**OVERVIEW OF STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

**Districts and charter schools must review, update, and post an annual Continuous Improvement Plan to the district or charter school website no later than October 1 each year.**

[Section 33-320, Idaho Code,](https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title33/T33CH3/SECT33-320/) addresses Continuous Improvement Plans. This section of statute was amended during the 2019 legislative session; changes are effective July 1, 2019. The amended section of code states, in part:

“continuous improvement plans AND TRAINING. (1) Each school district and public charter school in Idaho shall develop an annual plan that is part of a continuous focus on improving the student performance of the district or public charter school.

(2)  (a) The board of trustees and the superintendent shall collaborate on the plan and engage students, parents, educators and the community as appropriate.

(b) The annual continuous improvement plan shall:

(i) Be data driven, specifically in student outcomes, and shall include, but not be limited to, analyses of demographic data, student achievement and growth data, graduation rates, and college and career readiness;

(ii) Set clear and measurable targets based on student outcomes;

(iii) Include a clearly developed and articulated vision and mission;

(iv) Include key indicators for monitoring performance;

(v) Include, at a minimum, the student achievement and growth metrics reported on each school and district’s report card as required by the state board of education and published by the state department of education; and

(vi) Include a report of progress toward the previous year’s improvement goals.”

In addition to the Continuous Improvement Plan requirements outlined above, Section 33-320, Idaho Code requires the board of trustees of each school district or the board of directors for each public charter school to continuously monitor progress toward the goals identified in the plan by utilizing relevant data to measure growth and to include consideration of the progress in evaluations of the district superintendent or administrator of a public charter school.

**Posting / Submitting Your Plan**

* If your Continuous Improvement Plan is a stand-alone document (and does not include the Advising Plan or Literacy Plan), **you must** **post it to your website by October 1**. To aid the Office of the State Board of Education in our review process and to assure we are accessing the correct document, **please send an e-mail to** [**plans@osbe.idaho.gov**](mailto:plans@osbe.idaho.gov) **by October 1st including a hyperlink** to the section of your website where the plan is posted. You are welcome to include the plan as an attachment on the e-mail, but please also send us a link.
* If your Continuous Improvement Plan is a Combined District Plan (including the Advising Plan and Literacy Plan), **you must submit it to the Office of the State Board of Education via e-mail** (in PDF or Word and Excel) **by October 1** (IDAPA 08.02.01.801) to [**plans@osbe.idaho.gov**](mailto:plans@osbe.idaho.gov). Please also provide a hyperlink to the section of your website where the plan is posted.

**GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR USING THE PLAN TEMPLATES**

**Please Note: Charter schools with performance certificates that meet *all* of the requirements of the Continuous Improvement Plan, including a link to the charter school’s report card (on idahoschools.org) and Benchmarks (performance targets) for required metrics, may submit their performance certificate in lieu of part or all of the Continuous Improvement Plan.**  If you are interested in this option, please contact our staff in advance to discuss your performance certificate and its alignment to the Continuous Improvement Plan requirements.

**2020-2021 Templates for the Continuous Improvement Plan**

1. Districts and charter schools (Local Education Agencies or LEAs) are not required to submit your Continuous Improvement Plan in one of our provided templates. You may provide your plan in any format you choose. If you are submitting your plan in a locally-developed format, we encourage you to use our template(s) and review checklist(s) as guides to identify the required plan elements and data that should be included in your plan.
2. This template is designed to allow you create and submit a stand-alone Continuous Improvement Plan. If you are interested in providing your Continuous Improvement Plan as a part of a Combined District Plan (that includes the Continuous Improvement Plan, Advising Plan, and Literacy Plan), we recommend you use the 2020-21 Combined District Plan Template (or review it to understand the requirements and then provide a plan in another format).

The Continuous Improvement Plan Template is split into two (2) pieces. **To complete your plan using this format, you need both a Narrative (Part 1) and Metrics (Part 2). The following templates are available to help you meet the requirements:**

* 2020-21 Continuous Improvement Plan Narrative – Template Part 1 (Option A or B)
* 2020-21 Continuous Improvement Plan Metrics – Template Part 2

You may post / submit your Continuous Improvement Plan as two separate documents (Word and Excel or PDF) or combine them into a single PDF.

**Substantial Revisions vs. Plan Update (when to submit a new Narrative)**

The LEA plans (Continuous Improvement Plan, College and Career Advising and Mentoring Plan, and Literacy Intervention Program Plan) are ongoing plans that need to be *updated* annually.

If you have made changes to your mission, vision, or community involvement processes, you must submit a new Narrative. However, if you meet *both* of the following qualifications, you do *not* need to submit a new Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) **Narrative** for 2020-21:

* Your LEA has *not* made changes to your mission, vision, or community involvement practices described in your previous CIP Narrative; and
* Your LEA had a fully compliant CIP Narrative in 2019-20, or you are continuing a previously granted narrative exemption.

If you are unsure if your LEA meets the qualifications listed above, please contact Alison Henken ([alison.henken@osbe.idaho.gov](mailto:alison.henken@osbe.idaho.gov); 208-332-1579) prior to the October 1 plans submission deadline.

If your LEA has met the qualifications and is not submitting a new narrative, when you submit your web link and/or plan documents, please indicate in the body of your e-mail that you believe you meet the qualifications and have no changes to your CIP Narrative.

**Please note:** The Metrics spreadsheet (Template Part 2) includes Benchmarks and the Progress Report (required by law) that *must* be updated and submitted annually.

**FUNDS FOR TRAINING**

Up to $6,600 is available for each LEA, on a reimbursement basis, for LEA superintendents/administrators and boards of trustees/directors for training in continuous improvement processes and planning, strategic planning, finance, administrator evaluations, ethics and governance. A list of Approved Trainers is available on the State Board of Education website at <https://boardofed.idaho.gov/k-12-education/school-district-charter-school-planning-training/>.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Additional templates, recorded webinars, and the Review Checklists are available on our website at <https://boardofed.idaho.gov/k-12-education/school-district-charter-school-planning-training/>

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**Instructions:** Your Continuous Improvement Plan must include a mission statement and vision statement. Please provide them in this section.

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| **Mission and Vision - REQUIRED** |

**Purpose of the school**

Mission: To empower our school community with integrity, knowledge, and skills

through a rigorous, integrated, site-based health science curriculum.

Vision: To be the nation’s top health science public high school.

Academic: Providing an innovative broad-based curriculum that integrates the

health science curriculum.

Technical: Utilizing a practical application of scientific skills and academic

knowledge beyond the classroom.

Ethical: Fostering an understanding of relevant ethical issues encountered in the

health science professions.

**Instructions:** Per statute, please describe how your school district or charter school considered input from the community in developing or revising your Continuous Improvement Plan.

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| **Community Involvement in Plan Development - REQUIRED** |

Partnerships: Partnerships are essential to our charter school and our Career

and Technical Education (CTE) program. Partners help to provide increased

learning opportunities, innovative ideas, expand our elective choices and

problem solve for innovative ideas. Our charter proposal established a

partnership with Joint School District No. 2, Idaho State University and St. Luke's

Regional Medical Center. We have expanded this list to include many health care

providers in the Treasure Valley. This group is the core makeup of our advisory

committee, whose duty it is to help drive our curriculum, research new

professional pathways and create more opportunities for our students to

participate in the health care field. This advisory group is helping us monitor our

current programs as well as develop possible certification programs in Speech

Pathology, Dental Tech, Phlebotomy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy Tech,

Emergency Medical Responder, Rehabilitation Services and Dietetics. These

groups are crucial to our school improvement process.

Our partnership with Idaho State University has grown to providing our class of 2023 the option to complete an Associate of Sciences in Health Science Degree. This is the first of its kind for ISU and was developed through our partnership as a health science high school.

These partnerships are involved in keeping our programming and instruction up to date regarding best and current practices in Health Sciences. We also seek input from our parents twice annually to provide feedback for how safe and effective our school is. Our parent engagement survey results with only 56 parents responding was at 81.5% strongly agreeing that their students are engaged in their learning. These statistics are from fall of 2019, as we chose to not survey our parents during the COVID school closures.

We are also due for our 5-year accreditation this school year. This was postponed from last April due to COVID closures. We will be sending out parent/community surveys to seek feedback on how we can improve our process, our charter mission/vision, safety (specifically with the COVID pandemic) and goal setting. Being a school of choice, it is imperative we not only seek, but put the information and feedback we receive into action with measurable results. Our accreditation will be completely remotely on December 15-16, 2020.

**Community Involvement in Plan Development - REQUIRED**

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| **Please proceed to the Continuous Improvement Plan Metrics – Template Part 2.** |

Performance Metrics Instructions:

Provide your report card link, Progress Report, and set Benchmarks (performance targets) using the **2020-21 Continuous Improvement Plan Metrics – Template Part 2**. The template includes two (2) tabs: Instructions and Examples and Metrics. Please review the Instructions and Examples tab before entering your data into the Metrics tab.