

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.

School provided ongoing monthly, quarterly and yearly opportunities for parent involvement in school life and ease of home-school communication; and ensure continued parent representation in decision-making at all levels of school operations. , Parent Sign-in Sheets, and other supporting items. Teachers and school staff are involved on every level of the development of the plan. Conversations and updates are covered at weekly meetings. The School Site Council and the School Advisory Committee have representatives of parents, teachers and staff. Modified due to Pandemic.

Parents and Guardians
 Parents/Guardians were informed of extended learning opportunities through weekly community updates and videos on the following dates:

March 24, 2021
 March 29, 2021
 April 28, 2021
 May 26 2021

Parents/Guardians were able to attend workshops informing them of their options for extended learning at parent meetings held by Charter School administrative staff. Parents/Guardians were able to provide feedback and express their desire to have their child participate in extended instructional time in the summer through the completion of surveys and communication with their child’s teacher, school staff, and administration.

Teachers and School Staff

Teachers and school staff participated in a number of surveys and staff meetings to discuss the addition of instructional days, interest in working over the summer to provide additional instruction, and after school intervention services during the 2021-2022 school year.

Qualitative

- Teacher observations and anecdotal records;
- Administrator, Mentor and Lead Teacher observations;
- School Climate and Culture Coordinators recommendations;
- Communication with parents/guardians.

Quantitative

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The goal of the Charter School is to enable all students to participate in extended learning opportunities. Funds from the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant make this goal attainable. The following students will be prioritized for extended learning opportunities:

Students with disabilities; Youth in foster care, Homeless youth; English learners; Students from low-income families; Students without access to the technology needed for distance learning; Disengaged students; Students with failing grades; Students at risk of dropping out; Students identified as needing social and mental health supports.

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

Students will be identified for Expanded Learning Opportunities through qualitative and quantitative means.

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

Expanded Learning Opportunities are provided to parents through the following means:

- Community Update Letters sent to all families of the Charter School;
- Videos featuring expanded learning opportunities;
- Newsletters sent home to families;
- Electronic messaging such as "Remind" email, Class Dojo, text messages;
- Direct invitation and communication from classroom teachers.

Communication to Parents or Guardians:

1. Information of the opportunities for supplemental instruction and support will be sent to all students. Further posted on the website; as well as newsletters.
2. A notice will be sent by mail, phone or Remind email by our Program Coordinator to all interested parents or interested observers and will be announced on the school website and weekly newsletter.
3. The Executive Administrator and Program Coordinator will send a letter by US mail to all applicants no later than seven days before the lottery date. The letter will state the rules, procedures, date, time and location of the services, as well as other arrangements made by the school such as parking, and contact information.
4. All participants will sign an agreement of participation and authorization by parent or guardian.

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

The Charter School plans to use the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant to expand the numbers of instructional days during the 2021-2022 school year, additional professional development days for staff, extending instructional time in the summer, and after school intervention services during the 2021-2022 school year. All ELO Grant funds for the Charter School will go to extending instructional learning time.

Expanding Instructional Days

The Charter School will extend the number of instructional days students receive. The typical calendar for the Charter School consists of 180 instructional days. Students will receive 2 extra instructional days during the 2021-2022 school year for a total of 182 instructional days.

Additional Professional Development Days for Staff

MORCS staff will receive extra professional development days increasing the number of days certificated staff work.

Extending Instructional Time in the Summer (2020-2021 and 2021-2022)

Students will be able to receive extended instructional time during the summer outside of the 182 instructional day calendar. These opportunities will be made available to students during the summer of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.

After School Intervention Services (2021-2022)

Students will be able to receive additional after school intervention during the 2021-2022 school year. These services will be provided by either staff of the Charter School or through an outside provider at the Charter School.

Supplemental instruction and support will be offered to students at their individual levels of academic achievement through accelerated learning, and differentiated project-based instruction, use of the Success For All program and other resources as needed by our students.

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	\$ 255,652	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available] expenditures will be provided when available]
Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through the implementation, expansion, or enhancement of learning supports		[Actual expenditures will be provided when available] expenditures will be provided when available]
Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning		[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports		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		[Actual expenditures will be provided when

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Additional academic services for students		[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		[Actual expenditures will be provided when available] expenditures will be provided when available]
Total Funds to implement the Strategies	\$ 255,652	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available] 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.

The Charter School is carefully monitoring all state and local funds to ensure they are monitored and used effectively. The Charter School is attempting to simplify the process by using all ELO Grant funds exclusively on extending instructional learning time. The Charter School is using a template created by School Services of California (SSC) to track state and federal COVID-19 funds. We are currently tracking all funds to ensure they are tracked appropriately under the following areas:
 State Funds: General Fund; Supplemental and Concentration Grant; ELO Grant; In-Person Grant.
 Federal Funds: LLM GEER; LLM CRF; LLM GF; ESSER I; ESSER II; ESSER III.

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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