



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.

This plan is being presented on May 26, 2021 at a special board meeting. The district collaborated with Principals and Directors to seek input and ideas from their staff and other stakeholders. Faculty and Classified leadership were engaged to solicit input through meetings. Parent input from the LCAP Parent Advisory Committee meetings was also considered prior to the plan adoption at the board meeting (in order to meet the June 1 deadline).

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

Students have been identified by various metrics including grades, credits, graduation status, A-G standing and interventions. In addition, students may have been identified by referrals from parents, teachers, counselors or administration as needing additional support or services.

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

Parents and guardians will be informed via all district communication channels including phone, email, text, Parent Square, site and district web pages, and live and print media. All district and site-based communications are translated into Spanish and Mixtec by District translation personnel.

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

Extended Instructional Learning Time

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (SMJUHSD) has been providing extended learning opportunities since the Fall of 2020. These opportunities have been provided through a variety of methods that exist both during and after the school day. Teachers are offered an 'extended day' opportunity to teach make-up or credit recovery courses. This involves them taking on an additional student classload beyond their normal 5 period assignment. These options have, and will continue to be, provided by dozens of district teachers at all our comprehensive school sites. An extensive Summer School program is being offered for the Summer of 2021. This program involves increased staff at all levels, in both distance and in person formats. Incentive pay has been offered to increase the number of staff willing to work over the summer. The summer program includes additional Counseling, Instructional aides, data specialists and enrichment/wellness opportunities. EL/Migrant Learning Academies will be continued.

Expansion/Enhancement of Learning Supports

The SMJUHSD entered into contract with 'Tutor.Com' to provide multi-lingual subject area tutoring 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 360 days a year. The district continues to provide on site tutoring through our Cal-SOAP and AVID programs. The district utilizes a comprehensive digital online curriculum through 'Edmentum' that offers opportunity to take, or re-take most required district coursework, including AP and A-G approved courses. This platform is also used for the district's credit recovery program. Designated EL support courses for all Long Term EL's as well as Newcomer supports will be provided. Professional Development for teachers will be provided for both the instructional and social-emotional support needs of students.

Integrated Student Support

The district has contracted for 4 and plans to hire 4 additional Licensed Marital/Family Therapists (one for each school site) to assist with the Tier 3 Social-Emotional needs and services. The district continues to employ 2 certificated School Psychologists on each school site, as well as 24 Pupil Personnel Services credentialed Counselors, and is adding an additional PPS Counselor at each comprehensive site.

Community Learning Hubs

The district plans to partner with the Abel Maldonado Youth Center & Boys and Girls Club to provide access via a high speed learning hub and additional student computers/work stations.

Credit Deficiency/Graduation

The district will provide expanded opportunities for credit deficient students to mitigate learning loss and credit. These opportunities shall be provided both during and after the traditional school day.

Additional Academic Services

The district is expanding the pool of instructional assistants, including Multi-Lingual, Special Education and general education areas on all campuses. The district is also developing 'Virtual Academy' experiences on all campuses to provide for students who do not wish to return to traditional in-person instruction and need flexibility or desire a blend of traditional and distance services.

Trainings for Staff

The district will provide a variety of professional development opportunities for staff at all levels. This includes instructional and curricular options, equity and access, cultural proficiency and social-emotional learning strategies. The district intends already provide an additional full professional development day before the school year begins in August of 2021. This will be in addition to the already calendared teacher workday and the existing professional development day.

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	\$1,505,000.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through the implementation, expansion, or enhancement of learning supports	\$980,000.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning	\$1,330,000.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]

Supplemental Instruction and Support Strategies	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports	\$75,000.00	[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	\$610,000.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Additional academic services for students	\$2,570,000.00	[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	\$1,181,468.00	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Total Funds to implement the Strategies	\$8,251,468	[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.

Santa Maria Joint Union High School District is coordinating the use of the Expanded Learning Grant and other federal ESSER funds by budgeting all funding sources across several categories to best meet the needs of the local district, staff, students and community. In 2021-22, the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant funds are primarily budgeted towards integrated student services such as social and emotional, support, counseling, and mental health; credit recovery services to accelerate progress towards closing the achievement gap, and progress monitoring; and paraprofessional staffing. In 2021-22, the ESSER funds are planned to continue supports to reduce the risk of virus transmission and to support student health needs. Then, in 2022-23, the ESSER funds are planned to be budgeted towards mental health services and counseling supports, COVID-19 related costs, and professional development efforts.

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 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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