

COVID-19 Operations Written Report for Mt Lassen Charter School

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Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broader understanding of the changes your LEA has put in place. LEAs are strongly encouraged to provide descriptions that do not exceed 300 words.

Provide an overview explaining the changes to program offerings that the LEA has made in response to school closures to address the COVID-19 emergency and the major impacts of the closures on students and families.

There were no significant program changes in response to COVID-19 for the time period March - May 2020. Mt Lassen Charter School is a non-classroom based program. The educational program of the charter school is designed, primarily as a distance learning model. Based on the conviction that families need to be an integral part of the education of their children the following modification were implemented during the period when students were not allowed to be physically at the school site. Enrichment classes were cancelled. Instead of providing on-site tutoring teachers were in contact with their students using various technological means. Families continued to have full access to their teacher by phone, text, email and Zoom. Graduation was held virtually for both the eighth grade promotional and the commencement ceremony for the class of 2020.

Provide a description of how the LEA is meeting the needs of its English learners, foster youth and low-income students.

At the time of the COVID-19 mandate for distance learning Mt Lassen Charter School had two (2) English Learners, zero (0) foster youth, forty nine (49) low-income students and nine (9) students with disabilities. Services for these student populations continued as normal utilizing the in-place independent study model. Student learning was supported by the classroom teachers through email, text, phone conversations, and Zoom meetings. English Learners completed the ELPAC summative assessment prior to the distance learning mandate. High-quality distance learning opportunities consistent with a non-classroom based program continued through the duration of home-based instruction period March – May 2020. Students with disabilities were supported by their general education teacher and the special education teacher on their identified goal/objectives stated in the IEP throughout the time students were not allowed on site. Students who usually got school supplies on site were provided the necessary supplies to use at home.

Provide a description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to continue delivering high-quality distance learning opportunities.

As a non-classroom based, independent study school, Mt. Lassen Charter was only slightly impacted by the COVID-19 mandate to provide high-quality distance learning. Students continued to receive detailed lesson plans from their teachers each learning period throughout the

school year. Students and parents had access to their teacher every school day during distance learning. Students completed their assigned work and turned it into the homework drop box located outside of the school building. Teachers collected the completed assignments and were available to communicate with their students Monday - Friday supporting them through various digital methods. Students were not relegated to simply reviewing previously taught material but were able to progress with their studies as normal. What did change and was not available to students during distance learning was on-site enrichment classes. 95% of students successfully completed a high-quality distance learning program in the core subject areas.

Provide a description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to provide school meals while maintaining social distancing practices.

Lassen County Schools worked together to ensure that all students had the opportunity to receive two free meals daily during the period of school closure and distance learning beginning March 23 through the end of the 2019/2020 school year. Mt Lassen Charter students and their siblings ages 1 - 18 years old had access to breakfast and lunch Monday thru Friday. Meal distribution was provided as a drive thru service at centrally located sites throughout Lassen County. Four of the meal distribution sites were located within a two mile radius of Mt Lassen Charter School. Based on USDA meal requirements children were present to receive the meals.

Provide a description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to arrange for supervision of students during ordinary school hours.

Mt Lassen Charter School has never provided child supervision during ordinary school hours or offered a before or after school program. On March 19th, 2020 when students were no longer permitted at the school site. Schools in Lassen County collaborated with community partners to provide families with a centralized data base of resources available to address child supervision and other community needs. The data base, Lassen Cares Local COVID-19 Information, found at lassencares.org provides families information on food resources, family resources, child and family activities, school meals and other available resources. To the extent practicable Mt Lassen Charter School staff assisted families who were in need of child supervision that was no longer available due to COVID-19. In conjunction with the local health department and licensed child care providers, it was determined child care for essential workers was adequate in Lassen County.