

Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan

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The following is the local educational agency's (LEA's) plan for providing supplemental instruction and support to students, including those identified as needing academic, social-emotional, and other supports, including the provision of meals and snacks. The plan will explain how the LEA will use the funds it receives through the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant to implement a learning recovery program for at least the students included in one or more of the following groups: low-income students, English learners, foster youth, homeless students, students with disabilities, students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, disengaged students, and students who are below grade level, including, but not limited to, those who did not enroll in kindergarten in the 2020–21 school year, credit-deficient students, high school students at risk of not graduating, and other students identified by certificated staff.

For specific requirements please refer to the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Instructions.

Plan Descriptions

A description of how parents, teachers, and school staff were involved in the development of the plan.

Wildflower Open Classroom received input from its stakeholders in the development of its Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan. Stakeholder input and ideas assisted in shaping our plan. The following actions were taken:

- **Parent Survey:** A parent survey was distributed to gather input for the development of our plan. Parents gave input on questions concerning learning loss, extended learning programs and services and needs regarding the social emotional well-being of their students.
- **Staff Survey:** A staff survey was distributed to gather input for the development of our plan. Teachers and support staff gave input regarding student learning loss, additional services and activities to provide extended learning opportunities, professional development and needs related to supporting teachers and instruction.
- **Staff Planning:** A series of planning meetings, which included all teachers and support staff, took place to brainstorm and establish activities and plans to serve our students with extended learning opportunities. A Google Doc was created for staff to provide

ongoing input into the development of our plan. In addition, an extended learning team, made up of teachers and support staff, was established to implement extended learning plans.

- Board Planning Meetings: The Extended Learning Opportunities Grant Plan and related programs and services were discussed at numerous board meetings. Board members were given the opportunity to brainstorm and provide input into extended learning opportunities and related expenditures.

The Wildflower Board of Directors approved the Expanded Learning and Opportunities Grant Plan at its May 24, 2021, meeting.

A description of how students will be identified, and the needs of students will be assessed.

Wildflower students were identified, and their needs assessed, through the following actions:

- Performance Series: The Performance Series was administered to students in the spring of 2021. The assessment assesses achievement over the course of an academic year. Students were assessed in the areas of reading and mathematics. The Performance Series Assessment is nationally normed and aligned with the California Common Core Standards. Students in need of additional support programs and services were identified through this process.
- Teacher Assessments & Observations: Teachers utilized classroom-based assessments and observations to identify students in need of additional instruction and support. Teachers assessed in the areas of math, reading, writing and social-emotional well-being.
- School Counselor Recommendations: School counselor made recommendations of students in need additional social-emotional support. Need was identified through observations and parent contact.
- Intervention Coordinator Recommendations: Intervention coordinator made recommendations of students in need additional reading support. Need was identified through classroom assessments, observations and parent contact.
- Parent Surveys: Parents were surveyed to gather input related to their students need regarding additional academic and social-emotionally support.

Similar measures will be taken to identify and assess student need for future programs.

A description of how parents and guardians of students will be informed of the opportunities for supplemental instruction and support.

The following measures were taken to inform parents of opportunities for supplemental instruction and support:

- Newsletters: Extended learning opportunities, including our summer programs, were communicated to parents through our weekly newsletter. Supplemental services and programs were communicated through the newsletter over the course of a ten-week period.
- Interest Survey: A parent interest survey was distributed in an effort to establish interest levels for extended learning opportunities. The survey contained descriptions of extended learning opportunities, including summer programs and an after-school tutoring program.

- **Support Staff Communications:** Support staff, including office managers, intervention coordinator and school counselor communicated directly with the parents to make them aware of extended learning opportunities. Support staff encouraged parents to enroll their students in our summer programs and extended learning opportunities through emails and phone calls.
- **Teacher Communications:** All classroom teachers communicated with the parents of students identified as in need of additional supports and services and made them aware of extended learning opportunities. Teachers encouraged parents to enroll their students in extended learning opportunities through emails and phone calls.

Similar measures will be taken to inform parents of additional and upcoming supplemental instruction, support and services.

A description of the LEA’s plan to provide supplemental instruction and support.

The following is a summary of actions and planned support activities designed to provide extended learning opportunities at our school:

- **Summer Programs:** In an effort to provide extended learning opportunities our school will implement a summer learning program. The program will take place at Wildflower over a five-week period of time. Program will be staffed with Wildflower teachers, school counselor and additional instructional assistants. This learning recovery program will provide supplemental instruction in the areas of math and English language arts as well as social-emotion support and learning. In addition, students will be involved in art, physical education and cooperative learning activities. Snacks and meals will be provided.
- **After School Tutoring:** Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year our school will develop and offer an after-school tutoring program. This learning recovery program will provide supplemental instruction in the areas of math and English language arts as well as social-emotion support and learning. Snacks and meals will be provided.
- **Intervention Programs:** Beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year our school will increase the services provided by our intervention programs. Actions include increased service time, purchase of materials and diagnostic assessment to identify and serve those students in need of extended learning opportunities.
- **Professional Development:** Professional development will be provided to teachers and intervention staff directed at instructional techniques to address learning loss, accelerate learning and serve students enrolled in extended learning programs.

Expenditure Plan

The following table provides the LEA’s expenditure plan for how it will use ELO Grant funds to support the supplemental instruction and support strategies being implemented by the LEA.

Supplemental Instruction and Support Strategies	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
Extending instructional learning time	\$ 0.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]

Supplemental Instruction and Support Strategies	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through the implementation, expansion, or enhancement of learning supports	\$39,717.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning	\$ 0.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports	\$ 0.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Supports for credit deficient students to complete graduation or grade promotion requirements and to increase or improve students' college eligibility	\$ 0.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Additional academic services for students	\$51,472.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Training for school staff on strategies to engage students and families in addressing students' social-emotional health and academic needs	\$10,000.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Total Funds to implement the Strategies	\$101,189.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]

A description of how ELO Grant funds are being coordinated with other federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds received by the LEA.

Federal School Emergency Relief Funds will be utilized to supplement and support planned activities contained in our school's Extended Learning and Opportunities Grant Plan. Funds will support learning recovery activities, including summer school programs, after school tutoring and increased intervention programs. All programs and services will be directed at those students that are low performing or experienced learning loss and will be utilized to expand and accelerate learning opportunities. Federal relief funds will be coordinated with Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Plan funds.

Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Instructions: Introduction

The Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan must be completed by school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, collectively referred to as Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), that receive Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant funds under California *Education Code (EC)* Section 43521(b). The plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before June 1, 2021, and must be submitted to the county office of education, the California Department of Education, or the chartering authority within five days of adoption, as applicable. The plan must be updated to include the actual expenditures by December 1, 2022.

For technical assistance related to the completion of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan, please contact ELOGrants@cde.ca.gov.

Instructions: Plan Requirements

An LEA receiving ELO Grant funds under *EC* Section 43521(b) is required to implement a learning recovery program that, at a minimum, provides supplemental instruction, support for social and emotional well-being, and, to the maximum extent permissible under the guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture, meals and snacks to, at a minimum, students who are included in one or more of the following groups:

- low-income,
- English learners,
- foster youth,
- homeless students,
- students with disabilities,
- students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation,
- disengaged students, and
- students who are below grade level, including, but not limited to, those who did not enroll in kindergarten in the 2020–21 school year, credit-deficient students, high school students at risk of not graduating, and other students identified by certificated staff.

For purposes of this requirement

- “Supplemental instruction” means the instructional programs provided in addition to and complementary to the LEAs regular instructional programs, including services provided in accordance with an individualized education program (IEP).
- “Support” means interventions provided as a supplement to those regularly provided by the LEA, including services provided in accordance with an IEP, that are designed to meet students’ needs for behavioral, social, emotional, and other integrated student supports, in order to enable students to engage in, and benefit from, the supplemental instruction being provided.

- “Students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation” means students who are identified as being at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation in a written referral from a legal, medical, or social service agency, or emergency shelter.

EC Section 43522(b) identifies the seven supplemental instruction and support strategies listed below as the strategies that may be supported with ELO Grant funds and requires the LEA to use the funding only for any of these purposes. LEAs are not required to implement each supplemental instruction and support strategy; rather LEAs are to work collaboratively with their community partners to identify the supplemental instruction and support strategies that will be implemented. LEAs are encouraged to engage, plan, and collaborate on program operation with community partners and expanded learning programs, and to leverage existing behavioral health partnerships and Medi-Cal billing options in the design and implementation of the supplemental instruction and support strategies being provided (*EC* Section 43522[h]).

The seven supplemental instruction and support strategies are:

1. Extending instructional learning time in addition to what is required for the school year by increasing the number of instructional days or minutes provided during the school year, providing summer school or intersessional instructional programs, or taking any other action that increases the amount of instructional time or services provided to students based on their learning needs.
2. Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through the implementation, expansion, or enhancement of learning supports including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - a. Tutoring or other one-on-one or small group learning supports provided by certificated or classified staff.
 - b. Learning recovery programs and materials designed to accelerate student academic proficiency or English language proficiency, or both.
 - c. Educator training, for both certificated and classified staff, in accelerated learning strategies and effectively addressing learning gaps, including training in facilitating quality and engaging learning opportunities for all students.
3. Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning, such as the provision of health, counseling, or mental health services, access to school meal programs, before and after school programs, or programs to address student trauma and social-emotional learning, or referrals for support for family or student needs.
4. Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports.
5. Supports for credit deficient students to complete graduation or grade promotion requirements and to increase or improve students’ college eligibility.
6. Additional academic services for students, such as diagnostic, progress monitoring, and benchmark assessments of student learning.
7. Training for school staff on strategies, including trauma-informed practices, to engage students and families in addressing students’ social-emotional health needs and academic needs.

As a reminder, *EC* Section 43522(g) requires that all services delivered to students with disabilities be delivered in accordance with an applicable IEP.

Fiscal Requirements

The following fiscal requirements are requirements of the ELO grant, but they are not addressed in this plan. Adherence to these requirements will be monitored through the annual audit process.

- The LEA must use at least 85 percent (85%) of its apportionment for expenditures related to providing in-person services in any of the seven purposes described above.
- The LEA must use at least 10 percent (10%) of the funding that is received based on LCFF entitlement to hire paraprofessionals to provide supplemental instruction and support through the duration of this program, with a priority for full-time paraprofessionals. The supplemental instruction and support provided by the paraprofessionals must be prioritized for English learners and students with disabilities. Funds expended to hire paraprofessionals count towards the LEAs requirement to spend at least 85% of its apportionment to provide in-person services.
- An LEA may use up to 15 percent (15%) of its apportionment to increase or improve services for students participating in distance learning or to support activities intended to prepare the LEA for in-person instruction, before in-person instructional services are offered.

Instructions: Plan Descriptions

Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA's local community.

A description of how parents, teachers, and school staff were involved in the development of the plan

Describe the process used by the LEA to involve, at a minimum, parents, teachers, and school staff in the development of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan, including how the LEA and its community identified the seven supplemental instruction and support strategies that will be implemented. LEAs are encouraged to engage with community partners, expanded learning programs, and existing behavioral health partnerships in the design of the plan.

A description of how parents and guardians of students will be informed of the opportunities for supplemental instruction and support.

Describe the LEA's plan for informing the parents and guardians of students identified as needing supplemental instruction and support of the availability of these opportunities, including an explanation of how the LEA will provide this information in the parents' and guardians' primary languages, as applicable.

A description of how students will be identified and the needs of students will be assessed

Describe the LEA's plan for identifying students in need of academic, social-emotional, and other integrated student supports, including the LEA's plan for assessing the needs of those students on a regular basis. The LEA's plan for assessing the academic needs of its students may include the use of diagnostic and formative assessments.

As noted above in the Plan Requirements, "other integrated student supports" are any supports intended to address barriers to learning, such as the provision of health, counseling, or mental health services, access to school meal programs, before and after school programs, or programs to address student trauma and social-emotional learning, or referrals for support for family or student needs.

A description of the LEA's plan to provide supplemental instruction and support

Describe the LEA's plan for how it will provide supplemental instruction and support to identified students in the seven strategy areas defined in the Plan Requirements section. As a reminder, the LEA is not required to implement each of the seven strategies; rather the LEA will to work collaboratively with its community to identify the strategies that will be implemented. The plan must include a description of how supplemental instruction and support will be provided in a tiered framework that bases universal, targeted, and intensive supports on students' needs for academic, social-emotional, and other integrated student supports. The plan must also include a description of how the services will be provided through a program of engaging learning experiences in a positive school climate.

As a reminder, *EC* Section 43522(g) requires that all services delivered to students with disabilities be delivered in accordance with an applicable individualized education program. Additionally, LEAs are encouraged to collaborate with community partners and expanded learning programs, and to leverage existing behavioral health partnerships and Medi-Cal billing options in the implementation of, this plan (*EC* Section 43522[h]).

Instructions: Expenditure Plan

The 'Supplemental Instruction and Support Strategies' column of the Expenditure Plan data entry table lists the seven supplemental instruction and support strategies that may be supported with ELO Grant funds.

Complete the Expenditure Plan data entry table as follows:

In the 'Planned Expenditures' column of the data entry table, specify the amount of ELO Grant funds being budgeted to support each supplemental instruction and support strategies being implemented by the LEA and the total of all ELO Grant funds being budgeted.

The plan must be updated to include the actual expenditures by December 1, 2022. In the 'Actual Expenditures' column of the data entry table the LEA will report the amount of ELO Grant funds that the LEA actually expended in support of the strategies that it implemented, as well as the total ELO Grant funds expended.

A description of how these funds are being coordinated with other federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds received by the LEA

Describe how the LEA is coordinating its ELO Grant funds with funds received from the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund provided through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (Public Law 116-260), also known as ESSER II, to maximize support for students and staff.

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