## School of Unlimited Learning

# School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2017-18 School Year California Department of Education 

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC).The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.


## DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/ that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

## Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

## About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2018-19)

| District Contact Information (School Year 2018-19) |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| District Name | Fresno Unified |
| Phone Number | (559) 457-3000 |
| Superintendent | Mark Wilson |
| E-mail Address | $\underline{\text { http://www.fresnounified.org }}$ |
| Web Site |  |


| School Contact Information (School Year 2018-19) |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| School Name | School of Unlimited Learning |
| Street | 2336 Calaveras |
| City, State, Zip | FRESNO, Ca, 93721 |
| Phone Number | m594988543 |
| Principal | $\underline{\text { mttp://www.fresnoeoc.org/soul }}$ |
| E-mail Address | 10621661030642 |
| Web Site |  |
| County-District-School <br> (CDS) Code |  |

## School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2018—19)

The mission of the School of Unlimited Learning Charter High School is to provide comprehensive learning experiences in a manner and in an environment that enables students to obtain skills, knowledge, and motivation to be self-directed, life-long learners as they mature toward self-sufficiency. The School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL) presently serves, educates and works with students residing primarily within the Fresno metropolitan area. The students, ages 14 through 22, and grades 9 through 12, have not yet received a high school diploma. The targeted youth often, but not necessarily, have a history of low academic achievement due primarily to truancy due primarily to poor attendance in their previous schools. A review of their scholastic career typically reveals a failure to benefit from available support services in the traditional school system, and a possible need for more comprehensive academic and support services.

The School of Unlimited Learning's educational program offers both a classroom-based program and a nonclassroom-based program. BOTH programs are located at the EOC Sanctuary Youth Center at 2336 Calaveras Street. SOUL's teaching staff consists of 11 full-time, fully-credentialed teachers with approximately 80 students enrolled in the classroom-based program and 120 enrolled in the independent study program.

Students who enroll in the independent study program typically have scheduling conflicts with a traditional school day. These students voluntarily enroll in this alternative instructional program. Students in both program are assigned a case manager to assist in addressing family, social, and community issues beyond the scope of the educational program requirements.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2017-18)

| Grade Level | Number of Students |
| :--- | :--- |
| Grade 9 | 11 |
| Grade 10 | 31 |
| Grade 11 | 44 |
| Grade 12 | 69 |
| Total Enrollment | 155 |



Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2017-18)

| Student Group | Percent of Total Enrollment |
| :--- | :---: |
| Black or African American | $7.7 \%$ |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | $1.9 \%$ |
| Asian | $1.9 \%$ |
| Filipino | $1.9 \%$ |
| Hispanic or Latino | $78.1 \%$ |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | $8.4 \%$ |
| White | Percent of Total Enrollment |
| Two or More Races | $0.1 \%$ |
| Other | $92.9 \%$ |
| Student Group (Other) | $18.1 \%$ |
| Socioeconomically Disadvantaged | $12.9 \%$ |
| English Learners | $1.3 \%$ |
| Students with Disabilities |  |
| Foster Youth |  |

## A. Conditions of Learning

## State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Basic (Priority 1):

- Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- Pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials; and
- School facilities are maintained in good repair


## Teacher Credentials

|  | School <br> 2016 <br> Teachers | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ <br> School <br> $\mathbf{- 1 7}$ | School <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ <br> $\mathbf{- 1 9}$ | 2018- <br> $\mathbf{1 9}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| With Full Credential | 10 | 11 | 11 |  |
| Without Full Credential | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Teachers Teaching Outside Subject <br> Area of Competence (with full <br> credential) | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |



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## Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

| Indicator | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 -}$ <br> $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ <br> $\mathbf{1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}-$ <br> $\mathbf{1 9}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Misassignments of Teachers of English <br> Learners | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Teacher Misassignments* | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vacant Teacher Positions | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Note: "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

* Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: June 2018

| System Inspected | Rating | Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer | Good | No major or minor repairs needed during the 2017/2018 school year |
| Interior: Interior Surfaces | Good | NA |
| Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation | Good | NA |
| Electrical: Electrical | Good | NA |
| Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains | Good | NA |
| Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials | Good | NA |
| Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs | Good | NA |
| External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences | Good | NA |

## Overall Facility Rate

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: June 2018

## B. Pupil Outcomes

## State Priority: Pupil Achievement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Achievement (Priority 4):

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities); and
- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

| Subject | School <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | School <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ | District <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | District <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ | State <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English Language Arts / Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11) | $16.0 \%$ | $22.0 \%$ | $34.0 \%$ | $37.0 \%$ | $48.0 \%$ | $50.0 \%$ |
| Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11) | $2.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $24.0 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ | $37.0 \%$ | $38.0 \%$ |

Note: Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Note: ELA and Mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

## CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2017-18)


Note: ELA test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Note: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

## CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2017-18)

| Student Group | Total Enrollment | Number Tested | Percent Tested | Percent Met or Exceeded |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All Students | 51 | 49 | 96.08\% |  |
| Male | 26 | 25 | 96.15\% |  |
| Female | 25 | 24 | 96.00\% |  |
| Black or African American | -- | -- | -- |  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | -- | -- | -- |  |
| Asian | -- | -- | -- |  |
| Filipino | -- | -- | -- |  |
| Hispanic or Latino | 43 | 41 | 95.35\% |  |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |  |  |  |  |
| White | -- | -- | -- |  |
| Two or More Races |  |  |  |  |
| Socioeconomically Disadvantaged | 47 | 45 | 95.74\% |  |
| English Learners | -- | -- | -- |  |
| Students with Disabilities | -- | -- | -- |  |
| Students Receiving Migrant Education Services |  |  |  |  |
| Foster Youth |  |  |  |  |

Note: Mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Note: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students
Grades Five, Eight and High School
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

| Subject | School | School | District | District | State | State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Science (grades 5, 8, and high school) | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ |

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.
Note: The 2016-17 and 2017-18 data are not available. The CDE is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was pilot-tested in spring 2017 and field-tested in spring 2018. The CAST will be administered operationally during the 2018-19 school year. The CAA for Science was pilot-tested for two years (i.e., 2016-17 and 2017-18) and the CAA for Science will be fieldtested in 2018-19.

Note: Science test results include the CAST and the CAA for Science. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the CAST plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAA for Science divided by the total number of students who participated on both assessments.

## Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs (School Year 2017-18)

The School of Unlimited Learning offers a variety of Career exploration courses, all of which are considered elective courses, designed to provide students career exploration opportunities. For the past three years, SOUL has contracted with Ideaworks, a local cooperative, to provide hands-on training in woodworking, metalworking, ceramics, robotics, 3D printing, and laser cutting. In addition, SOUL contracts with Quiqlabs, Inc. to provide computer literacy, HTML/Website Development, and basic coding. SOUL also maintains a close ongoing partnership with Central California Legal Services, to offer a Street Law course which exposes students to careers in the legal profession. Through Fresno EOC, SOUL offers a Youth Mentor program/internship, which prepares students for post-secondary certification in Early Childhood Education. In SOUL's Career Exploration course, offered primarily to 12th graders, students complete career assessments, prepare resumes, and learn interviewing techniques to secure employment. SOUL provides eligible seniors paid work experience opportunities through Fresno EOC's Employment and Training Program. The paid work experience is aligned to the students' career goals. During the 2018/2019 school year, SOUL initiated a Culinary Arts program, which includes food handler certification. Measurable outcomes for all of the career courses are the successful completion of specific projects.

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Career Technical Education (CTE) Participation (School Year 2017—18)

| Measure | CTE Program Participation |
| :---: | :---: |
| Number of Pupils Participating in CTE | 48 |
| Percent of Pupils Completing a CTE Program and Earning a High School Diploma | 55.0\% |
| Percent of CTE Courses Sequenced or Articulated Between the School and Institutions of Postsecondary Education | 15.0\% |

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Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission

| UC/CSU Course Measure |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2017-18$ Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission |  |
| $2016-17$ Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission | $94.8 \%$ |
| $0.0 \%$ |  |

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Other Pupil Outcomes (Priority 8):

- Pupil outcomes in the subject area of physical education
California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2017-18)

| Grade <br> Level | Percentage of Students Meeting Four of Six <br> Fitness Standards | Percentage of Students Meeting Five of Six <br> Fitness Standards | Percentage of Students Meeting Six of Six <br> Fitness Standards |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 | $29.6 \%$ | $25.9 \%$ | -- |

Note: Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

## C. Engagement

## State Priority: Parental Involvement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Parental Involvement (Priority 3):

- Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each school site


## Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2018—19)

Parent involvement is essential to student success. Parents/guardians are encouraged to participate in the education of their child through a variety of avenues. Parents are kept abreast of school activities, events, and the educational progress of their child. The student's case manager, teachers, school administration, and counseling staff contact parents directly by phone, mail, email, and/or personal home visit s. For each student, an individual parent/student orientation is provided by a case manager upon enrolling in school. Communication between the school and home is regular and meaningful, thus providing a foundation of $t$ rust and collaboration. As parents and educators successfully correspond, problems will be more readily resolved and students will make greater academic progress. Parents are encouraged to participate actively in selecting placement options $w$ it $h$ their child. Regular attendance, providing basic clothing and supplies, assisting with homework and taking a personal interest in the academic advancement, as well as the emotional and social growth of their child are strongly encouraged. Parents contribute to decisions benefitting the school environment and student instruction through a variety of means: representation on the Governing Council and attendance at regularly scheduled parent meetings. The annual Parent Involvement Policy is updated each year.

## State Priority: Pupil Engagement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5):

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates


## Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

| Indicator | $\begin{gathered} \text { School } \\ 2014-15 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { School } \\ 2015-16 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { District } \\ 2014-15 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { District } \\ 2015-16 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { State } \\ 2014-15 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { State } \\ \text { 2015-16 } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dropout Rate | 47.1\% | 38.2\% | 11.7\% | 10.7\% | 10.7\% | 9.7\% |
| Graduation Rate | 19.5\% | 34.2\% | 83.8\% | 85.5\% | 82.3\% | 83.8\% |


| Indicator | School <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | District <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | State <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dropout Rate | $26.5 \%$ | $11.1 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ |
| Graduation Rate | $43.4 \%$ | $82.0 \%$ | $82.7 \%$ |



For the formula to calculate the 2016-17 adjusted cohort graduation rate, see the 2017-18 Data Element Definitions document located on the SARC web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/.

## Completion of High School Graduation Requirements - Graduating Class of 2017 (One-Year Rate)

| Student Group | School | District | State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All Students | 57.6\% | 86.8\% | 88.7\% |
| Black or African American | 100.0\% | 84.6\% | 82.2\% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0.0\% | 77.8\% | 82.8\% |
| Asian | 50.0\% | 92.6\% | 94.9\% |
| Filipino | 0.0\% | 89.3\% | 93.5\% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 58.4\% | 85.2\% | 86.5\% |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0.0\% | 86.4\% | 88.6\% |
| White | 40.0\% | 91.2\% | 92.1\% |
| Two or More Races | 0.0\% | 95.7\% | 91.2\% |
| Socioeconomically Disadvantaged | 57.5\% | 86.9\% | 88.6\% |
| English Learners | 75.0\% | 62.0\% | 56.7\% |
| Students with Disabilities | 50.0\% | 62.9\% | 67.1\% |
| Foster Youth | 0.0\% | 76.7\% | 74.1\% |

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: School Climate (Priority 6):

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety


## Suspensions and Expulsions

|  | School | School | School | District | District | District | State | State | State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rate | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5 - 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5 - 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5 - 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ |
| Suspensions | $9.9 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ | $5.6 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ |
| Expulsions | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |




## School Safety Plan (School Year 2018-19)

Each year, SOUL develops a comprehensive Safe school and Disaster Preparedness Plan in conjunction with Fresno Unified School District. The comprehensive school safety plan is revised on an annual basis each Spring and reviewed with school staff at the beginning of each school year. The 2018/2019 Safe School Plan was approved by the SOUL Governing Council in February 2018 and reviewed with staff in August 2018. Key elements of the plan include the identification of the following:

- Threat Assessment Management Team
- Immediate Care Responders
- Pandemic Influenza Management Plan
- Parent Reunification Plan
- Evacuation Plan
- Fire Drill, Lockdown, and Imminent Danger Procedures and Schedule
- Employee Phone Tree


## D. Other SARC Information

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

## Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary) (School Year 2015-16)

| Subject | Average Class Size | Number of Classes * $1-20$ | Number of Classes * 21-32 | Number of Classes * $33+$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English | 10.0 | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Mathematics | 11.0 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| Science | 11.0 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| Social Science | 10.0 | 16 | 1 | 0 |

* Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.


## Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary) (School Year 2016-17)

| Subject | Average Class Size | Number of Classes * $1-20$ | Number of Classes * 21-32 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of Classes * } \\ 33+ \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English | 7.0 | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Mathematics | 7.0 | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Science | 13.0 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Social Science | 12.0 | 14 | 1 | 0 |

* Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.


## Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary) (School Year 2017-18)

| Subject | Average Class Size | Number of Classes * $1-20$ | Number of Classes * 21-32 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of Classes * } \\ 33+ \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English | 7.0 | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| Mathematics | 9.0 | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Science | 8.0 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Social Science | 9.0 | 17 | 0 | 0 |

* Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.


## Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

School data has revealed a strong correlation between student connectedness and positive attendance and behavior. Notwithstanding recent gains in student participation in extracurricular activities and community service projects, SOUL continues to struggle with lower than average ADA to enrollment, as well as a higher than average number of student suspensions. SOUL will collect, analyze, and evaluate student discipline and attendance data on an annual basis and make recommendations for program changes to improve attendance and decrease suspensions. The majority of SOUL students are considered high-risk of dropping out of school due to past history of truancy and poor academic achievement. In order to help students become successful academic learners, it is essential to help them remove non-academic barriers, such as depression, gang affiliation, substance abuse, domestic violence issues, and other family dysfunctions.
SOUL provides greater flexibility in scheduling of classes to increase student attendance and academic performance through blended learning model to more highly engage students in learning and, as a result, decrease student misbehavior. In the 2017/2018 school year SOUL continued to seek ways to expand course offerings to increase student interest and learning. SOUL continued to offer an afternoon block scheduling format for the 2017/2018 school year to encourage a higher level of engagement for all classroom-based students. The 2017/2018 block schedule included specific skills labs designated for independent study students (primarily English learners) or who are skill deficient in math and reading. The block scheduling format allowed more students to participate in career oriented activities.

SOUL assigns Case Managers to all students, grades 9-12 to provide resources that assist students in removing barriers) to attendance and academic success.

To address transportation barriers, SOUL provides bus tokens to each student, which will reduce non-attendance.To increase student engagement and career preparedness, among SOUL students, SOUL will increase its CTE course offerings during the 2018/2019 school year. SOUL provides student incentives to promote attendance and student achievements. Students are recognized throughout the year for their academic achievements, attendance participation and community service. SOUL provides weekly Success for Life training to its students, focusing on mindfulness, emotional intelligency, and taking responsiblity for one's actions.

SOUL utilizes the resources of its parent agency, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, to provde SOUL students and their families free access to many EOC programmatic resources, including Early Head Start, HEad Start, WIC, Health Services, Low Income Housing Energy assistance Program (LIHEAP), Sanctuary Youth Shelter, Transitional Living Centers, Empoyment and Training, Local Conservation Corps, and the Valley Apprenticeship Academy.

## Professional Development

SOUL teachers are credentialed by the State of California and regularly access professional development training in the pursuit of excellence in the classroom. Consistent with its charter goals and identified in the WASC Action Plan and SOUL's Local Control Accountability Plan, the School of Unlimited Learning creates an annual professional development plan each school year. The Plan is designed to help teachers increase student learning and the number of SOUL graduates. All proposed professional development activities is supported through eligible Federal Title I and Title II funds. SOUL's professional development plan specifically addresses one or more of the four the charter goals:

- Increase math and English language arts literacy skills.
- Increase the percentage of students Meeting or exceeding standards on the California Smarter Balanced Tests.
- Increase SOUL's graduation rate to meet or exceed California's minimum graduation rate Increase school connectedness
- Increase efforts to identify, monitor, and support students who are at high risk of dropping out of school in both the classroom-based and independent study programs, and refer to appropriate intervention resources as needed.
Teachers receive ongoing training in Common Core curricular and instructional best practices, as well as English Language Development differentiated instruction by professional educational consultants. English Language Development training incorporates strategies to ensure that all students understand grade level content. Early release days provide teachers the opportunity to engage in instructional refinement.

