

# 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.

Mesa Union School District has established several committees whose input on school reopening and other related matters have shaped the areas of focus addressed in this plan. To begin, Mesa organized a reopening committee composed of Mesa parents across various grade levels. The parent/family committee provided input toward the implementation of the district's reopening plans and also provided input on the expansion of instructional days in grades TK-3. The primary focus of reopening was to begin to diminish the interruption to learning students experienced due to pandemic conditions. Additionally, Mesa's School Leadership Team has provided input on the areas of instructional focus and professional learning for the current 2020-2021 school year, as well as those that will carry-over into 2021-2022. These discussions and planning have been centered upon the data and information from student's performance in the classroom. In the process of a hybrid reopening, grade-level teams were also consulted on the supports needed to best support the learning of students attending in-person, as well as those who would remain on distance through the remainder of the year. Finally, the discussions with the district's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Parent Advisory Committee have also served to inform the contents of the plan, while also ensuring that this plan does not exist in isolation or removed from other district plans and priorities.

The plan will allow Mesa to use funding made available through the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant to implement a learning recovery program for the following student groups: low-income students, homeless, students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, disengaged students, and students who are performing below grade level assessed with learning skills loss.

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

Students were identified by using our local assessment data, as well as staff recommendation and parental consultation. Mesa Union will also use local assessment data in lieu of CAASPP standardized assessments for end-of-year results. Mesa's staff and SST team have also played a key role in the identification of those students struggling with not only academics and attendance/engagement, but social-emotional needs. In addition to the assessments, students were also identified based on attendance, engagement, and social-emotional needs. The use of our multi-tiers of student support also helped to identify the students and grade levels in greatest need of support and intervention as well as in some cases acceleration. As a very low socio-economic community there is a need for support in academics, nutrition, social-emotional care, and mental health supports. Throughout the school year, survey results from parents, students, and staff also played a large role in the identification of students and the needs specific to Mesa Union.

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

Mesa Union is planning to share the assessment results of the end-of-year formative assessments with parents and families. Students achieving below standard and in need of additional academic support will be identified for extended learning opportunities and/or intervention, including summer learning in 2021 and 2022. Parent outreach will take place in-person, virtually, and phone calls, as well as Parent Square. Mesa Union will encourage the participation of the students in the upper grades/middle school in order to maximize engagement and support. Multi-year planning and continued communication with parents/families as partners will be critical to efforts to address learning interruptions brought upon by pandemic. Mesa will continue to approach communication via consistent, honest, and authentic communication that will ensure we meet the needs of all our students.

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

Mesa Union will utilize Expanded Learning Opportunity grant funding to supplement and augment instructional and academic supports. The plan spans core instruction through extended and expanded learning opportunities. This plan will allow Mesa to use the funds it receives through the grant to improve the quality of the instructional program for all students, but focus primarily on the student groups identified earlier in this plan. These include low-income students, homeless and foster youth, as well as those who have experienced disengagement and social-emotional challenges during distance learning and/or hybrid learning. The Mesa Union School District will use the following tools, activities, and programs to provide the best supplemental instruction and support to all students:

- Expanded school year during summers of 2021 and 2022
- Strategic staffing placement of certificated and classified personnel
- Technology platforms to improve access to real-time student data
- Instructional materials for intervention programs
- Professional learning, development and training

# 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	\$63,755	
Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through the implementation, expansion, or enhancement of learning supports	\$72,070	
Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning	\$137,307	
Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports	\$0	
Supports for credit deficient students to complete graduation or grade promotion requirements and to increase or improve students' college eligibility	\$0	
Additional academic services for students	\$0	
Training for school staff on strategies to engage students and families in addressing students' social-emotional health and academic needs	\$107,613	
Total Funds to implement the Strategies	\$380,745	

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

The content of this plan will be coordinated in conjunction with other existing Mesa plans. Furthermore, any Elementary and Secondary School Relief fund expenditures will be based on students needs derived from past stakeholder input and academic results. Funding is being used to support all students in diminishing learning loss, providing a safe and orderly environment, and providing greater student engagement in academics and extracurricular activities. As such, maintaining school staffing at levels required to maintain a well-rounded and quality educational program will be a priority, as well as programs providing interventions and student supports. Finally, federal and state funds will continue to be utilized toward COVID mitigation efforts consistent with local and state health guidelines, which are likely to receive updates through the 2021-2022 school year.

# 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](mailto:ELOGrants@cde.ca.gov) or [lcff@cde.ca.gov](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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