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Lopez Exceptional Center

315 W OLD HILLSBOROUGH AVE, Seffner, FL 33584

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Demographics

Principal: Sara Schwanzl

Start Date for this Principal: 8/3/2018

2019-20 Status (per MSID File)	Active
School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	Combination School PK-12
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	Special Education
2019-20 Title I School	Yes
2019-20 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)	90%
2019-20 ESSA Subgroups Represented (subgroups with 10 or more students) (subgroups below the federal threshold are identified with an asterisk)	
School Grades History	2018-19: No Grade 2017-18: No Grade 2016-17: No Grade 2015-16: No Grade
2019-20 School Improvement (SI) Information*	
SI Region	Central
Regional Executive Director	Lucinda Thompson
Turnaround Option/Cycle	N/A
Year	
Support Tier	
ESSA Status	CS&I
* As defined under Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code. For more information, click here .	

School Board Approval

This plan is pending approval by the Hillsborough County School Board.

SIP Authority

Section 1001.42(18), Florida Statutes, requires district school boards to annually approve and require implementation of a Schoolwide Improvement Plan (SIP) for each school in the district that has a school grade of D or F. This plan is also a requirement for Targeted Support and Improvement (TS&I) and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CS&I) schools pursuant to 1008.33 F.S. and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

To be designated as TS&I, a school must have one or more ESSA subgroup(s) with a Federal Index below 41%. This plan shall be approved by the district. There are three ways a school can be designated as CS&I:

1. have a school grade of D or F
2. have a graduation rate of 67% or lower
3. have an overall Federal Index below 41%.

For these schools, the SIP shall be approved by the district as well as the Bureau of School Improvement.

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) SIP template meets all statutory and rule requirements for traditional public schools and incorporates all components required for schools receiving Title I funds. This template is required by State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code, for all non-charter schools with a current grade of D or F, or a graduation rate 67% or less. Districts may opt to require a SIP using a template of its choosing for schools that do not fit the aforementioned conditions. This document was prepared by school and district leadership using the FDOE's school improvement planning web application located at www.floridacims.org.

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<p>Primary Service Type (per MSID File)</p> <p>Special Education</p>	<p>Charter School</p> <p>No</p>	<p>2018-19 Minority Rate (Reported as Non-white on Survey 2)</p> <p>%</p>

School Grades History

Year
Grade

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Part I: School Information

School Mission and Vision

Provide the school's mission statement.

Provide support to empower student communication and understanding to be successful citizens.

Provide the school's vision statement.

Preparing self-advocating independent students for life through engaging interactions.

School Leadership Team

Membership

Identify the name, email address, position title, and job duties/responsibilities for each member of the school leadership team.:

Name	Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
Schwanzl, Sara	Principal	
Montgomery, Kasandra	Teacher, ESE	SAC Chair and SIP think partner

Demographic Information

Principal start date

Friday 8/3/2018, Sara Schwanzl

Number of teachers with a 2019 3-year aggregate or a 1-year Algebra state VAM rating of Highly Effective. *Note: For UniSIG Supplemental Teacher Allocation, teachers must have at least 10 student assessments.*

0

Number of teachers with a 2019 3-year aggregate or a 1-year Algebra state VAM rating of Effective. *Note: For UniSIG Supplemental Teacher Allocation, teachers must have at least 10 student assessments.*

1

Total number of teacher positions allocated to the school

12

Demographic Data

2020-21 Status (per MSID File)	Active
School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	Combination School PK-12
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	Special Education

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Early Warning Systems

Current Year

The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator listed:

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Number of students enrolled	0	0	3	4	4	7	9	5	6	5	3	7	6	59
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	1	2	6	16
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Course failure in ELA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level 1 on 2019 statewide ELA assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level 1 on 2019 statewide Math assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
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The number of students identified as retainees:

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

Retained Students: Current Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Date this data was collected or last updated

Thursday 10/29/2020

Prior Year - As Reported

The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:

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Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

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Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Prior Year - Updated

The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Retained Students: Current Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part II: Needs Assessment/Analysis

School Data

Please note that the district and state averages shown here represent the averages for similar school types (elementary, middle, high school, or combination schools).

School Grade Component	2019			2018		
	School	District	State	School	District	State
ELA Achievement	0%	57%	61%	0%	60%	57%
ELA Learning Gains	0%	56%	59%	0%	60%	57%
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile	0%	52%	54%	0%	53%	51%
Math Achievement	0%	55%	62%	0%	60%	58%
Math Learning Gains	0%	57%	59%	0%	60%	56%
Math Lowest 25th Percentile	0%	49%	52%	0%	54%	50%
Science Achievement	0%	50%	56%	0%	54%	53%
Social Studies Achievement	0%	77%	78%	0%	78%	75%

EWS Indicators as Input Earlier in the Survey														
Indicator	Grade Level (prior year reported)													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	0 (0)

Grade Level Data

NOTE: This data is raw data and includes ALL students who tested at the school. This is not school grade data.

ELA						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
03	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison						
04	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
05	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
06	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
07	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
08	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
09	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
10	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				

MATH						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
03	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison						
04	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
05	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
06	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
07	2019					

MATH						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
08	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				

SCIENCE						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
05	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison						
08	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				

BIOLOGY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					

CIVICS EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					

HISTORY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					

ALGEBRA EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					

GEOMETRY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					

GEOMETRY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2018					

Subgroup Data

2019 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2017-18	C & C Accel 2017-18
SWD	5	19			27						
WHT	8	9									
FRL	5	21			23						

2018 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2016-17	C & C Accel 2016-17

2017 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2015-16	C & C Accel 2015-16

ESSA Data

This data has been updated for the 2018-19 school year as of 7/16/2019.

ESSA Federal Index	
ESSA Category (TS&I or CS&I)	CS&I
OVERALL Federal Index – All Students	13
OVERALL Federal Index Below 41% All Students	YES
Total Number of Subgroups Missing the Target	3
Progress of English Language Learners in Achieving English Language Proficiency	
Total Points Earned for the Federal Index	51
Total Components for the Federal Index	4
Percent Tested	100%

Subgroup Data

Students With Disabilities	
Federal Index - Students With Disabilities	13
Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	YES
Number of Consecutive Years Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 32%	2

English Language Learners	
Federal Index - English Language Learners	
English Language Learners Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years English Language Learners Subgroup Below 32%	0
Native American Students	
Federal Index - Native American Students	
Native American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Native American Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Asian Students	
Federal Index - Asian Students	
Asian Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Asian Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Black/African American Students	
Federal Index - Black/African American Students	
Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Hispanic Students	
Federal Index - Hispanic Students	
Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Multiracial Students	
Federal Index - Multiracial Students	
Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Pacific Islander Students	
Federal Index - Pacific Islander Students	
Pacific Islander Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Pacific Islander Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
White Students	
Federal Index - White Students	9
White Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	YES
Number of Consecutive Years White Students Subgroup Below 32%	2

Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Federal Index - Economically Disadvantaged Students	12
Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	YES
Number of Consecutive Years Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 32%	2

Analysis

Data Reflection

Answer the following reflection prompts after examining any/all relevant school data sources (see guide for examples for relevant data sources).

Which data component showed the lowest performance? Explain the contributing factor(s) to last year's low performance and discuss any trends.

Due to the levels of our students at Lopez, our data reflection throughout this next year will be based on communication and self-advocacy skills. We do not have enough data from this past year to show facts to why performance in these areas may have been low. Throughout this next school year we will begin doing walkthroughs to collect data on how communication and self-advocacy skills are being used in the classroom.

Which data component showed the greatest decline from the prior year? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this decline.

Our vision statement changing in the prior two years, we have not seen a decline in our goals as a school. During our meetings we look for ways to improve our data and so far have not seen a decline in our data of communication and self-advocacy.

Which data component had the greatest gap when compared to the state average? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this gap and any trends.

All of our data will be much different than what the state's data because of what kind of data we are focused on at our special needs center. We focus on our students communication and self-advocacy needs rather than on academic needs.

Which data component showed the most improvement? What new actions did your school take in this area?

Our communication skills have seen the most growth due to a generous donation of iPads to our school. These iPads had a communication device added on to them for our students to clearly communicate their wants and needs. Our hope is to continue to train our staff and students in this program in order for them to leave our school one day being able to communicate in the community around them. We are excited for the changes in behavior we saw just this past year from the use of these new devices.

Reflecting on the EWS data from Part I (D), identify one or two potential areas of concern?

With these new devices come challenges as well. Not having students who want to learn how to use the communication programs can make it difficult, but also having teachers and staff that do not put the work in to train our students on these devices could be an area of concern. We plan on having trainings on how to use these devices and hopefully enrich our teachers and get them excited about the chance to use this in their classrooms.

Rank your highest priorities (maximum of 5) for schoolwide improvement in the upcoming school year.

1. Communication skills (through the use of technology and other devices)
2. Self-Advocacy skills (creating an environment for our students to practice daily living skills)
3. Incentive Program (providing incentives for our students to reach their goals)
4. Parent Involvement (involving more parents/guardians in after school activities and programs)

Part III: Planning for Improvement

Areas of Focus:

#1. Instructional Practice specifically relating to Student Engagement

Area of Focus Description and Rationale: We want to increase student engagement through increased communication. The more our students are able to communicate, the more they can learn and the better their behavior is.

Measurable Outcome: Increase in FSAA scores and decrease in violent student behavior.

Person responsible for monitoring outcome: Sara Schwanzl (sara.schwanzl@hcps.net)

Evidence-based Strategy: Teacher's using assistive technology to improve student communication

Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy: The more assistive technology teachers are using the more we can teach students to communicate.

Action Steps to Implement

1. Increase the amount of technology available.
2. Increase the amount of referrals done for ACAT.
3. Provide monthly training for teachers on how to use it.
4. Increase the amount of low-tech communication devices.
5. Increase parent involvement in the use of communication devices at home.

Person Responsible: Sara Schwanzl (sara.schwanzl@hcps.net)

#2. Instructional Practice specifically relating to Differentiation

Area of Focus Description and Rationale: Through our area of focus, we will support the needs of our white, students with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged students by providing access to communication boards (both high and low tech) throughout the campus and at home. We have scheduled implementation of core words for communication weekly, integrated throughout the campus uniformly amongst all teachers and staff . Access to a common communication system will ensure fidelity within progress monitoring. Individual student progress will be accessed through Florida State Alternative Assessments, Hillsborough County Significant Cognitive Disabilities assessment and/or the Brigance and through on-going monitoring through The Communication Matrix.

Measurable Outcome: Individual student progress as monitored by Florida State Alternative Assessments, Hillsborough County Significant Cognitive Disabilities assessment and/or the Brigance and through on-going monitoring through The Communication Matrix.

Person responsible for monitoring outcome: Sara Schwanzl (sara.schwanzl@hcps.net)

Evidence-based Strategy: Increasing self-advocacy through communication as monitored through progress documented on assessments and through Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals and objectives related to communication, self-advocacy, behavior or independent functioning.

Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy: The strategies were selected to assist our communication/ self-advocacy goals for our school. Our students lack the skills needed to effectively communication their wants and needs. The goal of our strategies is to address lack of skills and reduce the number of maladaptive behaviors due diminished communication abilities.

Action Steps to Implement

No action steps were entered for this area of focus

Additional Schoolwide Improvement Priorities

After choosing your Area(s) of Focus, explain how you will address the remaining schoolwide improvement priorities.

Through our area of focus, we will also increase self-advocacy skills throughout our campus. With the use of communication devices, we can better understand our students and their needs on a day to day basis. This will also help the students in their community around their families and peers. Once a student can communicate their wants and needs, the behaviors will stop and then we can help them take the necessary steps to self advocate for themselves in the world.

Part IV: Positive Culture & Environment

A positive school culture and environment reflects: a supportive and fulfilling environment, learning conditions that meet the needs of all students, people who are sure of their roles and relationships in student learning, and a culture that values trust, respect and high expectations. Consulting with various stakeholder groups to employ school improvement strategies that impact the positive school culture and environment are critical. Stakeholder groups more proximal to the school include teachers, students, and families of students, volunteers, and school board members. Broad stakeholder groups include early childhood providers, community colleges and universities, social services, and business partners.

Stakeholders play a key role in school performance and addressing equity. Consulting various stakeholder groups is critical in formulating a statement of vision, mission, values, goals, and employing school improvement strategies.

Describe how the school addresses building a positive school culture and environment ensuring all stakeholders are involved.

The school plans to build positive relationships with parents, families, and other community stakeholders by completing the following:

- *Invitation for parents and community members to join the School Advisory Committee (SAC)
- *Provide each parent with a condensed version of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan. (Condensed PFEP)
- *Parent input for the Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), Compact, use of Title I funds, and improvement of Title I programs will be solicited by surveys and various opportunities for parents to provide comments and suggestions. (Barrier and Compact Survey Information)
- *School Advisory Committee (SAC) minutes will reflect parent input into the development/improvement of the *PFEP and the compact. (SAC Minutes)
- *2019-2020 Compact

Parent Family and Engagement Plan (PFEP) Link

The school completes a Parental Involvement Plan (PFEP), which is available at the school site.

Part V: Budget

The approved budget does not reflect any amendments submitted for this project.

1	III.A.	Areas of Focus: Instructional Practice: Student Engagement	\$0.00
2	III.A.	Areas of Focus: Instructional Practice: Differentiation	\$0.00
Total:			\$200.00