2021-2025 Strategic Plan

COMPASS CHARTER SCHOOLS

Year 1 Action Plan

Overview

The Year 1 Action Plan provides a list of key strategies and tactics for staff members to pursue as the organization strives to accomplish its four core goals over the next 3-5 years. Lead personnel, resources (financial investments and expenditures), benchmarks, and key metrics have been outlined to help measure the success and progress of each strategy.

Goal 1	Build trusting relationships and a culture of collaboration, innovation, and ongoing learning		
Strategy #1	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Success Indicators (Metrics)
Articulate and reinforce Compass' vision and values	• Describe ARTIC values in practice with leadership and staff input, including job descriptions and during recruitment process	 Leadership: People Division Resources: TBD 	Increase staff feedback on surveys by 50% to show improvement in job satisfaction and morale
	 Incorporate Compass' mission and values into performance management systems & provide implementation training to supervisors and staff 	 Leadership: People Division Resources: Alludo 	 100% of supervisors will accurately implement performance management systems adopted by Compass
	• Create authentic and specific processes for peer-to-peer celebration and accountability of our values in practice (e.g. "Open mic" during team meetings for shout-outs, team agendas, workplace spotlights)	 Leadership: Leadership Team Resources: TBD 	
	• Explore re-write of vision statement to align with Impact Statement	• Leadership: Cabinet, Leadership Team, Parent Advisory Council, Scholar Leadership Council, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, Staff Advisory Committee	

	• Resources : TBD
• Be clear and precise about what a Gold Standard looks like and entails (e.g. clear communication and expectations for staff that align with job description competencies of what it means to be a Compass employee)	 Leadership: Leadership Team, People Division Resources: TBD

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Strategy #2	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Success Indicators (Metrics)
Improve processes for staff goal setting and	 Create job descriptions for all positions and align to values and Impact Statement 	 Leadership: People Division Resources: TBD 	 100% of staff will engage in professional development
on-the-job coaching aligned to performance management systems	 Implement new pilot coaching model to support stronger research-based instructional strategies 	 Leadership: Staff Support Department Resources: TBD 	 and share their takeaways with peers or other Compass staff Number of peer-led professional development
	• Align staff goals with team or project-related outcomes; incorporate passion project/passion-driven goals for staff	 Leadership: Advisory Committees, Leadership Team Resources: TBD 	 sessions Alignment with passion project/passion driven goals 100% of staff will contribute to departmental lead measure reporting
	• Create explicit opportunities to provide real-time feedback	 Leadership: Advisory Committees, Leadership Team Resources: TBD 	
	 Identify common areas where all staff are struggling and identify new training strategies 	 Leadership: People Division, Staff Support Department Resources: TBD 	
	• Build collaboration between staff members' expertise in order to better leverage internal expertise	 Leadership: People Division, Staff Support Department Resources: TBD 	

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Strategy #3	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Success Indicators (Metrics)
Improve methods of reflection, sharing, and collaboration across departments	• Create a standard template that meets the needs of all departments and include pre-planning and post meeting protocol	 Leadership: Leadership Team Resources: TBD 	to all people involved (survey) • Staff shows evidence of learning by sharing examples within their department • Weekly highlights shared
	• Standardize and streamline process for receiving input from departments and communicate meeting agendas in advance	 Leadership: Leadership Team Resources: TBD 	
	• Prioritize and reinforce cross-departmental opportunities to collaborate on scholar achievement	 Leadership: Cabinet, Leadership Team Resources: TBD 	 by each department share on Workplace and social media channels Staff report increased communication and productivity with cross-departmental initiatives and collaboration

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Strategy #4	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Success Indicators (Metrics)
Support staff to pursue professional learning opportunities and share	 Devote a portion of all staff meetings to optionally share out best practices 	ings to optionally share out • Resources : TBD	 Two lunch and learn sessions hosted each semester Staff invited to share insights at each meeting
back key insights	• Create learning objectives tied to individual staff development goals	 Leadership: People Division, Staff Support Department Resources: TBD 	
	• Explore new internal events (e.g.	• Leadership: Leadership Team	

job shadow) to share 'lessons learned' based on advancements in staff knowledge and experience	Resources: TBD	
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Goal 2	Provide equitable support for all scholars by leveraging the full Compass community to advance each individual scholar's academic and social emotional progress		
Strategy #1	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Success Indicators (Metrics)
Create and reinforce org-wide standard measures for scholar success (academic and social)	• Create a uniform CCS standards based grading system to help streamline curricula review while allowing for program differentiation	 Leadership: Advisory Committees, Chief Academic Officer Resources: TBD 	 Personalized scholar growth through personalized learning plan All families receive two-point engagement and
	• Clarify expectations for scholar-engaged and scholar-led connection and conference meetings across K-12 to encourage student voice, staff responsibilities, and parent input	 Leadership: Director of Online Learning, Director of Options Learning Resources: TBD 	communication on standardizing testing importance • Pulse check surveys demonstrate families understand the curriculum being taught
	• Hold goal setting connection meetings with families based around standards-set grading system	 Leadership: Supervising Teachers Resources: TBD 	 Pulse check surveys ensure families know where students are meeting/not meeting academic standards
	• Develop talking points to help educate families on measures of success and the importance of standardized testing; explain consequences (as necessary)	 Leadership: Community Relations Department, Staff Support Department Resources: TBD 	

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Strategy #2	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Success Indicators (Metrics)
Educate and motivate families to achieve shared expectations for	• Commit to one consistent, uniform system of communication channel (Ex. Parent Square) for families and develop clear expectations for use	 Leadership: Cabinet Resources: TBD 	• Greater family involvement and diversity at community events (board meetings, Coffee with Compass, field trips, etc)
scholar success using diverse communication channels and community events	• Provide staff training on communication system with families including how to support families in accessing resources that are available	 Leadership: Cabinet Resources: TBD 	 90 % on quiz/ deliverable about the systems (so those who have mastered it do not have to go through retraining)
	• Broaden parental involvement at the school by improving communication and engagement opportunities & increasing involvement in PAC meetings	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	 Invite all parents to one PAC meeting every year for an "Open House" with an open mike forum Host regular Coffee with Compass meetings with PAC and other parents, as well as Board of Directors

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Improve our ability to identify and support individualized scholar support needs (academic and social)	• Build staff capacity to support scholars' academic differentiation, in the areas of English Language Arts and Math	 Leadership: Staff Support Department Resources: TBD 	 Greater use of supports for scholars (Response to Interventions (Rtl), specialized support, summer academic access,
(academic and social)	• Research and explore partnerships with a university to incorporate dual enrollment	 Leadership: Counseling Services Department, Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	 summer actaening access, etc) Greater diversity of applied professional development learnings (EL, AVID, MTSS, PBIS, etc) Increase math proficiency by 5% as measured by various assessments and standardized tests Decrease in the number of scholars that score 'Not Met' on the SBAC Math test Decrease in the average number of years it takes to receive a H.S. diploma Decrease in the number of students who take additional years to receive H.S. diploma
	• Develop a system for identifying, cataloging, and updating staff members' subject-matter expertise to encourage collaboration	 Leadership: People Division Resources: TBD 	
	• Build out time for staff learning & development during team and department meetings to help identify subject areas to round out	 Leadership: Leadership Team, Cabinet Resources: TBD 	
	• Leverage internal expertise and/or hire outside coaches who can support teachers in differentiation	 Leadership: Staff Support Department Resources: TBD 	
	• Develop an extended graduation program expectations and timeline template to ensure at-promise scholars have a realistic pathway to earning a high school diploma	 Leadership: Chief Academic Officer Resources: TBD 	

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Develop and track measures of equity and generate new solutions to equity gaps	 Develop and implement measurements in Alludo Pursue Highlight pilot 	 Leadership: People Division Resources: TBD Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	 100% of ELs progress at least one language proficiency level each year EL scholars are re-classified each school year Increase the number of Reclassified Fluent English -Proficient Scholars by 4% At least 70% of EL scholars will complete Language Arts courses At least 70% of EL scholars will pass Language Arts courses There will be an increase in the number of EL scholars participating in the SBAC test SPED scholars are receiving appropriate services and meeting goals on their IEPs Analysis of scholar data (e.g. CAASPP scores) reflects significant closure of achievement gaps in traditionally underserved populations or populations that typically experience inequity
	• Develop and provide SEL interventions to support inclusivity, self-help, and connections based on scholarly interest and background	 Leadership: Counseling Services Department Resources: TBD 	
	• Create a list of curriculum choices that best support scholar groups based on learning need and style	 Leadership: Advisory Committees, Chief Academic Officer Resources: TBD 	
	• Utilize effective and flexible academic instruction that meets the needs of EL scholars with synchronous and asynchronous lessons, multimedia, and Learning Lab virtual lessons	 Leadership: Academic Support Department Resources: TBD 	

Goal 3	Position Compass to meet the growing demand for personalized virtual learning while proactively adapting to political changes		
Strategy #1	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Success Indicators (Metrics)
Review composition of communities and identify new families who may benefit from personalized virtual learning	• Conduct market research and explore targeted advertising for Compass	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office. Resources: TBD 	 Measure response time to new/potential families (and other measures of customer service)
	• Engage families in evaluation process, create marketing and engagement plans around identified community personas	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	 Key audiences and consistent messaging/talking points developed and defined for each audience Receive CA Purple Star Designation Increase number of partnerships in virtual learning Survey results from stakeholders Generate feedback on clubs, virtual scholar
	• Explore CA Purple Star Designation to increase visibility in the market (especially around military populations)	 Leadership: Cabinet Resources: TBD 	
	• Research withdrawal data trends on a regular basis, encouraging completion of Withdrawal Request forms and exit surveys by families	 Leadership: Operations Department Resources: TBD 	
	• Increase staffing support to include more start-up support for new families, specifically over summer to ensure a good start to the year	 Leadership: People Division Resources: TBD 	 workshops, and field trips Higher attendance when possible during activities

Goal 3	Position Compass to meet the growing demand for personalized virtual learning while proactively adapting to political changes		
Strategy #2	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Success Indicators (Metrics)
Monitor and assess implications of federal, state, and local politics and policy changes	• Create standing agenda item at Leadership Cabinet meetings and Board meetings to provide updates on local, state, and federal policy changes and implications for Compass	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	 Board members are aware of pending and confirmed changes and understand implications to Compass Staff feels informed of up and coming political
	• Utilize a collaborative approach to drafting plans for implementation (advisories, teams, etc) when laws cause changes for Compass	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	 changes via survey Staff feels integrated in to a collaborative process on figuring out solutions for changes via survey
	• Utilize a framework for tracking key external stakeholders (e.g. elected officials, Board members) and political shifts (e.g. proposed bills, new legislation)	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	
	• Plan specialized town hall meetings to communicate political updates org-wide w/ staff collaboration/input/conversations	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	
	 Research and explore opportunities for a Compass lobbying firm 	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	

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Strategy #3	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Success Indicators (Metrics)
Develop a communications strategy to influence the narrative of Compass and promote its status as a premier public school	 Identify key audiences and target messaging 	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	 Differentiate messages across social media platforms to enhance reach & exposure All staff share unified understanding of content shared during information sessions Increase readership in Quarterly Newsletter Generate global influence
	• Redesign Quarterly Newsletter aligned to communications strategy and ensure meaningful & engaging content	 Leadership: Community Relations Department Resources: TBD 	
	• Organize information sessions, educating and engaging prospective families	 Leadership: Outreach Department Resources: TBD 	

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Strategy #4	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Success Indicators (Metrics)
Research and apply for new charters in smart locations that expand Compass's impact	• Research and being relationships with potential authorizers and new service areas	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	 Successful renewals Hitting student enrollment targets Established growth framework
	• Complete statewide market analysis and identify attractive areas for growth	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	
	• Identify required infrastructure growth needed to increase output; develop green-lighting process	 Leadership: Cabinet Resources: TBD 	

Goal 4	Become a recognized leader in personalized virtual learning within California and across the US		
Strategy #1	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Sample Success Indicators (Metrics)
Communicate Compass's approach, expectations, and unique benefits	• Create a strong community following via social media, at charter school forums, within A+	 Leadership: Community Relations Department Resources: TBD 	 TBD # of information sessions held TBD # of marketing outreach efforts & new contacts TBD # increase in social media followers and interactions/engagements Compass will have at least five employees as appointed/elected representatives on industry boards and committees
	• Hold in-person marketing events, and made available for parents (members of PAC and/or graduates of the Learning Coach Academy)	 Leadership: Outreach Department Resources: TBD 	
	Organize information sessions	 Leadership: Outreach Department Resources: TBD 	
	• Encourage stakeholders to participate in Professional Learning Networks with other districts	 Leadership: Cabinet Resources: TBD 	

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Strategy #2	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Sample Success Indicators (Metrics)
Stay up-to-date with advancements in curriculum design and delivery aligned with scholar interests and diverse backgrounds	 Identify Web 2.0 tools to enhance safety and engagement 	 Leadership: IT Department Resources: TBD 	 Curriculum review process in place and stakeholder feedback collected Observation of support practices utilized regularly to identify and support those students with academic, behavioral, and social/emotional needs through a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)
	• Create a curriculum review/evaluation rubric and timeline that allows for stakeholder input	 Leadership: Chief Academic Officer Resources: TBD 	
	• Review and evaluate current curriculum offerings bi-annually by gathering and incorporating annual stakeholder feedback	 Leadership: Chief Academic Officer Resources: TBD 	

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Strategy #3	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Sample Success Indicators (Metrics)
Explore new combinations of blended learning (virtual, in-person, on campus, and/or at home) and pilot new model enhancements	 Elicit feedback from Advisory committees on suggestions for new programs to explore based on family survey results 	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	 Define one new pilot concept from hybrid program (OCLC) to explore Within 5 years, at least 1 new learning model (hybrid, in-person, etc.) will be piloted and feedback invited from participant stakeholders
	• Continue to pilot new ways to enhance existing programs, (ex. Accelerate Education) and other current Online Learning program (ex. Online Learning program leadership team)	 Leadership: Advisory Committees, Chief Academic Officer Resources: TBD 	

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Strategy #4	Action Step (Tactic)	Leadership & Resources	Sample Success Indicators (Metrics)
Share Compass' key competencies with external audiences in California and beyond to improve the representation of personalized virtual learning	 Request Cabinet members to submit presentation proposals, encouraging collaboration with their Directors/Coordinators 	 Leadership: Superintendent's Office Resources: TBD 	 Cabinet members present at no less than two conferences Director/Coordinator will submit at least one conference presentation proposal Compass staff representatives will present at at least three conferences a year Compass staff will publish key findings in at least one major professional publication Compass will have at least two employees' research published annually in peer-reviewed journals
	• Encourage staff to identify opportunities to publish best practices	 Leadership: Cabinet Resources: TBD 	
	 Identify/support at least 1 staff member to begin an action research project for potential publication 	 Leadership: Cabinet Resources: TBD 	