Volusia County Schools

Legacy Scholars Academy

2021-22 Ungraded Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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51 CHILDRENS WAY, Enterprise, FL 32725

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Demographics

Principal: Albert Chandler B   Start Date for this Principal: 1/16/2019

2021-22 Status (per MSID File)	Active
School Function (per accountability file)	Alternative
School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	Combination School KG-12
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	Alternative Education
2020-21 Title I School	Yes
2020-21 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)	85%
2020-21 ESSA Subgroups Represented (subgroups with 10 or more students) (subgroups below the federal threshold are identified with an asterisk)	White Students* Economically Disadvantaged Students
School Improvement Rating History	2021-22: Commendable 2020-21: No Rating 2018-19: Maintaining 2017-18: Maintaining 2016-17: Maintaining
DJJ Accountability Rating	2023-24: No Rating

School Board Approval

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

SIP Authority

A Schoolwide Improvement Plan (SIP) is a requirement for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) ungraded schools pursuant to 1001.42 F.S. and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and for DJJ schools

receiving a rating of Unsatisfactory pursuant to Sections 1003.51 and 1003.52, F.S. and Rule 6A-1.099813, F.A.C.

CSI schools can be designated as such in 2 ways:

1. Have a graduation of 67% or lower; or
2. Have an overall Federal Index below 41%.

DJJ Unsatisfactory Ratings are based on percentages by program type:

- Prevention and Intervention: 0%-50%
- Nonsecure Programs: 0%-59%
- Secure Programs: 0%-53%

SIP Plans for Ungraded CSI schools and DJJ schools receiving an Unsatisfactory rating must be approved by the district and reviewed by the state.

Purpose and Outline of the SIP

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) provides schools and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) the opportunity to identify the academic and priority goals along with strategies for each school. School leadership teams may refine their SIP annually to define their school's academic and priority goals to increase student achievement.

Schools and LEAs are strongly encouraged to collaborate in the development and implementation of this plan.

Part I: School Information

School Mission and Vision

Provide the school's mission statement.

Legacy Scholars Academy is committed to ensuring that all students have a comprehensive support system that will ultimately foster emotional and academic success.

Provide the school's vision statement.

The Legacy Scholars Academy Family envisions a climate of nurturing and trust where all students will have the opportunity for a high-quality, 21st-century education and graduate prepared for college, career and life.

Briefly discuss the population unique to your school and the specific supports provided to meet the mission and vision.

Our students are 6-12th grade residents of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home (FUMCH). The students are in a foster care setting with social/emotional and academic needs. Legacy Scholars Academy works closely with FUMCH to support our students socially, emotionally and academically.

School Leadership Team

Membership
Identify the name, email address, position title, and job duties/responsibilities as it relates to SIP implementation for each member of the school leadership team.**:**

Name	Position Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
Chandler, Al	Coordinator	School leader similar to principal
Stilwell, Melissa		Support development of SIP Data review Implementation

Is education provided through contract for educational services?

No

If yes, name of the contracted education provider.

Demographic Information

Principal start date
Wednesday 1/16/2019, Albert Chandler B

Number of teachers with professional teaching certificates?
8

Number of teachers with temporary teaching certificates?
0

Total number of teacher positions allocated to the school.
8

Total number of students enrolled at the school.
30

Identify the number of instructional staff who left the school during the 2020-21 school year.
1

Identify the number of instructional staff who joined the school during the 2021-22 school year.
2

Demographic Data

Early Warning Systems

2021-22

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	0	0	0	0	1	6	5	7	5	5	1	30
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	1	0	9
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	1	0	1	2	0	4
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level 1 on 2022 statewide FSA ELA assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	10
Level 1 on 2022 statewide FSA Math assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	1	2	0	11
Number of students with a substantial reading deficiency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	1	1	2	3	0	3	0	10

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	
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Date this data was collected or last updated

Thursday 8/5/2021

2020-21 - Updated

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Attendance below 90 percent	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	
Course failure in ELA	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	
Level 1 on 2019 statewide FSA ELA assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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Part II: Needs Assessment/Analysis

School Data Review
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	2021			2019			2018		
	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State
ELA Achievement					54%	61%		57%	60%
ELA Learning Gains					53%	59%		56%	57%
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile					44%	54%		50%	52%
Math Achievement					55%	62%		54%	61%

School Grade Component	2021			2019			2018		
	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State
Math Learning Gains					52%	59%		50%	58%
Math Lowest 25th Percentile					45%	52%		46%	52%
Science Achievement					61%	56%		64%	57%
Social Studies Achievement					72%	78%		75%	77%

Grade Level Data Review - State Assessments
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	2021					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison						
04	2021					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
05	2021					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
06	2021					
	2019	0%	50%	-50%	54%	-54%
Cohort Comparison		0%				
07	2021					
	2019	0%	47%	-47%	52%	-52%
Cohort Comparison		0%				
08	2021					
	2019	0%	50%	-50%	56%	-56%
Cohort Comparison		0%				
09	2021					
	2019	0%	51%	-51%	55%	-55%
Cohort Comparison		0%				
10	2021					
	2019	0%	50%	-50%	53%	-53%
Cohort Comparison		0%				

MATH						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
03	2021					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison						
04	2021					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				

MATH						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
05	2021					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
06	2021					
	2019	0%	48%	-48%	55%	-55%
Cohort Comparison		0%				
07	2021					
	2019	0%	47%	-47%	54%	-54%
Cohort Comparison		0%				
08	2021					
	2019	0%	29%	-29%	46%	-46%
Cohort Comparison		0%				

SCIENCE						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
05	2021					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison						
08	2021					
	2019	0%	57%	-57%	48%	-48%
Cohort Comparison		0%				

BIOLOGY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2021					
2019	50%	72%	-22%	67%	-17%
CIVICS EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2021					
2019	0%	68%	-68%	71%	-71%
HISTORY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2021					
2019	0%	63%	-63%	70%	-70%

ALGEBRA EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2021					
2019	20%	54%	-34%	61%	-41%
GEOMETRY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2021					
2019	0%	55%	-55%	57%	-57%

Subgroup Data Review

2021 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 2019-20	C & C Accel 2019-20
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
WHT	17			17							
FRL	15	47		14	14		33				
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

ESSA Data Review

This data has been updated for the 2021-22 school year as of 10/19/2021.

ESSA Federal Index	
ESSA Category (TS&I or CS&I)	
OVERALL Federal Index – All Students	9
OVERALL Federal Index Below 41% All Students	YES
Total Number of Subgroups Missing the Target	0
Progress of English Language Learners in Achieving English Language Proficiency	
Total Points Earned for the Federal Index	18
Total Components for the Federal Index	2
Percent Tested	95%
Subgroup Data	

Students With Disabilities	
Federal Index - Students With Disabilities	
Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 32%	

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%	

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%	

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%	

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%	

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%	

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%	

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%	

White Students	
Federal Index - White Students	
White Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years White Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Federal Index - Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 32%	

Analysis

Data Analysis
Answer the following analysis questions using the progress monitoring data and state assessment data, if applicable.

Reflect on the Areas of Focus from the previous school year. What progress monitoring was in place for low performing ESSA subgroups related to the Areas of Focus?

We assess students when they enter, mid year and end of year in Math and Reading. Additionally, we do pre and post assessments for our tutoring program. Tutoring was pushed back to the second semester due to Covid. Covid also impacted the number of students assessed limiting data collection.

Based on ESSA subgroup progress monitoring, which data component showed the most improvement? What new actions did your school take in this area?

Not enough students completed progress monitoring to see meaningful trends.

What area is in the greatest need of improvement? What specific component of this area is most problematic? What is your basis (data, progress monitoring) for this conclusion?

ELA and Math proficiency. Our students are in the foster care system, have social/emotional deficits, are below grade level academically and behind their typical peers in course completions/credits when they enroll.

What trends emerge across grade levels, subgroups and core content areas?

The small numbers in each subgroup and the mobility of our students make it difficult to identify trends.

What strategies need to be implemented in order to accelerate learning?

Our students are in the foster care system and that system creates unique situations that impact student learning. We work with our students on social/emotional learning to help them feel safe and supported so that they can focus more on academics.

Based on the contributing factors and strategies identified to accelerate learning, describe the professional development opportunities that will be provided at the school to support teachers and leaders.

Social/Emotional Learning training will be offered using RULER to support students well being. Additionally, professional development in ELA and Math instruction will be implemented.

Part III: Planning for Improvement

Areas of Focus:

#1. Culture & Environment specifically relating to Social Emotional Learning

Area of Focus Description and Rationale: Include a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed.	Our students are placed at the home for various reasons and need social/emotional support in order to be successful academically.
Measurable Outcome: State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve. This should be a data based, objective outcome.	5% reduction in the number of removals from classroom for behavior/social/emotional concerns.
Monitoring: Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcome.	Data will be compiled by month and quarter and compared to the previous month or quarter.
Person responsible for monitoring outcome:	Melissa Stilwell (mstilwel@volusia.k12.fl.us)
Evidence-based Strategy: Describe the evidence-based strategy being implemented for this Area of Focus.	RULER is an evidence-based approach to Social/ Emotional Learning developed at the Yale Center for Emotinal Intelligence.
Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy: Explain the rationale for selecting this specific strategy. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting this strategy.	Our students are in the foster care system and their social emotional needs have a significant impact on learning. Samuel T Moulton, PhD (Jan 2019) The ABCs of SEL found that SEL has significant, positive correlations with attendance, behaviors and course performance.

Action Steps to Implement:
List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

1. Develop schedule that includes time for SEL instruction
2. Schedule PLCs for SEL instruction/implementation
3. PD on Ruler
4. Monitor SEL/RULER instruction

Person Responsible	Al Chandler (abchandl@volusia.k12.fl.us)

Monitoring ESSA Impact:
If this Area of Focus is not related to one or more ESSA subgroups, please describe the process for progress monitoring the impact of the Area of Focus as it relates to all ESSA subgroups not meeting the 41% threshold according to the Federal Index.

#2. Instructional Practice specifically relating to Math	
Area of Focus Description and Rationale: Include a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed.	A number of our students are below grade level in math and are missing basic skills needed to be successful.
Measurable Outcome: State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve. This should be a data based, objective outcome.	Increase proficiency in Math to 50%.
Monitoring: Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcome.	Students will be monitored at the beginning of the year, end of semester 1 and end of 3rd quarter using i-Ready, Asend Math or similar diagnostic.
Person responsible for monitoring outcome:	Al Chandler (abchandl@volusia.k12.fl.us)
Evidence-based Strategy: Describe the evidence-based strategy being implemented for this Area of Focus.	PLCs will be used to find evidence-based strategies for remediation of basic math skills.
Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy: Explain the rationale for selecting this specific strategy. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting this strategy.	Research supports the use of PLCs to increase student achievement.

Action Steps to Implement:
List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

1. Set PLC groups, time and expectations
2. Professional Development for PLC with a focus on using data
3. Monitor PLC meeting
4. Monitor implementation of evidence-based strategies identified in PLC meetings

Person Responsible	Al Chandler (abchandl@volusia.k12.fl.us)

Monitoring ESSA Impact:
If this Area of Focus is not related to one or more ESSA subgroups, please describe the process for progress monitoring the impact of the Area of Focus as it relates to all ESSA subgroups not meeting the 41% threshold according to the Federal Index.

#3. Instructional Practice specifically relating to ELA	
Area of Focus Description and Rationale: Include a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed.	A number of our students are below grade level in ELA and are missing basic skills needed to be successful.
Measurable Outcome: State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve. This should be a data based, objective outcome.	Increase ELA proficiency to 50%.
Monitoring: Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcome.	Students will be monitored at the beginning of the year, end of semester 1 and end of 3rd quarter using i-Ready, Achieve 3000 or similar diagnostic.
Person responsible for monitoring outcome:	Al Chandler (abchandl@volusia.k12.fl.us)
Evidence-based Strategy: Describe the evidence-based strategy being implemented for this Area of Focus.	PLCs will be utilized to review student data and identify effective strategies
Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy: Explain the rationale for selecting this specific strategy. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting this strategy.	Research has shown PLCs support student achievement.

Action Steps to Implement:
List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

1. Set PLC groups, time and expectations
2. Professional Development for PLC with a focus on using data
3. Monitor PLC meeting
4. Monitor implementation of evidence-based strategies identified in PLC meetings

Person Responsible
Al Chandler (abchandl@volusia.k12.fl.us)

Monitoring ESSA Impact:
If this Area of Focus is not related to one or more ESSA subgroups, please describe the process for progress monitoring the impact of the Area of Focus as it relates to all ESSA subgroups not meeting the 41% threshold according to the Federal Index.

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.

Legacy Scholars was founded with a focus on Social/Emotional well being of students. We partner with the Children's Home and meet regularly to review needs, concerns and collaboratively plan activities for students. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend meetings and school activities. We have CCR (Career College Ready) day once a month where various stakeholders come in and provide students with information about their career field or post secondary school.

Identify the stakeholders and their role in promoting a positive culture and environment at the school.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home - we are housed on their campus and they have educational staff that support our school and students daily along with other staff that support with independent living, recreation, wellness, and behavioral support.