

Del Mar Union School District
Sycamore Ridge Academy
Single Plan for Student Achievement
2021-2022

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Sycamore Ridge School Profile

Sycamore Ridge School opened its doors in August of 2005 to the students of the community to serve kindergarten through sixth grade students and begin a tradition of academic excellence and parental involvement that still holds strong today. This year, we begin our sixteenth year serving approximately 550 students in 25 general education classrooms and two special day classrooms. This year, kindergarten through third grade classrooms maintain a student to teacher ratio of 22:1 and fourth through sixth grade maintain student to teacher ratios of 25:1 based on district-wide decisions made to decrease class size in the upper grades due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The student population of 550 represents fourteen different ethnic groups and twenty different languages. The culturally and linguistically diverse setting represents exemplary students who feel welcome and valued at school. Through a commitment to social, emotional and academic growth, there exists an environment that is inclusive and nurturing of the whole child. Sycamore Ridge is a school where thinking is valued, visible, and actively promoted. Our school culture embraces students' strengths, passions, sense of purpose, and prepares students to serve a broader social, political, and economic community. Prototypes for updated Modern Learning Studios, in kindergarten, first, second, and third grade along with our Functional Life Skills classroom and our art studio are being piloted on the Sycamore Ridge campus this year. We recognize the power of agile and innovative learning environments that promote student engagement, creativity, and student agency.

Credentialed teachers who specialize in five main subject areas including visual arts, music, integration specialist, science, and physical education teach our STEAM+ classes. STEAM+ teachers are credentialed specialists who work together with classroom teachers to enhance the core curriculum and provide students with opportunities to learn through exploration, experimentation, and creativity. Through STEAM+, students develop problem solving skills, teamwork, and gain exposure to the fine arts above and beyond the classroom experience. STEAM+ classes are the perfect combination of conceptually based hands-on instruction with opportunities for learning extending beyond the classroom. Our goal is that all students can develop their individuality and learn to communicate their thinking while developing an understanding of the world around them.

Our students are encouraged to demonstrate qualities of good character across school environments and in the community. Our Second Step program supports the overall social and emotional development of the whole child. Classroom teachers foster social emotional development through classroom meetings and weekly Second Step lessons. Additionally, we have a School Counselor who supports students struggling with social emotional concerns through direct and indirect services (i.e. individual consultation, group counseling to support specific topics, collaboration and consultation with parents and staff, etc.) This year, our school community continues to take action to combat bullying and bias as a means to stop the escalation of hate and continue to create a more inclusive climate at Sycamore Ridge by committing to actively participate in the No Place for Hate movement. We received our first No Place for Hate designation in the 2020-2021 school year and are excited to maintain this distinction in the current school year, and in years to come.

So many great aspects of our school rely on the continued support of parents. The PTA, Del Mar Schools Education Foundation (DMSEF), and School Site Councils are three examples of hands-on parental involvement in programs that are essential to Sycamore Ridge. A school is as strong as the partnerships between its community of parents, staff, and students. Sycamore Ridge is particularly proud of this productive relationship.

District Design 2022

Our Vision:

Unrelenting pursuit of the extraordinary school experience.

Our Mission:

To ignite genius and empower students to advance the world.

Belief Statement:

We must seize opportunities to revolutionize the traditional school system to better prepare today's students. A wise investment in time and resources will radically change and improve the school experience.

We believe:

The school experience is built upon a strong academic foundation within a safe, secure environment.

In the joy of learning.

In student choice and ownership of learning.

In the genius of each child.

In developing integrity, compassion, and empathy.

In developing grit, perseverance, and a passion for learning.

In empowering students to be thinkers and change makers.

In the power of curiosity.

In the power of team.

In taking risks and not settling.

Our students, as engaged citizens, will positively impact their community and the world.

Three Levers

The Del Mar Union School District develops students' strengths, passions, and sense of purpose, and prepares them to serve a broader social, political, and economic community. Three levers identify the means or agency of achieving this end.

- **Lever One:** Strong Academic Core and High-Quality Instruction
The academic core is the foundation on which the school experience develops. It grounds the work and ensures students develop essential skills and competencies. High-quality instruction identifies the research-based instructional elements that connect teacher actions with student performance.
- **Lever Two:** Mastery of Skills that Matter Most
We are in a constant, unrelenting and exciting race to adapt and lead as we lay the groundwork for a promising future for our students. The skills that matter most require the ability to think and learn across disciplines, connect multiple ideas, create new knowledge, and engage in breakthrough thinking.
- **Lever Three:** Environment
The physical environment of a school or classroom will influence how individuals interact, their behaviors, and their performance. It is the "third teacher." The physical space should inspire the work of groups and individuals.

Principles

- **Personalization:** Pedagogy, curriculum, and learning environments meet individual student's needs. The experience is tailored to learning preferences and the specific interests of specific learners.
- **Student Agency:** Agency is the capacity and propensity to take purposeful initiative. Students with agency do not respond passively to their circumstances; they seek meaning and act with purpose to achieve the conditions they desire in their own and others' lives. Student choice and ownership of learning are manifested in the learning environment, subject matter, learning approach, and/or pace. Students use mistakes and setbacks as opportunities to grow. Research-based approaches connect teacher actions with student performance.
- **Design Thinking:** Design Thinking is a set of skills that prepares students to solve large, complex, cross-curricular, real-world problems by teaching them effective ways of learning and collaborating. It uses a process, made up of discrete stages, for creating innovative solutions. Students develop skills to solve problems confidently and creatively. Design Thinking draws upon logic, imagination, intuition, and systemic reasoning, to explore possibilities of what could be - and to create desired outcomes that benefit the end user (the customer).
- **Collaboration:** Rather than competing to come up with a good idea, teams work collaboratively to gather information, synthesize, generate ideas, test, and iterate. Teams learn to share their thinking, get feedback, build on, and ultimately hold their own ideas loosely so as to be open to new ideas. Working with others allows students to tackle more complex problems, navigate team dynamics, and develop self-awareness.
- **Cultural Intelligence:** The capability to relate and work effectively across cultures. A combination of the insights, competencies, attitudes, and behaviors that enable students to assess culturally diverse experiences accurately, in order to engage effectively with the world around them.

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High quality instruction identifies the research-based instructional elements that connect teacher actions with student performance.

FROM (2017)	➡	TO (2022)
Professional learning has focused on understanding academic content standards in reading, writing, and mathematics. Understanding of how to teach the standards according to a developmental continuum at appropriate levels of rigor for each child is in the initial stages. Beginning stages of understanding the Standards for English Language Development and Next Generation Science.		Deep understanding of the standards includes content knowledge and progression along an articulated continuum. Lessons are designed with entry points for every student and embed opportunities for student choice while ensuring appropriate levels of rigor.
The use of standards as the foundation for lesson design continues to develop. There is limited lesson design with a cross curricular focus. Some lessons lack a clear connection to standards and appear to be activity-based rather than standards-based.		Meaningful learning experiences are grounded in standards and inspire students to engage with the content and apply learning to real world situations and/or new contexts. Students have ample opportunity to create and think critically.
Much instruction focuses on student work products rather than the process of thinking and learning. Classroom environments tend to reflect static displays of student work products. The process of learning and student thinking continues to increase in visibility throughout our classrooms.		<p>Students have a deep understanding of subject matter through learning cognitive operations and key attributes of thinking for each operation.</p> <p>Students know how to carry out the thinking skills required when they initiate learning in response to inquiry, engage in meaningful tasks, and solve problems.</p> <p>There exists systematic, explicit attention to cognitive operations which results in deep understanding of subject matter.</p>

<p>All teachers have received an overview of the Essential Elements of Instruction. Some teachers have participated as lead teachers for the purpose of deeper learning around each of the elements. Intentional use of the elements in every classroom is developing.</p>		<p>Highly effective instructional practice is grounded in the intentional use of the Essential Elements of Instruction.</p> <p>The Essential Elements of Instruction are the instructional core: it's how we talk, it's what we do, it's universal; across the district.</p>
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<p>Student learning is assessed according to traditional standardized tests, district benchmarks, classroom tests and quizzes, and one-size-fits-all projects and assignments. Student progress is reported using traditional report cards according to pre-established intervals. There is limited authentic feedback in the form of a narrative unique to each child's academic growth and social emotional development.</p>		<p>Student learning and assessment occurs routinely throughout the academic year according to a child's progress and growth along a developmental continuum. The progress is reported using a narrative, multiple examples of authentic student work that clearly illustrates growth, and current levels of performance toward mastery of academic standards and the skills that matter most. Standardized testing is used as one measure to ensure students continue to progress and perform at high levels.</p>

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The Skills that Matter Most

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<p style="text-align: center;">Judgment, Ethics, Character</p> <p>Often seen as an intentional, deliberately taught program and not always part of the fabric and culture of the organization.</p>		<p>Students have deep personal understanding with strong emotional calibration, including empathy and compassion for others. Students are part of an inclusive environment that promotes respect for all while working collaboratively toward purposeful goals. Students embody a culture of openness to understanding and accepting differing perspectives and experiences.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Health, Well-being</p> <p>Physical health - Students engage in physical activity primarily with a P.E. teacher and a classroom teacher during a specific time, with limited understanding of how their physical well-being impacts every aspect of their lives.</p> <p>Social/emotional – Adults supervise and direct conflict resolution among students through school rules and school-wide discipline policies.</p>		<p>Students’ school day is customized to meet the needs of each individual learner. Students are self-aware of their personal physical and social/emotional well being and have options available to make choices that promote their physical and mental health. Students are organized, resilient, resolve conflict, and respect others. School facilities are utilized beyond the typical school day to support physical well being of students and the community.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Leadership and Management</p> <p>Students’ school experiences are currently planned and organized by the adults and manifest as structures and procedures for students to follow. Daily routines are driven by lists, schedules, and bells. There is limited evidence of student agency. Limited opportunities exist for students to make decisions and choices about their school experience. Students’ opportunities for leadership are typically controlled by adults. Student accountability lies predominantly with the adults.</p>		<p>Student agency and leadership are cultivated throughout the school experience. Students actively participate in the planning and structure of their day. Students help create customized learning goals around clear, expected outcomes. Students have options available to choose where and how to engage in meaningful learning. Students demonstrate learning in a variety of formats suitable to a given project or task. Students engage and serve people, have opportunities to be entrepreneurial and practice ethical decision making.</p>

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<p>Future Processes, Sustainability and Forecasting</p> <p>Limited application of knowledge and academic foundation to real world context. Student engagement with content is typically focused on acquisition of knowledge, rather than content knowledge that is made meaningful with relevant real world problems in which students gain deep understanding and seek solutions.</p>		<p>Students have diverse experiential learning opportunities which include seeking problems in real situations. Deep understanding of content knowledge comes to life via identifying and solving these meaningful, real world problems.</p>
<p>Employability Skills</p> <p>Few opportunities exist for students to experience problem seeking and problem solving in real world situations that involve teamwork, communication, human relations, critical thinking, and entrepreneurial dispositions, including mathematics and budget. Use of technology is mostly at the substitution level and we are at the beginning stages of intentionally using technology to further students' communication and collaboration skills.</p>		<p>Students have an understanding and first-hand knowledge of the world of work. Students routinely build upon their unique skills, passions and interests and are presented opportunities to connect with real world employers, corporations, and industries to experience problem seeking and solving in real world situations. Through these opportunities students develop the critical thinking, collaboration and creativity applicable to industry.</p> <p>Students have access to the “right tool for the right job” so that authentic learning, beyond the walls of the classroom, takes place.</p> <p>Students display agility, flexibility, and adaptability in selecting the right approach and/or tool for a given job.</p>
<p>Communication</p> <p>The use of authentic written communication for the purpose of expressing ideas and opinions is strong throughout the district.</p> <p>Verbal skills, written skills, and presentation skills are primarily completed in response to a teacher directed prompt or topic. Discourse is primarily around academic content with some opportunity to write and speak with voice about relevant, self-selected content. Limited opportunity exists for students to engage in civil discourse around current world issues with varying viewpoints.</p>		<p>Students determine and use the best modes of communication for the purpose of thoughtfully expressing ideas and opinions.</p> <p>Students understand the responsibility and impact of their contribution to the digital world. Students make wise and informed decisions when using multimedia and other non-traditional methods to communicate ideas and connect to the world around them.</p> <p>Students respectfully debate differing opinions around academic content, as well as relevant self-selected content. Students actively listen as an essential form of communication.</p>

		Students seek and use feedback from multiple sources to determine their next steps in learning.
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<p>Global and International Knowledge +Skills Our schools and classrooms are a reflection of an international community. Diverse cultures and languages are assumed, rather than incorporated as part of what is intentionally taught. Limited study exists around diverse cultures and languages and the impact diversity plays in understanding the current global landscape.</p>		<p>Students use their understanding of different cultures to effectively communicate, collaborate, and interact with empathy.</p> <p>Students are exposed to multiple forms of language.</p> <p>Students gain knowledge and perspective by interaction with people and information both locally and globally.</p>
<p>Civic Knowledge, Skills, Disposition Students have some understanding of how laws are made and changed relative to a citizen's rights and responsibilities. Civic literacy often lacks a real world connection. Understanding and contemplation of contemporary issues is limited.</p>		<p>Students apply democratic processes to solve problems in their school and community. Students seek multiple viewpoints and facts to formulate their personal opinions. Students are engaged, contributing members of today's society.</p>
<p>Social and Behavioral Sciences Students have limited experiences that help develop an understanding of how historical context, economics, geography, and world affairs impact societal behaviors and trends.</p>		<p>Students examine societal structures and trends and the factors contributing to current conditions. Students contemplate how today's actions impact tomorrow. Students design solutions for the social challenges of today and tomorrow. Students have a working knowledge of civics, history, law, political science, economics, government, geography, and world affairs.</p>
<p>Computer Science/Literacy Multiple technology platforms and tools are used regularly by students. Limited real world opportunities exist for students to apply technology for the purpose of accessing and processing information, as well as enhancing research, efficiency, productivity, and quality of life. Opportunities do not yet exist that lead to the creation of new technologies.</p>		<p>Students are technologically literate and agile in their use of technology tools. Students access and process information, problem solve, and create new technologies. Students have the skills to determine the tool(s) needed to research, think critically, analyze, and create purposeful content.</p>

<p>Engineering and Architecture Attention to engineering is developing and is most often evidenced through Next Generation Science Standards. Students may lack understanding about how engineering activities are connected to foundational engineering concepts.</p> <p>Significance of engineering in the design and integrity of structures, machines, materials, and systems is developing.</p>		<p>Students fearlessly engage and collaborate in activities that are based on real-world technologies and problems. Students understand there is no single “right” answer in design, and can apply the iterative process. Students understand the significance of engineering in design and integrity of structures, machines, materials, and systems.</p>
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<p>Economics and Personal Finance Limited opportunities exist for students to engage in authentic learning that develops an understanding of needs versus wants, affordability, value, interest, return on investment, and applied ethics.</p>		<p>Students demonstrate a clear understanding of economics and personal finance through the application of identified fundamentals of economics, including needs vs. wants, affordability, value, interest, return on investment, and applied ethics. Students apply these fundamentals to authentic learning opportunities and personal experiences.</p>
<p>Imagination, Creativity, Innovation Initial steps have been taken to develop students’ ability and disciplines needed to imagine, create, invent, and innovate. Current systems, structures and beliefs often inhibit the habit of curiosity among students, in which each individual is encouraged to wonder and imagine how things can be improved or even reinvented. Questions are predominantly asked <i>of</i> students rather than <i>by</i> students.</p>		<p>Students excel in a setting where their personal genius has no bounds. Innovation, curiosity, imagination, and creativity continuously propel the students to question and take action.</p> <p>Students understand and apply the Design Thinking process and use it to seek out and solve problems that matter to them.</p>
<p>Thinking and Reasoning Opportunities for students to think critically and creatively are increasing. Learning through inquiry and complexity is limited and when present, may not be grounded in academic content. Limited opportunities for students to think philosophically, see things in context, and question current thinking.</p>		<p>Students will use thinking strategies across content areas to see relationships, think big, learn through inquiry, deal with complexity, as clarifying questions, think philosophically, see things in context, and question current thinking. Students will identify problems, think creatively and critically to solve the problem, and analyze the results in order to share with an audience.</p> <p>Student learning through increasingly complex inquiry is grounded in academic standards.</p> <p>Students use a shared set of success criteria to engage in and design inquiry experiences.</p>

<p>Knowledge Creation and Breakthrough Thinking</p> <p>Current systems, structures and beliefs support students' knowledge acquisition rather than knowledge creation. Current practices are in the initial stages of developing learning experiences in which students analyze, synthesize, and think across disciplines to discover new knowledge and new ideas.</p>		<p>Students actively use a variety of tools and experts to research issues, generate solutions, and share their new thinking with others. Students access and build on knowledge across content areas to address an issue or area of need. Students seek experts and resources to inform new learning and new ways of thinking about the issue or area of need. Students have opportunities to engineer new products, services, or solutions.</p>
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<p align="center"><u>Environment</u></p> <p align="center">The physical environment of a school or classroom will influence how individuals interact, their behaviors, and their performance. It is the "third teacher." The physical space should inspire the work of groups and individuals.</p>		
<p align="center">FROM (2017)</p>	<p align="center">➔</p>	<p align="center">TO (2022)</p>
<p>Many school facilities are aged. Facilities are rigid and do not lend themselves to flexible use of space. Spaces are defined by fixed walls and furniture. Most students identify with a single place in the school. They have a desk and a classroom assigned to them. Specific learning takes place in a specific space. For example, learning about technology occurs in the technology lab and the library is a static single-purpose space used to read and check out books.</p>		<p>School facilities support student-centered learning, teacher collaboration, positive school climate, technology integration, flexible scheduling, and connection to the environment, community, and global network.</p> <p>Environments connect people with ideas and play an active role in promoting a rich collaborative culture.</p> <p>Students have access to a variety of environments for doing independent research, working on team projects, engaging in debates in social settings, and interacting via technology with peers and colleagues in other parts of the world.</p>
<p>School spaces serve single-use, narrowly defined functions. Rules establish student access to spaces according to defined schedules. Spaces provide limited options for learning tasks. Most spaces are closed off by walls and barriers, limiting access visually and physically.</p>		<p>School spaces are learning spaces; they are active and fully utilized to meet the learning needs of students. The spaces serve relevant purposes. Students actively engage with/within school spaces and have ready access in spaces throughout the school depending on the learning needs.</p>
<p>Classrooms are equipped with traditional desks and uncomfortable chairs. They are furnished according to a one-size-fits-all formula which</p>		<p>Learning spaces have flexible furnishings, support the seamless use of technology, provide</p>

<p>includes desks, chairs, and a teacher desk. There is typically one focal point in the room where the teacher conducts the learning. Connectivity is limited and inconsistent. Current technology (i.e. large screen monitors, ipads, apple tv, chromecast) exists in some classrooms, primarily upper grade.</p> <p>There are eight Modern Learning Studios in two grade levels, one at each of two schools. The MLS rooms have flexible furnishings, support the seamless use of technology, provide a variety of workspace options, and are a reflection of student ownership.</p>		<p>a variety of workspace options, and are a reflection of student ownership.</p>
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Sycamore Ridge School i-Ready Scores EOY 2021*

Percent of Students Who Meet or Exceed Standards				
	Language Arts		Mathematics	
	Number Tested	Percent Meet and Exceed	Number Tested	Percent Meet and Exceed
Schoolwide	337	77%	337	71%
Asian	137	89%	137	91%
Hispanic	53	57%	59	41%
White	117	75%	117	70%
English Learners	46	39%	46	44%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	68	45%	68	31%
Special Education	30	43%	32	38

*i-Ready was administered in Lieu of the Smarter Balanced Assessment in alignment with Flexibility provided by the California Department of Education. Data generated from i-Ready analysis of how students in grades 3-6 were predicted to score on the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

ELPAC Annual Assessment Scoring Levels	2020-21	
	Number	Percent
Level 1: Beginning	10	12%
Level 2: Somewhat developed	14	16%
Level 3: Moderately Developed	35	42%
Level 4: Well Developed	25	30%

Design 2022 -Site Planning
Lever # 1: Strong Academic Core and High-Quality Instruction

LCAP Goal 1: Students will experience high quality standards-based learning applied to real-world context using multi-modal methods to create, communicate, and think critically. Students' experiences will build upon their passions, interests, and strengths.

Priority Actions

Action #	Action Steps	Key Measure	Who Leads?	Resources Needed?	Start Date	End Date	Status
1	Continued professional learning in Creating Cultures of Thinking with Harvard Professor, Ron Ritchhart, Teachers will implement learned strategies with students	Professional learning agendas Classroom observations	District Leadership Principal Teachers	Substitutes	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
2	Implement school-based plans to provide academic tiered intervention based on targeted student need.	Professional learning agendas Meeting agendas Student data	District Leadership Principal	Substitutes Hourly Pay for extended teacher day	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
3	Continue differentiated training of all teachers in grades K-6 teachers to support a conceptually based mathematics program.	Professional learning agendas	District leadership Principal District Math TOSA	Substitutes	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
4	Refine the Implementation of i-Ready Learning Diagnostic and Learning Pathway- reading only (K-6)	iReady Diagnostic Assessment results	District Leadership Principal	iReady platform	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing

5	Refine of Imagine Learning Literacy and Learning to supplement English language development instruction for English Learners at levels ELPAC levels one, two, and three.	Imagine Learning Benchmark assessment results	District Leadership Principal	Imagine Learning Platform	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
6	Essential Elements of Instruction: Provide differentiated learning opportunities for staff, based on experience in DMUSD, need, and assignment.	Professional learning agendas Classroom observations	District Leadership Principal	Substitutes Hourly pay for teacher extended day	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
7	Implement the Amplify Science program in all classrooms	Professional Learning agendas Classroom Observations	District Leadership Principal Teachers	Substitutes	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
8	Site-based MTSS meetings will occur to collaborate around ideas to support Sycamore Ridge's efforts to build an integrated, comprehensive framework that provides targeted supports to students who perform below grade level standards.	Meetings notes Student data	Principal Teachers Support Staff	Substitutes Hourly pay for staff extended day	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
9	Site-based Math Learning Centers team will collaborate around ideas to support Sycamore Ridge's efforts to help all Stallions develop deep understanding and fact fluency in ways that align with our math pedagogy.	Meeting Agendas Student data	Principal Committee Teachers Math TOSA	Math Team Meetings Hourly pay for teacher extended day	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
10	Site-based LLI team will collaborate and implement Leveled Literacy Intervention to increase the number of students who are meeting grade level expectations in ELA	Meeting Agendas Student data	Principal Committee Teachers	LLI Team Meetings	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing

				Hourly pay for teacher extended day			
				Funding for trainings			
11	Intervention support to increase the number of students who are meeting grade level expectations in ELA and/or Mathematics.	Formal and informal assessment	Principal Teachers Intervention Specialists	Planning and collaboration time	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing

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Lever # 2: Mastery of Skills that Matter Most

LCAP Goal 2: Students will demonstrate compassion and empathy by engaging with a sense of purpose in a collaborative school community that embraces diversity and promotes meaningful relationships.

Priority Actions

Action #	Action Steps	Key Measure	Who Leads?	Resources Needed?	Start Date	End Date	Status
1	Inventory the consistent use of the Second Step curriculum at all grade levels. Based on Inventory, determine and implement next steps	Classroom observations Lesson plans	District leadership Principal Teachers	Second Step materials Planning and collaboration time	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
2	Implement school-based plans to provide socio-emotional tiered intervention based on targeted student need.	Professional learning agendas Meeting agendas Student data	District Leadership Principal	Substitutes Hourly Pay for extended teacher day	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
4	Site-based No Place for Hate team will collaborate around ideas to support Sycamore Ridge's efforts to continue working toward creating a strong culture where diversity, equity, and inclusion are valued. This includes but is not limited to completing all required activities to maintain our school's NPFH status.	Meeting agendas / slide decks Schoolwide activities (3)	Principal NPFH Committee Teachers	Hourly pay for extended teacher day SIP funds to purchase NPFH materials	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing

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Lever # 3: Environment
Priority Actions

Action #	Key Measure	Action Steps	Who Leads?	Resources Needed?	Start Date	End Date	Status
1	Classroom observation Teacher reflection	Continue to support classroom environmental shifts to create flexible learning settings that provide personalization, opportunities for student agency, and visually represent the process of students thinking,	District Leadership Principal	Support from Facilities Department And Instructional Services	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
2	Classroom Observation Teacher Reflection	Facilitate additional classroom modernization at a variety of grade levels. At Sycamore Ridge this modernization will take place in one of our kindergarten, 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd grade classrooms along with our Functional Life Skills classroom and our art studio.	District Leadership Principal Teachers	Support from Facilities Department and Instructional Services	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing
3	Classroom observation Teacher Reflection	Identify, purchase, and maintain enhanced technology for classrooms to foster greater student collaboration, communication, and creativity	Principal Teachers	Chromebooks iPads Charging Carts Apple TV Televisions Chromecast Supplementary materials	8/2021	6/2022	Ongoing

CATEGORICAL FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THIS SCHOOL

The following categorical funds were allocated to this school through the Consolidated Application, Part II. Additional funds may be allocated to the school in accordance with district policy.

Sycamore Ridge School

2021-2022		
Program	Site Allocation	Purpose of Funds
School Site Improvement	\$36,654	Improve school response to educational, personal, and career needs of all students
Title 1 Funding	\$111,040	Support students struggling to meet grade level standards in ELA and/or Mathematics

**Sycamore Ridge
Budget
2021 – 2022**

Allocation	
School Site Improvement Funds	\$36,654*
Title 1 Funds	\$111,040

* Includes \$20,559 20-21 carryover

Budget Proposal		
Proposed Expenditure	SIP Funds	Title 1 Funds
<p style="text-align: center;">Curriculum Resources and Release Time:</p> <p>These resources will provide time and relevant materials that support professional planning, learning, and collaboration for staff members as they continue to implement meaningful learning opportunities targeted to specific student need. These resources will enhance Sycamore Ridge’s ability to provide innovative, interdisciplinary instruction for all students.</p>	25,000	
<p style="text-align: center;">No Place for Hate Resources:</p> <p>Support the purchase of resources/materials and additional time for teachers to champion the school site efforts to continue our site certification as a No Place for Hate school.</p>	4,000	
<p style="text-align: center;">Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources:</p> <p>Support the purchase of resources/materials and release time for teachers to support our school site’s ongoing efforts to teach social emotional learning skills to ensure the social-emotional wellbeing of all students are met.</p>	2,654	
<p style="text-align: center;">Flexible Outdoor Learning Spaces:</p> <p>Support the purchase of furnishing to place in collaborative outdoor learning areas to create flexible learning settings that provide personalization and opportunities for student agency in spaces just outside of Sycamore Ridge’s classrooms.</p>	5,000	
<p style="text-align: center;">Targeted Intervention (Personnel)</p> <p>These funds provide for the salary for personnel to support targeted intervention for students struggling to meet grade level standards in ELA and/or Math</p>		96,040
<p style="text-align: center;">Targeted Intervention (Supplemental Materials)</p> <p>These funds support the purchase of supplemental materials to support targeted intervention for students struggling to meet grade level standards in ELA and/or Math</p>		15,000
TOTAL	36,654	111,040

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Education Code Section 64001 requires that this plan be reviewed and updated at least annually, including proposed expenditures of funds allocated to the through the Consolidated Application, by the school site council. The current make-up of the council is as follows:

Names of Members	Principal	Classroom Teacher	Other School Staff	Parent or Community Member
Lori O'Farrell		X		
Erik Lima		X		
Donna Chung		X		
Lesa House			X	
Chelsea Moore	X			
Erica Simmonds				X
Maggie Jin				X
Alison French				X
Nicole Bernstein				X
Sandy Tanaka				X
Numbers of members of each category	1	3	1	4
Total for each group (must be equal)	5			5

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASSURANCES

The school site council recommends this school plan and its related expenditures to the district governing board for approval, and assures the board of the following:

1. The school site council is correctly constituted and was formed in accordance with district governing board policy and state law.
2. The school site council reviewed its responsibilities under state law and district governing board policies, including those board policies relating to material changes in the school plan requiring board approval.
3. The school site council sought and considered recommendations of all appropriate curriculum and program committees, including the English Learner Advisory Committee.
4. The school site council reviewed the content requirements for school plans of programs included in this Single Plan for Student Achievement, and believes all such content requirements have been met, including those found in district governing board policies and in the Local Improvement Plan.
5. This school plan is based upon a thorough analysis of student academic performance. The actions proposed herein form a sound, comprehensive, coordinated plan to reach stated school goals to improve student academic performance.
6. The school site council adopted this school plan and site strategic plan on:

Attested:

Chelsea Moore
Typed name of school principal


Signature of school principal

Nov-29, 2021
Date

Nicole Bernstein
Typed name of SSC chairperson


Signature of SSC chairperson

Nov 29 2021
Date