

Rite of Passage Charter High School
College Readiness Block Grant Spending Plan
2016-18

Background

Senate Bill 828, which was signed into law in June, 2016, authorizes the allocation of a \$200 million College Readiness Block Grant (CRBG) in the 2016-17 fiscal year to provide California’s high school students additional supports to increase the number of students that enroll at institutions of higher education and complete an undergraduate degree within four years. The expectation of this law is that we pay particularly close attention to our unduplicated pupils (defined by Ed Code 42238.01 and 42238.02) which includes those who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals, English learners, and/or foster youth.

College Readiness Block Grant funds can be expended for any function supporting the purpose (noted above) and must be fully expended or encumbered by June 30, 2019. Rite of Passage Charter High School has received the minimum allocation (\$75,000) for a WASC accredited school with at least one qualifying pupil.

The following Spending Plan is in adherence to the guidelines set forth in SB 828, and is designed to provide additional support for our unduplicated pupils to enhance their opportunity to attend an institution of higher education and complete an undergraduate degree within four years:

College Readiness Advisory Services: We will be adding FTE’s who will provide the following services for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 fiscal years:

- Meet with students from Sierra Sage Academy and Qualifying House on a regular basis (at least every other week) to plan for their transition from Rite of Passage Charter High School to their school of residence, Community College, or to another institution of higher learning. Personnel is already in place at Sierra Ridge Academy for this purpose.
- Assist with the development and management of a dual-enrollment program for students at any one of our three sites to complete college courses while also finishing their requirements to receive a high school diploma.
- Coordination of systems to ensure that the opportunities for transition are available consistently to all students at all three sites.

Costs of Implementation:

1. Personnel costs (salary and benefits):	\$	66,700
2. Travel expenses to coordinate with Sierra Sage Academy:	\$	2150
3. Indirect Costs	\$	6150
Total	\$	75,000

