



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.

Venture Academy used a variety of stakeholder engagement strategies to elicit feedback in the development of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant plan. Venture Academy surveyed teachers, staff, and parents about student needs, values, and priorities in the types of supports to offer to students in the upcoming school year. Venture Academy also met with small groups of staff as well as parents, including parents of EL students, to explore their thoughts and perceptions about student needs. These meetings occurred throughout the school year as part of the WASC review process and the LCAP review process. The solicitation of stakeholder feedback was focused on learning needs of students, social/emotional needs of students, and needs of staff to be able to carry out the work of mitigating learning loss. The ideas and strategies in the Extended Learning Opportunities Grant Plan are aligned with the feedback from stakeholders. Based on the feedback from stakeholders, Venture Academy partnered with the San Joaquin County Office of Education and created MOUs for professional development and support for our EL students.

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

Venture Academy will hold information meetings with parents and guardians of students identified as needing supplemental instruction and will send out material in the parents' home language on the programs and supports being offered. Venture Academy will provide translators at the information meetings so parents will receive the information in their home language.

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

Venture Academy will use a variety of assessments to determine students in need of academic, social-emotional, and other integrated student supports. One main assessment is the ELPAC assessment, which will identify students who are already struggling as English Learners. Venture Academy will also use EdPerformance as a benchmark assessment at each grade level. EdPerformance will be given three times a year to continue to identify student academic needs as well as chart academic growth and progress. Individual teachers will also use formative assessments throughout the year to continue to identify learning needs as well as learning gains and growth. Venture Academy will assess social/emotional needs by teacher or parent referral to the counselors. Once a student is referred, the counselors will perform diagnostic assessments to determine the level of trauma or social/emotional support needed by the student. Based on the results of the assessments, students will be invited to participate in extended learning opportunities for academic needs and/or counseling groups, workshops, and sessions for social/emotional needs. Counselors will also refer students and families to outside agencies for additional social/emotional support when needed.

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

Venture Academy's plan to extend and support student learning begins with the professional development being offered to teachers in three areas: universal design for learning, specific supports for EL students, and trauma-informed training for teachers and staff to support students' social and emotional needs coming out of the pandemic. The intent of the professional development is to equip teachers with the skills to provide engaging, supportive learning environments with embedded strategies to differentiate and meet different learning needs. Venture Academy will provide supplemental instruction for identified students by adding additional summer school programs in 2021 and 2022, with programs that also specifically target supports for EL students and credit deficient students. Venture Academy will provide para-educator support in the summer school programs as well to provide targeted, specific supports for students' individual needs. Venture Academy will also create an after-school program for identified students to receive additional academic support from credentialed teachers and para-educators by extending the learning day. Venture Academy will also be providing additional health and mental health supports

through additional nursing and school psychology staff to meet the individual needs of students and to provide overarching physical health and mental health education to students. Venture Academy counselors and mental health professionals will be working to create a counseling master plan to identify mental health services offered to all students at all grade levels in addition to targeted mental health interventions based on individual student needs.

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	265,624	
Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through the implementation, expansion, or enhancement of learning supports	54,104	
Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning	275,972	
Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports	283,753	
Supports for credit deficient students to complete graduation or grade promotion requirements and to increase or improve students' college eligibility	8,431	
Additional academic services for students	106,048	
Training for school staff on strategies to engage students and families in addressing students' social-emotional health and academic needs	300,000	

Supplemental Instruction and Support Strategies	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
Total Funds to implement the Strategies	1,293,932	

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

Venture Academy will be using the ESSER II funds to continue many of the extended learning opportunities, professional development, and social/emotional supports outlined by the Extended Learning Opportunity funds. The ESSER II funds will be used to continue the after school program and extended summer sessions in the 2022-2023 school year as well as the 2023-2024 school year. ESSER II funds will also be used to continue the additional nursing and psychologist support through the 2023-2024 school year. The ESSER II funds will also be used to continue to offer professional development to teachers and staff through the 2023-2024 school year with a specific emphasis on closing learning gaps and supporting students' social and emotional needs.

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 or <mailto:lcff@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 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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