

California Independent Study School of Excellence Award Application

Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total: 100 Points

Section A: School Profile & Overview (15 Points Total)

- **A1: School Mission & Context** (1 Point)
- **A2: Enrollment & Staff Ratios** (2 Points)
- **A3: Staffing Model & Special Populations** (2 Points)
- **A4: Instructional Rhythm & Rigor** (2 Points)
- **A5: Postsecondary Readiness** (2 Points)
- **A6: Professional Development** (1 Point)
- **A7: Safety Practices** (1 Point)
- **A8: Voluntariness & In-Person Pathways** (4 Points)

Section B: Leadership, Governance & Stakeholder Engagement (12 Points Total)

- **B1: Leadership & Collaboration** (2 Points)
- **B2: Onboarding & The Pre-Sign Mandate** (5 Points)
- **B3: Stakeholder Communication** (1 Point)
- **B4: Special Education Placement Authority** (4 Points)

Section C: Instructional Program & Student Learning (20 Points Total)

- **C1: Delivery Models** (2 Points)
- **C2: Curriculum Selection** (2 Points)
- **C3: Equitable Graduation Access** (2 Points)
- **C4: Data & Satisfactory Progress** (2 Points)
- **C5: Credit Models & Learner Agency** (2 Points)
- **C6: Credit Transferability** (1 Point)
- **C7: Enrichment Opportunities** (4 Points)
- **C8: Attendance Accounting & Verification** (4 Points)
- **C9: Instructional Time Requirements** (1 Point)
- **C10: Audit Systems** (1 Point)

Section D: Re-Engagement, Tiered Interventions & MTSS Access (18 Points Total)

- **D1: Early Warning Indicators & Statutory Triggers (4 Points)**
- **D2: Tiers of Support (3 Points)**
- **D3: Timelines & Documentation (2 Points)**
- **D4: Cultural Accessibility (3 Points)**
- **D5: MTSS Framework (2 Points)**
- **D6: Placement & Monitoring (2 Points)**
- **D7: Wraparound Services (2 Points)**
- **D8: Disproportionality (2 Points)**

Section E: School Culture, SEL & Family Partnerships (25 Points Total)

- **E1: Balancing Compliance with Lived Experience (5 Points)**
- **E2: SEL & Trauma-Informed Culture (3 Points)**
- **E3: Co-Designed Supports (3 Points)**
- **E4: Supportive Discipline (3 Points)**
- **E5: Student Voice & Identity (3 Points)**
- **E6: Community Impact Letter (4 Points)**
- **E7: Community Resource Letter (4 Points)**

Section F: Program Evaluation & Continuous Improvement (10 Points Total)

- **F1: Evaluation Strategy (3 Points)**
- **F2: Measuring Value-Added Growth (3 Points)**
- **F3: Data-Informed Shifts (2 Points)**
- **F4: Transparency & Communication (2 Points)**