to the Board's general authority and/or its unique authority as the legal governing board of Charter School. Revocation proceedings are not subject to the dispute resolution clause set forth in this Charter.

Pursuant to Education Code section 47607.3, a charter school identified for needing assistance and provided advice and assistance from the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence based on failure to satisfy state evaluation rubrics may be subject to revocation.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY REVERSION TO NON-CHARTER SCHOOL STATUS

In the event that Charter School seeks to revert voluntarily to non-charter District school status, the Local School Leadership Council and/or the Governance Council, as indicated in Element 4, shall execute a resolution requesting approval from the LAUSD board. Charter School shall contact its assigned Charter Schools Division administrator, who will provide information and guidance regarding the applicable procedures for submitting and processing a request for voluntary reversion to non-charter school status. Students enrolled at the District Affiliated Charter School at the time of reversion, who reside outside of resident school area (boundaries), can apply for continuous enrollment through permits, as applicable.

CLOSURE PROCEDURES

In the event of a Closure Action, Charter School shall immediately act and operate in all matters as a traditional District school, unless otherwise directed by the LAUSD Board of Education or its duly authorized designee. If and to the extent that they are not already District property or rights, all assets of Charter School shall be automatically transferred to LAUSD. The District reserves the right to conduct a close out audit or other audit.

Charter School shall issue written notification of the school's closure as a District Affiliated Charter School, and reversion to a non-charter District school, to the parents/guardians/caregivers of all enrolled students of Charter School within 72 hours of a Closure Action. Such notification must include, but is not limited to, notice of the effective date of closure as a District Affiliated Charter School and information regarding student enrollment and/or transfer options as appropriate. Charter School shall simultaneously provide a copy of the written parent notification to the appropriate Region Superintendent and Charter School's assigned Charter Schools Division administrator.

If Charter School serves any students who reside outside District boundaries, Charter School shall notify, within 72 hours of a Closure Action, any school district that may be

responsible for providing education services to the former students of Charter School. This notice must include a list of students potentially returning to that district based on student residence. Charter School shall simultaneously provide a copy of these notifications, if any, to the Charter Schools Division. Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures and terms of this Charter relating to the transfer of student records.

This Element 15 shall survive the revocation, expiration, termination, or cancellation of this Charter, or any other act or event that would end Charter School's authorization to operate as a charter school or cause Charter School to cease operation.

ADDENDUM

ASSURANCES, AFFIRMATIONS, AND DECLARATIONS

University High School Charter (also referred to herein as “Uni”, “District Affiliated Charter School” and “Charter School”) shall:

- Be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. (California Education Code (hereinafter “Ed. Code”) § 47605(e)(1).)
- Not charge tuition. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(1).)
- Not discriminate against any pupil on the basis of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, including immigration status, in any program or activity conducted by an educational institution that receives, or benefits from, state financial assistance, or enrolls pupils who receive state student financial aid.. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(1); Ed. Code § 220.)
- Except as provided in Education Code section 47605(e)(2), admission to a charter school shall not be determined according to the place of residence of the pupil, or of the pupil’s parent or legal guardian, within this state, except that an existing public school converting partially or entirely to a charter school under this part shall adopt and maintain a policy giving admission preference to pupils who reside within the former attendance area of that school. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(1).)
- Admit all pupils who wish to attend Charter School. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(2)(A).)
- Except for existing pupils of Charter School, determine attendance by a public random drawing if the number of pupils who wish to attend Charter School exceeds Charter School’s capacity. Preference shall be extended to pupils currently attending Charter School and pupils who reside in the Los Angeles Unified School District (also referred to herein as “LAUSD” and “District”). Preferences shall not result in limiting enrollment access for pupils with disabilities, academically low-achieving pupils, English learners, neglected or delinquent pupils, homeless pupils, or pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as determined by eligibility for any free or reduced-price meal program, foster youth, or pupils based on nationality, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and shall not require mandatory

parental volunteer hours as a criterion for admission or continued enrollment. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(2)(B).)

- Charter school shall not encourage a pupil currently attending the Charter School to disenroll from the Charter School or transfer to another school for any reason, including, but not limited to, academic performance of the pupil or because the pupil exhibits any of the characteristics described in Education Code section 47605(e)(2)(B)(iii). (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(4).)
- If a pupil is expelled or leaves Charter School without graduating or completing the school year for any reason, Charter School shall notify the superintendent of the school district of the pupil's last known address within 30 days, and shall, upon request, provide that school district with a copy of the cumulative record of the pupil, including a transcript of grades or report card, and health information. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(3).)
- Meet all statewide standards and conduct the pupil assessments required pursuant to Education Code sections 60605 and 60851 and any other statewide standards authorized in statute or pupil assessments applicable to pupils in non-charter public schools. (Ed. Code § 47605(d)(1).)
- Consult, on a regular basis, with Charter School's parents, legal guardians, and teachers regarding the school's educational programs. (Ed. Code § 47605(d)(2).)

Charter School hereby declares that the Los Angeles Unified School District is and shall be the exclusive public school employer of the employees working at or assigned to Charter School for the purposes of the Educational Employment Relations Act (EERA), Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title I of the Government Code.

NOTE: This Charter contains specific "Federal, State and District Required Language" (FSDRL), including the *Assurances, Affirmations, and Declarations* section above. The FSDRL should be highlighted in gray within each Charter element or section. The final section of the Charter provides a consolidated addendum of the FSDRL. This intentional redundancy facilitates efficient charter petition review while ensuring ready access to the FSDRL for any given section of the Charter. To the extent that any inconsistency may exist between any provision contained within the body of the Charter and the FSDRL contained in the addendum, the provisions of the FSDRL addendum shall control.

Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Requirements

Charter School acknowledges and agrees that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations related to AB 97 (2013) (Local Control Funding Formula) in accordance with District policies and procedures, as they may be amended from time to time. Charter School shall comply with all requirements of Education Code section 47606.5, including but not limited to the requirement that Charter School “shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, parents, and pupils in developing the local control and accountability plan and annual update to the local control and accountability plan.” (Ed. Code § 47606.5(d).)

Curriculum and Instruction

Charter School shall have autonomy in their instructional programs and choice of curricular materials pursuant to District policy and consistent with the requirements of section 60000, et seq. of the Education Code, the *Williams* settlement, and aligned with California content and performance standards, including the Common Core State Standards, and CAASPP.

Transitional Kindergarten

Charter School shall comply with all applicable requirements and District policy regarding transitional kindergarten. For purposes of admission to Charter School, transitional kindergarten shall be considered a part of kindergarten, and therefore students enrolled in transitional kindergarten at Charter School shall be considered existing students of Charter School for purposes of Charter School’s admissions, enrollment, and lottery.

Academic Calendar and Schedules

Charter School shall offer, at a minimum, the number of minutes of instruction set forth in Education Code section 47612.5, and the number of school days required by California Code of Regulations, Title 5, section 11960. Charter School shall comply with all applicable District policies and procedures and provisions of LAUSD collective bargaining agreements (CBAs), as they may change from time to time, including but not limited to provisions related to work year, academic calendars, and schedules.

Mathematics Placement Act

Charter School shall comply with all applicable requirements of the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015.

WASC Accreditation

If Charter School serves students in grades 9-12, before Charter School graduates its first class of students, Charter School shall obtain, and thereafter maintain, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall comply with and implement required District policies and procedures related to staff professional development.

English Learners

As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall implement the provisions of the District's *Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners*, as it may change from time to time, and comply with all applicable federal and state laws and District policies and procedures related to the implementation of the *Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners*

Gifted and Talented Students and Students Achieving Above Grade Level

Charter School shall continue to use LAUSD's Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) student identification process, adhere to District policies and procedures regarding GATE, and reimburse the District for GATE testing and processing on a fee-for-service basis

Students with Disabilities

Special Education

The District shall continue to serve the needs of students with disabilities enrolled in District affiliated charter schools in the same manner as at any other public school of the District and shall be responsible for adhering to the provisions of the IDEA, California special education laws and regulations, and District policies and procedures for special education to ensure that all students with disabilities are accorded a free appropriate public education ("FAPE") as is required of all District authorized schools.

Conversion Affiliated Charter

1. District Affiliated Charter School's Special Education Responsibilities

a. General Requirements

The District Affiliated Charter School will adhere to the provisions of the IDEA and California special education laws and regulations to ensure that all students with disabilities are accorded a free appropriate public education ("FAPE") as is required of all District authorized schools. The District Affiliated Charter School will also ensure that no student otherwise eligible to enroll in the District Affiliated Charter School will be denied enrollment, or be required to waive their right to enrollment and/or continued attendance in a settlement agreement, on the basis of their special education status.

The District Affiliated Charter School will comply with Sections 504 and 508 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and all Office of Civil Rights mandates for students enrolled in the District Affiliated Charter School.

The District Affiliated Charter School will use District forms to develop, maintain, and review assessments and Individualized Education Programs (“IEPs”) in the format required by the District and will enter accurate assessment and IEP data into the District’s designated data system (Welligent) in accordance with LAUSD policies and procedures. The District Affiliated Charter School will maintain copies of assessments and IEP materials for District review and submit to the District all required reports.

The District Affiliated Charter School shall keep daily attendance for each student which shall be reported and certified according to District policies and procedures.

The District Affiliated Charter School will participate in the state quality assurance process for special education (i.e., verification reviews, coordinated compliance self-reviews, complaints monitoring, procedural safeguards, and the local plan). The District Affiliated Charter School will participate in internal validation review (“DVR”).

The District Affiliated Charter School is responsible for the management of its personnel, programs, and services. All employees shall be hired by the District and maintain the same relationships with and through all respective bargaining units as other District employees at non-charter schools. The District Affiliated Charter School will implement the programs and services, including providing related services, required by the IEPs of the students enrolled at the District Affiliated Charter School.

b. Transferring Students

For students transferring to the District Affiliated Charter School from other school districts, District-operated schools or District authorized charters, the District will provide those related services required by the students’ IEPs immediately upon the students’ enrollment regardless of the types of service provider (i.e., school-based, NPA, or private). District Affiliated Charter School will ensure that IEP team meetings for such students will be held within thirty (30) days of the student’s enrollment in accordance with federal and state law and District policies and procedures.

c. Assessments

Unless circumstances indicate otherwise, the referral process shall include Student Support and Progress Team (SSPT) meetings to review prior interventions, accommodations, and modifications and to recommend further

interventions as appropriate. The referral process shall be supported by the Response to Intervention (RtI) model approach using data to identify student strengths and weaknesses. Upon review of accumulated data, observation and review of records, the District Affiliated Charter School may determine that assessment is necessary to determine possible eligibility for special education programs and related services.

Upon a teacher or other staff member's request for assessment, the District Affiliated Charter School shall develop an assessment plan in Welligent for each student with suspected disabilities within the 15 day timeline.

Upon a parent/guardian's request for assessment, the District Affiliated Charter School will either (1) develop an assessment plan in Welligent for each student with suspected disabilities within the 15 day timeline; or (2) within 15 days convene an SSPT meeting to review and discuss the request in light of student records, acquired data and student performance. If at the end of the SSPT meeting parent/guardian agrees to waive the request for assessment, the District Affiliated Charter School shall document the agreement in writing and may attempt general education interventions through the SSPT process. If the parent/guardian does not agree to waive the request for assessment, then the District Affiliated Charter School shall develop an assessment plan in Welligent for each student with suspected disabilities within the 15 day timeline.

The LAUSD assessment plan describes the types of assessments that may be used to determine the eligibility of students for special education instruction and services. Assessments will be conducted, within legal timelines, after receiving the parents' written consent. The District Affiliated Charter School shall conduct an IEP team meeting that includes required team members within mandated timelines for each student assessed to discuss results, determine eligibility, and (if eligible) specify special education instruction and services. The District Affiliated Charter School will make decisions regarding eligibility, goals, program, placement, and exit from special education through the IEP process according to federal, state and District timelines.

d. Alternative Placements

Under limited circumstances when a District Affiliated Charter School student's needs may not be provided at the District Affiliated Charter School, the District Affiliated Charter School will consult with the District to discuss placement and service alternatives. The IEP team convened at the District Affiliated Charter School shall have the authority to make offers of a FAPE and decisions regarding the staffing and methodology used to provide special education and related services at the District Affiliated Charter School pursuant to an IEP.

e. Least Restrictive Environment

The District Affiliated Charter School will support movement of students with disabilities into less restrictive environments and increase interactions of students with disabilities with non-disabled students. The District Affiliated Charter School general program of instruction for students with disabilities shall be responsive to the required sequence of courses and related curricular activities provided for all students in the District Affiliated Charter School. Assessment and standardized testing procedures shall be implemented, including guidelines for modifications and adaptations, to monitor student progress.

f. Inclusion

The Charter is committed to achieving population balance that includes students with disabilities. The Charter will conduct outreach activities to attract and enroll a range of mild to severe special education students that is diverse and comparable with resident schools with similar demographics. The District Affiliated Charter School's outreach efforts should be geared toward aligning with the District-wide average. The District Affiliated Charter School may not refuse to admit a student based on special education eligibility, needs or services identified in the student's IEP and may not refuse or require waiver of enrollment rights based on a student's eligibility for special education. The District will make available to the District Affiliated Charter School reports indicating range of services and number of students served at individual District affiliated charter schools.

g. Staffing Requirements

The District Affiliated Charter School shall participate in available appropriate District trainings to support access by students with disabilities to the general education classroom, general education curriculum, integration of instructional strategies and curriculum adaptations to address the diverse learner, and interaction with non-disabled peers.

The District Affiliated Charter School will maintain responsibility for monitoring progress towards meeting IEP goals. The District Affiliated Charter School will assess, develop, and implement Individual Transition Plans to help students with disabilities transition to adult living in accordance with District policies and procedures.

h. Student Discipline

The District Affiliated Charter School will ensure that it makes the necessary adjustments to comply with the mandates of state and federal laws, including the IDEA regarding discipline of students with disabilities. Discipline procedures will include positive behavioral interventions and the District's Discipline Foundation Policy. Prior to recommending expulsion and/or prior to the eleventh day of cumulative suspension for a student with disabilities, the District Affiliated Charter

School will convene a manifestation determination IEP as set forth in the District's Policies and Procedures Manual. The District Affiliated Charter School will collect data pertaining to the number of special education students suspended or expelled.

2. Procedural Safeguards/Due Process Hearings

The District on behalf of and/or in conjunction with the District Affiliated Charter School may invoke dispute resolution provisions set out in the charter petition, initiate due process hearings, and/or utilize other procedures applicable to the District Affiliated Charter School if the District determine that such action is legally necessary to ensure compliance with federal and state special education laws and regulations.

In the event that a parent or guardian of a student attending the District Affiliated Charter School initiates due process proceedings, the District will be named as respondent-s. Whenever possible, the District and the District Affiliated Charter School shall work together in an attempt to resolve the matter at an early stage (informal settlement or mediation).

3. Complaints

The District will investigate and respond to all special education complaints the District receives pertaining to the District Affiliated Charter School including the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures, Office for Civil Rights and California Department of Education Special Education Compliance. The District Affiliated Charter School will cooperate with the District in any such investigations and provide the District with any and all documentation that is needed to respond to complaints.

4. Funding of Special Education

The District Affiliated Charter School will adhere to all District policies and procedures regarding special education and special education funding, as they may be amended from time to time. The District shall retain all state and federal special education funding for District Affiliated Charter School students which is allocated to the SELPA. The District shall be responsible for providing all appropriate special education and related services in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws.

5. District Responsibilities Relating to District Affiliated Charter School Special Education Program

As long as charter schools operate as public schools within the District, the District shall provide information to the school regarding District special education decisions, policies, and procedures to the same extent as they are provided to other schools within the District.

At its discretion, the District will make available training opportunities and/or information regarding special education to District Affiliated Charter Schools.

All District schools, including District affiliated charter schools, are required to implement the District's integrated student information system which is referred to as My Integrated Student Information System (MiSiS). MiSiS is a suite of applications which is designed to capture all District student data. All District affiliated charter schools are required to utilize MiSiS.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Charter School agrees to comply with and adhere to state requirements for participation and administration of all state mandated tests, including computer-based assessments. As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall test with the District and adhere to District testing calendars and procedures for all state mandated assessments. Charter School shall submit and maintain up-to-date and accurate school and student data in MiSiS, and other data systems used or required by the District, and otherwise ensure that Charter School reports complete, accurate, and up-to-date data for all purposes related to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) in accordance with District policies and procedures and the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 861.

MEASURABLE GOALS OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Charter School shall meet all statewide content and performance standards and targets. (Ed. Code §§47605(d)(1), 60605.)

Charter School shall work toward aligning all applicable District goals, including but not limited to the school and student outcome goals set forth in the LAUSD's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Strategic Plan, as they may be amended, updated, and/or replaced by the District, throughout the term of the Charter.

Charter School shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and District policies and procedures related to AB 97 (2013) (Local Control Funding Formula) and AB 484 (2013), as they may be amended from time to time, including all requirements pertaining to pupil outcomes.

MEASURING PUPIL PROGRESS TOWARD OUTCOMES: FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School shall meet or exceed the District standards and guidelines for implementing diagnostic, screening, periodic and/or benchmark assessments. Charter School shall be responsible to pay all costs related to the implementation of any alternate and/or replacement diagnostic, screening, periodic and/or benchmark assessments.

Grading, Progress Reporting, and Promotion/Retention

As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall adhere to and implement District policies and procedures regarding grading, progress reporting, and promotion/retention.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School is subject to the governance and control of the LAUSD Board of Education. Governance at the school site level shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Charter and shall be consistent with all applicable state, federal laws and regulations, District policies, and provisions of LAUSD collective bargaining agreements (CBAs). Adoption of any governance structure or model in conflict with the above shall be null and void unless the appropriate parties have agreed to a waiver or exemption. Absent agreed upon waivers between the District and UTLA, Charter School shall adhere to the requirements of Article XXVII of the LAUSD-UTLA CBA, as it may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to provisions related to Local School Leadership Council composition and responsibilities, and provisions regarding councils and committees (e.g., Title I School Site Councils).

If the charter school has a separate charter school Governing Council **[N/A]**

Charter School shall adhere to and implement all applicable District policies and procedures for compliance with California open meetings laws (i.e., the Brown Act and the Greene Act, as applicable) and the California Public Records Act.

All staff and representatives of Charter School, including members of Charter School's Governing Council, members of school committees and other councils, and school administrators, shall comply with federal and state laws, nonprofit integrity standards, and LAUSD's charter school policies, regarding ethics and conflicts of interest.

Charter School shall ensure that, at all times throughout the term of the Charter, the bylaws of its Governing Council are and remain consistent with applicable laws, District policy, the provisions of LAUSD collective bargaining agreements (CBAs), any applicable District-UTLA waiver(s), and the provisions of this Charter.

The District reserves the right to appoint a non-voting single representative to Charter School's Governing Council.

LEGAL AND POLICY COMPLIANCE

Charter School shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and local regulations, and District policies and procedures, as they may change from time to time.

In coordination and consultation with the District, Charter School shall comply with all applicable federal and state reporting requirements, including but not limited to the requirements of CBEDS, CALPADS, the Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999, and Education Code section 47604.33.

Charter School shall notify parents, guardians, and staff in writing within 72 hours of the issuance of a Notice of Violation, Notice of Intent to Revoke, Final Decision to Revoke, Notice of Non-Renewal, or equivalent notice, by the LAUSD Board of Education.

TITLE IX, SECTIONS 504 AND 508, AND UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to its responsibilities under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (“Section 504” and “Section 508”), and the District’s Uniform Complaint Procedures.

As a District affiliated charter school, Charter School shall adhere to all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and District policies and procedures, regarding pupil fees, including but not limited to procedures related to complaints filed pursuant to Education Code section 49013.

Charter School shall comply with the requirements of Education Code section 52075 and District policies and procedures regarding the filing of complaints related to certain provisions of the Local Control Funding Formula legislation.

RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES

Charter School shall promptly respond to all District inquiries, including but not limited to inquiries regarding financial records, and shall cooperate with the District regarding any inquiries. Charter School acknowledges that it is subject to audit by LAUSD, including, without limitation, audit by the District Office of the Inspector General.

If an allegation or other evidence of waste, fraud, abuse, or other material violation of law related to Charter School’s operations, or breach of the Charter, is received or discovered by the District, Charter School shall cooperate with any resulting inquiry and/or investigation undertaken by the District and/or the Office of the Inspector General Investigations Unit.

NOTIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT

Charter School shall provide the appropriate Region and the Charter Schools Division with copies of all collective bargaining waivers and/or exemptions within 10 days of the execution date of the waiver/exemption.

Charter School shall notify the appropriate Region and the Charter Schools Division in writing of any citations or notices of workplace hazards, investigations by outside regulatory or investigative agencies, lawsuits, or other formal complaints or notices, within one week of receipt of such notices by Charter School. Charter School shall also notify the appropriate Region in writing of any internal investigations within one week of commencing investigation. Charter School shall notify the appropriate District office(s) and Region immediately of any dire emergency or serious threat to the health and safety of students or staff.

STUDENT RECORDS

Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to the creation, use, maintenance, storage, and transfer of student records.

When a student transfers for any reason from Charter School to any other school district, Charter School shall notify the superintendent of the school district of the student's last known address within 30 days, and shall, within 10 school days of receiving a records request, provide that school district with a copy of the student's cumulative record, including a transcript of grades or report card and health information. Charter School shall comply with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 3024, regarding the transfer of student special education records.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Charter School shall not require a parent or legal guardian of a prospective or enrolled student to perform volunteer service hours, or make payment of fees or other monies, goods, or services in lieu of performing volunteer service, as a condition of their child's admission, continued enrollment, attendance, or participation in the school's educational activities, or otherwise discriminate against a student in any manner because their parent/guardian cannot, has not, or will not provide volunteer service to Charter School.

The Charter School may encourage parental/guardian involvement, but shall notify the parents and guardians of applicant students and currently enrolled students that parental/guardian involvement is not a requirement for acceptance to, or continued enrollment at, the Charter School. (Education Code section 47605(n).)

FEDERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School shall comply with and implement all applicable District policies and procedures related to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA, also known as Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)) and other applicable federal programs.

ELEMENT 5 – EMPLOYEE QUALIFICATIONS

“The qualifications to be met by individuals to be employed by the charter school.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(E).)

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Charter School acknowledges and agrees that all persons are entitled to equal employment opportunity in accordance with all applicable legal and District requirements. Charter School shall not discriminate against applicants or employees on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military and veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by California or federal law. Equal employment opportunity shall be extended to all aspects of the employer-employee relationship, including but not limited to recruitment, selection, hiring, upgrading, training, promotion, transfer, discipline, layoff, recall, and dismissal from employment.

STAFFING

Charter School shall comply with and implement all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, District policies, and LAUSD collective bargaining agreements related to staffing, credentialing, and assignment of teachers to grade levels, department, subjects, and classes. Charter School shall be subject to all District decisions regarding reduction in force, mandated furloughs, layoffs, and any other District decisions related to salaries, classifications, qualifications, and assignments. Unless the District has assigned all employees in a classification to a specific basis, Charter School will have autonomy in assigning positions to specific working bases.

Selection of the principal shall remain the purview of the LAUSD Superintendent or designee.

Certificated Personnel

Charter School shall comply with federal and state laws and regulations, District policies and procedures, and applicable collective bargaining agreements in the selection and assignment of certificated staff. Charter School will have the autonomy to interview and select teachers and school-funded support staff from District-approved lists of eligible candidates as determined by the LAUSD Human Resources Division, which may be limited to Priority Placement Lists (displaced teachers) and Rehire Lists depending on current hiring conditions in each subject area. While every effort will be made to avoid assigning any certificated employee to any Charter School campus, the District retains the right to make such assignments in cases in which no other alternative is available or when an administrative transfer is necessary as determined by the Region administrator (e.g., in order to provide reasonable accommodation in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act).

Classified Personnel

Charter School shall comply with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including but not limited to the merit system provisions of the Education Code, Personnel Commission Rules, and applicable collective bargaining agreements in the selection and assignment of classified staff. Unless valid reemployment lists exist, Charter School will have the autonomy, when selecting classified employees for regular assignment, to select from the top three eligible candidates on current valid eligibility lists promulgated by the Personnel Commission. Affiliated charters with staff selection autonomy will be provided with the ability to select classified staff in accordance with Personnel Commission Rules and statutory requirements.

ELEMENT 6 – HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

“The procedures that the charter school will follow to ensure the health and safety of pupils and staff. These procedures shall require all of the following:

(i) That each employee of the charter school furnish it with a criminal record summary as described in Section 44237.

(ii) The development of a school safety plan, which shall include the safety topics listed in subparagraphs (A) to (K), inclusive, of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 32282. For schools serving pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, the development of a school safety plan shall also include the safety topic listed in subparagraph (L) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 32282. (iii) That the school safety plan be reviewed and updated by March 1 of every year by the charter school.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(F).)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Charter School shall comply with all federal, state, county, and local laws and regulations, and District policies and procedures, related to health, safety, and emergency response and preparedness, as they may be changed from time. Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to protecting the health and safety of students and staff, including but not limited to policies and procedures related to child abuse and neglect reporting and awareness training, and allegations of employee-to-student sexual abuse.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to health, safety, and emergency response and preparedness, including but not limited to the required creation, maintenance, and implementation of an Integrated Safe School Plan. Charter School shall ensure that its staff receives annual training on Charter School's health, safety, and emergency procedures, and shall maintain a calendar for, and conduct, emergency response drills for students and staff in accordance with District policies and procedures.

Charter School shall periodically review, and modify as necessary, its Health, Safety and Emergency Preparedness Plan (Integrated Safe School Plan) and keep it readily available for on-site use. Charter School shall provide a copy of the Health, Safety, and Emergency Preparedness Plan for review upon CSD request.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Charter School, including its administrators, other staff, and representatives, shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Education Code section 49060 et seq., as well as applicable District policy, at all times.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CLEARANCES AND FINGERPRINTING

As a District Affiliated Charter School, in order to protect and promote the health and safety of students and staff, Charter School, including its staff, contractors (vendors), and volunteers, shall adhere to the policies and procedures of the District related to fingerprinting and criminal background clearances.

IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

As a District Affiliated Charter School, in order to guarantee the health and safety of students and staff, Charter School shall ensure that all staff, vendor/contracting entity employee who may have frequent or prolonged contact with students, and volunteers adhere to the policies and procedures of the District related to tuberculosis risk assessment, examination and clearance. Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to the immunization and health screening of its students, including but not limited to the immunization of students as a condition of attendance and screening for vision, hearing, and scoliosis. Charter School shall create, use, maintain, store, transfer, and dispose of student health records in accordance with District policies and procedures.

SAFE PLACE TO LEARN ACT

Charter School shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Safe Place to Learn Act. Education Code section 234 et seq. and related District policies and procedures.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School shall comply with all applicable District policies and procedures related to suicide prevention and the requirements of AB 2246 (2016), codified in Education Code section 215.

ELEMENT 7 – MEANS TO ACHIEVE RACIAL AND ETHNIC, SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND ENGLISH LEARNERS, INCLUDING REDESIGNATED FLUENT ENGLISH PROFICIENT PUPILS BALANCE

“The means by which the school will achieve a balance of racial and ethnic pupils, special education pupils, and English learner pupils, including redesignated fluent English proficient pupils, as defined by the evaluation rubrics in Section 52064.5, that is reflective of the general population residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the school district to which the charter petition is submitted.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(G).)

COURT-ORDERED INTEGRATION

Charter School shall comply with all requirements of the Crawford v. Board of Education, City of Los Angeles court order and the LAUSD Integration Policy adopted and maintained pursuant to the Crawford court order by the District’s Student Integration Services (collectively the “Court-ordered Integration Program”). The Court-ordered Integration Program applies to all schools within or chartered through LAUSD.

Charter School shall take all reasonable steps to attract and maintain a racially integrated student body in a manner consistent with the Court-ordered Integration Program, applicable law, and District policy. Any provision of Integration Program resources to Charter School (e.g., Magnet, Permits with Transportation, and/or Transportation resources) is subject to change, in whole or in part, for budgetary and/or other reasons, at the sole discretion of the District.

ELEMENT 8 – ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

“Admission policies and procedures, consistent with subdivision (e).” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(H).)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Charter School shall admit all students who wish to attend the school. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(2)(A).) As an existing District school that has converted to become a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School’s first priority is to admit students who reside in the former attendance area (boundary) of the school. (See Ed. Code § 47605(e)(1).) If the number of students who wish to attend Charter School exceeds its operational capacity, as determined annually by the District, Charter School shall conduct a public random drawing/lottery. (Ed. Code § 47605(e)(2)(B).) Charter School’s existing students (regardless of residence or any other factor) shall be exempt from the lottery. Prospective students who reside within the former attendance area (boundaries) of Charter School (“resident students”) shall have first priority admission preference at all times and are thus deemed exempt from the lottery as well. (See Ed. Code § 47605(e).)

If, at any time during the school year, the total enrollment of Charter School approaches its operational capacity and Charter School appears potentially unable to enroll new

students who reside within the former attendance area (boundary) of Charter School, Charter School shall immediately consult and coordinate with its Region administration as well as the District's School Management Services and Student Integration Services, to manage its enrollment so that Charter School remains in compliance with all applicable laws and legal obligations (e.g., Crawford v. LAUSD) and that, to the maximum extent possible, Charter School is and remains able to enroll, at all times throughout the year, any and all students who reside within Charter School's former attendance boundary who wish to attend.

If Charter School determines, in accordance with applicable law and District policies and procedures, that any student/parent/guardian used fraudulent address information to establish resident status within Charter School's former attendance boundary to gain enrollment prior to the school's conversion to a District Affiliated Charter School, or to gain enrollment through an admission preference in Charter School's lottery and enrollment process, the student may be withdrawn and referred back to their school of residence in accordance with District policy and applicable law. If, at that time or any time subsequent, the student seeks re-enrollment in Charter School, Charter School shall make its admissions determination in compliance with applicable law and the terms of this Charter.

Student Recruitment

The current demographics at University High School Charter reflect a similar pattern each year. The largest ethnic groups represented in our student body population are: 58% Hispanics, 19% African Americans, 12% whites, 4% Asians and 2% Filipinos. There are currently 38 different cultures from around the world represented by our student body. This multi-culturalism is one of our greatest and unique assets. Other characteristics of the student body include:

- 81% socio-economically disadvantaged as per the qualification for the free and reduced lunch program.
- 32% GATE as per LAUSD identification criteria
- 17% Special Education program as per student's Individualized Education Plans. University
- 6% English Learners as per the Student Household Questionnaire

Students who enroll at University High School Charter come from many of our feeder middle schools such as Emerson Middle School, Johnnie Cochran Middle School, John Burroughs Middle School, Palms Middle School and Daniel Webster Middle School. To help this diverse student population continue to flourish at University High School, the University High School Charter will recruit new students from these feeder schools in the following ways:

- University High School Charter will continue to host parent/student tours
- Prospective families and community members will be invited to the Spring Open House event

- Magnet Coordinator, Academic Counselors, parent representative, Administrators and when feasible current students (Uni Ambassadors and/or ASB Leadership Students) will participate in recruitment fairs hosted on the campuses of our feeder schools
- Middle and elementary schools within our feeder pattern, as well as, community members will be invited to school events such as theatre productions and Multi-cultural fairs
- The school website will be utilized to help families understand the education, achievements, programs, teacher websites, and other important information about our academic program.

Images of our campus and student resources will be identified on the “A day in the life of a University Student” on our website.

Application Procedures

Resident Boundary Students

Resident attendance boundary students go directly to the school main office to enroll.

Prospective students who reside within the former attendance area (boundaries²) of Charter School (“resident students”) shall have **first** admission preference and thus are deemed exempt from the lottery.

Non-Resident Boundary Students

The Charter School will follow LAUSD’s Choices process and deadlines for non-resident applicants. If there is more interest than the number of spaces available, a random public lottery will be conducted for non-resident boundary students as described below. Charter School’s non-resident lottery applications will be made available each year through the On-Time LAUSD Choices Process (Choices Brochure & Application and GoTo.LAUSD.Net). The six week On-Time application window spans the first week in October through the first week in November. Multiple birth applicants (e.g., twins, triplets) must reside at the same address and apply to the same program in the same year in order to be placed consecutively in the selection process.

Lottery Preferences and Procedures

In conducting its admissions lottery, Charter School shall provide the following admission preferences, in the stated order of priority:

- **LAUSD Students**
 - Siblings

² For all District Affiliated Charter Schools, which are conversion charter schools, the term “former attendance area (boundaries)” includes those sending areas designated under the District’s Permits with Transportation (PWT) and Capacity Adjustment Program (CAP) programs.

Prospective students who (a) are siblings of students enrolled in grades 9-11th at Charter School at the time of the lottery and (b) reside within LAUSD boundaries, but not within the former attendance area (boundaries) of Charter School, shall have **second** admission preference.

□ Other LAUSD Students

All other prospective students who reside within LAUSD boundaries, but not within the former attendance area (boundaries) of Charter School, shall have **third** admission preference.

● **California Students**

□ Siblings

Prospective students who (a) are siblings of students enrolled in grades 9-11th at Charter School at the time of the lottery and (b) reside in the State of California but not within LAUSD boundaries, shall have **fourth** admissions preference.

□ Other California Students

Prospective students who reside in the State of California, but not within LAUSD boundaries shall have fifth admissions preference.

Students who participate in the lottery but are not selected for admission during the lottery shall be placed on a waitlist in the same priority order as above. As seats become available, Charter School shall fill the seats from the waitlist. This waitlist shall be effective until the end of the programmatic year to which it pertains.

During the month of February, after receiving the list of interested applicants from the Choices Program, the Charter School shall conduct its public random drawing (lottery) for non-resident boundary students only, if applicable. Information regarding the date and procedures of the lottery shall be posted on Charter School's website (i.e., at least two weeks prior to the lottery) and made readily available in the main office.

Charter School shall hold its lottery in the auditorium, multipurpose room, or equivalent alternative space on campus. Affiliated Charters, as aligned to District guidance, may opt to include a virtual option for families at the same time and/or in addition to the in-person lottery. Any interested party or member of the public may attend, but attendance is not required to participate in the lottery. At the designated place, date, and time of the lottery, students selected will be announced.

Annual Random Lottery Process for Admission

1. Notify and post through website, verbal, and written communication regarding the echoices/Unified Enrollment Process,

2. Field and Direct parents to echoices to fill out Unified Enrollment application.
3. Notify and post Lottery procedures on the website.
4. Communicate Lottery procedures to prospective families attending the School tours.
5. Conduct a public meeting using a randomized electronic system such as “Spin the Wheel” or an alternative manual randomized system for selection of students.
6. Hold Community Meeting Posting Lottery Results (Based on space availability all applicants who applied on time during the Unified Enrollment Window were offered enrollment at UHSC),
7. Email a formal welcome letter to prospective families and inform them of next steps to follow to accept or decline in the Unified Enrollment Portal.

Parent/guardians of applicants being offered admission through the lottery will be notified in writing by email or mail, depending on method of application submission, in accordance with the Choices notification timelines and will accept the offered seat in accordance with the Choices timelines. Parent/guardians of student applicants who are placed on the waitlist resulting from the lottery may call or visit the school to find out their child’s priority number on the waitlist. Parent/guardians of student applicants on the waitlist who are offered admission at any time subsequent to the lottery will receive notification by telephone call and will have to contact the parent/guardian a minimum of three times to accept the offered seat.

Non-resident boundary students who apply for admission after the On-Time application window will be added to the bottom of the waitlist in the order in which their applications are received. Choices Late Applications are processed on a first come, first-served basis beginning February 1st through norm day of the following school year. The school is responsible for contacting waitlisted and late applicants.

SCHOOLS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (SAS) PROGRAM

If Charter School offers an SAS Program, it shall not consider any student’s eligibility or interest in the program in determining admission to Charter School. Once a student has been admitted/enrolled in Charter School, Charter School may accept and process an application from the student per SAS Program participation guidelines.

MAGNET PROGRAM

If an affiliated charter school is a full magnet or has a District-approved Magnet Center, selection to the Magnet Program (school or center) shall be determined in accordance with the rules and procedures established by District's Student Integration Services.

Students enrolled in the magnet program may take part in all programs and activities available to students at the Affiliated Charter school where they are enrolled.

HOMELESS AND FOSTER YOUTH

Charter School shall adhere to the provisions of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and ensure that each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youths. Charter School shall provide specific information, in its outreach materials, websites, at community meetings, open forums, and Regional Center meetings, that notifies parents/guardians that Charter School is open to enroll and provide services for all students. Charter School shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and related District policies and procedures regarding homeless and foster youth, including but not limited to the provisions of AB 379 (2015) and Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 48850) of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, as amended from time to time.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Charter School shall not require a parent/guardian/student to provide information regarding a student's disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, legal or economic status, primary language or English Learner status, immigration status, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, including immigration status, or any other information that would violate federal or state law, prior to admission, participation in any admissions or attendance lottery, or pre-enrollment event or process, or as a condition of admission or enrollment. Charter School may request, at the time of, and as part of, conducting its lottery process, the provision of information necessary to apply specific admissions preferences, if any, set forth in this Charter.

Charter School shall not request or require submission of a student's IEP, Section 504 Plan, or any other record or related information prior to admission, participation in any admissions or attendance lottery, or pre-enrollment event or process, or as a condition of admission or enrollment.

Charter School shall adhere to the District's policy consistent with the model policy developed by the California Attorney General addressing the Charter School's response to immigration enforcement, notify parents/guardians of their children's right to a free

public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs, prohibit the collection of information or documents regarding the immigration status of students or their family members, and fulfill other requirements of Education Code section 234.7.

DOCUMENTATION OF ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT PROCESSES

Charter School shall maintain complete and accurate records of its annual admissions and enrollment processes, including but not limited to documentation (i.e., District application portal) of implementation of lottery and waitlist criteria and procedures in accordance with the terms of the Charter. These records shall be made available to the District upon request.

ELEMENT 9 – ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDITS

“The manner in which annual, independent financial audits shall be conducted, which shall employ generally accepted accounting principles, and the manner in which audit exceptions and deficiencies shall be resolved to the satisfaction of the chartering authority.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(I).)

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School will not provide for a separate audit but will be included in the annual audit for LAUSD.

ELEMENT 10 – SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PROCEDURES

“The procedures by which pupils can be suspended or expelled.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(J).)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures related to student discipline and behavior, suspension, and expulsion.

Charter School shall provide due process for all students, including adequate and timely notice to parents/guardians and students of the grounds for all suspension and expulsion recommendations and decisions and their due process rights regarding suspension and expulsion, including rights of appeal.

Charter School shall ensure that its staff is knowledgeable about and complies with the District’s Discipline Foundation Policy and/or current equivalent policy. Charter School shall comply with the terms of the School Discipline Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights resolution adopted by the LAUSD Board of Education on May 6, 2013.

Charter School shall implement alternatives to suspension and expulsion, especially in response to attendance-related concerns, e.g., truancy or excessive tardiness.

Charter School acknowledges that the District's Student Discipline and Expulsion Support Unit provides technical assistance to schools considering recommendations for expulsion, ensures that students recommended for expulsion are afforded a fair and impartial hearing and all other due process rights, and provides for post-expulsion placement/rehabilitation plans and services as required by law.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Charter School shall implement District policies and procedures ensuring compliance with federal and state laws and regulations regarding the discipline of students with disabilities. If a student is recommended for expulsion and the student receives or is eligible for special education, pending the completion of the expulsion process, Charter School shall identify and provide special education programs and services at an appropriate interim alternative educational placement, to be determined in coordination with the LAUSD Division of Special Education.

In the case of a student who has an Individualized Education Program ("IEP"), or a student who has a Section 504 Plan, Charter School shall ensure that it follows correct disciplinary procedures to comply with the mandates of state and federal laws, including IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Plan of 1973, and District policies and procedures. An IEP team will meet to conduct a manifestation determination and to discuss, if appropriate, alternative placement utilizing the District's Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual. Prior to recommending expulsion for a student with a Section 504 Plan, Charter School's administrator will convene a Section 504 Link Determination meeting to ask the following two questions:

- A. Was the misconduct caused by, or directly and substantially related to the student's disability?
- B. Was the misconduct a direct result of the Charter School's failure to implement Section 504?

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT'S DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE

Upon the expulsion of any student, if the student is a resident of a school district other than LAUSD, Charter School must notify the Superintendent of the student's district of residence within 30 days of the expulsion. Additionally, upon request of the receiving school district, Charter School shall forward student records no later than 10 school days from the date of the request as stated in Education Code sections 49068 (a) and (b). Charter School shall comply with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 3024, regarding the transfer of student special education records.

OUTCOME DATA

Charter School shall gather and maintain all data related to placement, tracking, and monitoring of student suspensions, expulsions, and reinstatements, in the District's Student Information System and shall make such outcome data readily available to the Charter Schools Division upon request.

READMISSION

Charter School shall comply with all District policies and procedures related to requests for readmission by students expelled from Charter School.

GUN-FREE SCHOOL ZONE ACT

Charter School shall comply with the Gun-Free School Zone Act and other applicable state and federal law.

ELEMENT 11 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

“The manner by which staff members of the charter schools will be covered by the State Teachers’ Retirement System, the Public Employees’ Retirement System, or federal social security.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(K).)

District employees working at or assigned to Charter School will continue to receive compensation and benefits for their services according to the provisions of the collective bargaining agreements of their respective bargaining units with LAUSD, inclusive of but not limited to provisions related to salaries, unemployment benefits, retirement systems and benefits (including CalSTRS and CalPERS), health insurance, life insurance, and all other assigned compensation and benefits.

As LAUSD employees, Charter School's administrators, faculty and staff will receive all appropriate benefits in compliance with state and federal laws regarding employee benefits.

ELEMENT 12 – PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ALTERNATIVES

“The public school attendance alternatives for pupils residing within the school district who choose not to attend charter schools.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(L).)

Students of Charter School do not have or gain any right to admission in a particular school of any school district, or program of any school district, as a consequence of

applying to or enrolling in a Charter School, except to the extent that such a right is extended by the school district.

A student residing within the territorial boundaries of the District who chooses not to attend a Charter School may contact School Management Services and Demographics to seek assistance in enrolling in a District school in accordance with District policies and procedures. Alternatively, the student may pursue an inter-district transfer, if available, in accordance with admission, enrollment, and transfer policies and procedures of the District, as they may change from time to time, or seek enrollment at another charter public school pursuant to applicable law and the terms of the school's charter.

A student currently enrolled at Charter School who resides outside the territorial boundaries of the District and who chooses not to continue attending the Charter School may attend a public school within the student's school district of residence in accordance with applicable law and that school district's policies and procedures or seek enrollment at another charter public school pursuant to applicable law and the terms of that school's charter.

ELEMENT 13 – RIGHTS OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

"The rights of an employee of the school district upon leaving the employment of the school district to work in a charter school, and of any rights of return to the school district after employment at a charter school." (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(M).)

As a District Affiliated Charter School, all administrators, faculty, and staff of Charter School are and shall be LAUSD employees. All Charter School employees shall be hired by the District and maintain the same relationships with and through all respective bargaining units as other District employees at non-charter schools.

ELEMENT 14 – MANDATORY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

"The procedures to be followed by the charter school and the entity granting the charter to resolve disputes relating to provisions of the charter." (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(N).)

Charter School agrees to resolve any claim, controversy, or dispute ("Dispute") arising out of or relating to the Charter, except for any claim, controversy or dispute that is in any way related to revocation of this Charter, pursuant to the terms of this Element 14.

- 3) If the Dispute cannot be resolved by mutual agreement at the Issue Conference, either party may then request that the Dispute be resolved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

ELEMENT 15 – CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURES

“The procedures to be used if the charter school closes. The procedures shall ensure a final audit of the charter school to determine the disposition of all assets and liabilities of the charter school, including plans for disposing of any net assets and for the maintenance and transfer of pupil records.” (Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(O).)

CLOSURE ACTION

In order to close Charter School, the LAUSD Board of Education must take a “Closure Action.” A Closure Action shall be deemed to have been automatically taken when any of the following occur: the LAUSD Board of Education revokes or denies renewal of the Charter; the LAUSD Board of Education takes specific Board action to close Charter School pursuant to the Board’s general authority and/or its unique authority as the legal governing board of Charter School pursuant to the Charter Schools Act of 1992; the Charter lapses; or the LAUSD Board of Education or its designee approves Charter School’s request to revert to a non-charter District school.

In the event of a Closure Action, unless the LAUSD Board of Education or its duly authorized designee expressly directs otherwise, Charter School shall revert to a District traditional school.

REVOCAION OF THE CHARTER

The Board of Education may revoke the Charter if Charter School commits a breach of any provision set forth in a District policy related to charter schools adopted by the District Board of Education and/or any provision of the Charter Schools Act of 1992, as it may be amended from time to time. The Board of Education may revoke the charter of Charter School if the District finds, through a showing of substantial evidence, that Charter School did any of the following:

- Charter School committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the Charter.
- Charter School failed to meet or pursue any of the pupil outcomes identified in the Charter.

- Charter School failed to meet generally accepted accounting principles or engaged in fiscal mismanagement.
- Charter School violated any provision of law.

Pursuant to AB 97 (2013), Charter School may be identified for assistance based on state evaluation rubrics and be subject to revocation pursuant to Education Code section 47607.3.

Prior to revocation, and in accordance with Education Code section 47607(g) and state regulations, the LAUSD Board of Education will notify Charter School in writing of the specific violation, and give Charter School a reasonable opportunity to cure the violation, unless the LAUSD Board of Education determines, in writing, that the violation constitutes a severe and imminent threat to the health or safety of the pupils, or otherwise takes specific Board action to close Charter School pursuant to the Board's general authority and/or its unique authority as the legal governing board of Charter School. Revocation proceedings are not subject to the dispute resolution clause set forth in this Charter.

Pursuant to Education Code section 47607.3, a charter school identified for needing assistance and provided advice and assistance from the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence based on failure to satisfy state evaluation rubrics may be subject to revocation.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY REVERSION TO NON-CHARTER SCHOOL STATUS

In the event that Charter School, seeks to revert voluntarily to a non-charter District school status, the Local School Leadership Council and/or the Governance Council, as indicated in Element 4, shall execute a resolution requesting approval from the LAUSD board. Charter School shall contact its assigned Charter Schools Division administrator, who will provide information and guidance regarding the applicable procedures for submitting and processing a request for voluntary reversion to non-charter school status. Students enrolled at the District Affiliated Charter School at the time of reversion, who reside outside of resident school area (boundaries), will be entitled to continuous enrollment through permits, as applicable.

CLOSURE PROCEDURES

In the event of a Closure Action, Charter School shall immediately act and operate in all matters as a traditional District school, unless otherwise directed by the LAUSD Board of Education or its duly authorized designee. If and to the extent that they are not already District property or rights, all assets of Charter School shall be automatically transferred to LAUSD. The District reserves the right to conduct a close out audit or other audit.

Charter School shall issue written notification of the school's closure as a District Affiliated Charter School, and reversion to a non-charter District school, to the parents/guardians/caregivers of all enrolled students of Charter School within 72 hours of a Closure Action. Such notification must include, but is not limited to, notice of the effective date of closure as a District Affiliated Charter School and information regarding student enrollment and/or transfer options as appropriate. Charter School shall simultaneously provide a copy of the written parent notification to the appropriate Region Superintendent and Charter School's assigned Charter Schools Division administrator.

If Charter School serves any students who reside outside District boundaries, Charter School shall notify, within 72 hours of a Closure Action, any school district that may be responsible for providing education services to the former students of Charter School. This notice must include a list of students potentially returning to that district based on student residence. Charter School shall simultaneously provide a copy of these notifications, if any, to the Charter Schools Division. Charter School shall comply with and implement all District policies and procedures and terms of this Charter relating to the transfer of student records.

This Element 15 shall survive the revocation, expiration, termination, or cancellation of this Charter, or any other act or event that would end Charter School's authorization to operate as a charter school or cause Charter School to cease operation.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

FACILITIES

Charter School's school site remains subject to use by the District and possible space allocation under Proposition 39 and implementing regulations.

Charter School shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and District policies and procedures, regarding facilities.

FISCAL MATTERS

As a District Affiliated Charter School, Charter School's fiscal operations will be supervised by LAUSD. Charter School shall adhere to all applicable District fiscal policies and procedures, including but not limited to policies and procedures related to budgeting, procurement, third party contracts, student body funds, student store, donations, fundraising, payroll, imprest funds, and payment approval for goods and services.

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