

## 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.

In order to create Gateway's Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan, we conducted community meetings and surveyed families, students and staff about the impact of COVID-19 and related school closures on their priorities and needs as we return to in person instruction and support. In order to ensure we had broad and representative participation in our surveys and community meetings, we developed an outreach plan that included targeted outreach by our advisors, our student support staff, and our school leaders. We made individual phone calls, included oral surveys as part of family conference meetings, and broke large group zoom sessions into more meaningful and comfortable groups of students and/or families. We also regularly analyzed student progress and engagement throughout the year, and used our in-person activities this year as a test-case for efficacy of potential supports to continue into next school year.

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. **Qualitative:** Teacher observations and anecdotal records; Administrator observations; School counselor recommendations; Communication with parents/guardians. **Quantitative:** Gateway uses MAP to measure student learning. Students will be prioritized for extended learning opportunities based on the results of MAP, classroom assessment data, and teacher observations.

Gateway's goal 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 parents and guardians of students will be informed of the opportunities for supplemental instruction and support.

Expanded Learning Opportunities are provided to families and students through the following means: In-person activities such as Back To School Night and orientations; ParentSquare updates sent to all families; Videos featuring expanded learning opportunities; Newsletters sent home to families; Electronic messaging such as email, GoogleClassroom, text messages; Direct invitation and communication from classroom teachers, advisors, counselors, and administrators

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

**EXTENDING INSTRUCTIONAL LEARNING TIME:** Gateway is offering a targeted summer program for rising 7th and 8th graders to serve as a bridge back to school and to support the development of core academics skills and habits.

**ACCELERATING PROGRESS TO CLOSE LEARNING GAPS:**

In order to help students develop core academic skills, we are adding an **Academic Interventionist**. The Academic Interventionist will have dedicated time to work with students individually and in small groups on targeted skill development.

**INTEGRATED STUDENT SUPPORTS TO ADDRESS OTHER BARRIERS TO LEARNING:**

**Family Liaison:** This person will work in a variety of capacities to support our work in bridging school-home with our families with a particular focus on our targeted groups

**Transition Coordinator:** Added a stipend position for an 8th/9th grade transition coordinator who will support our 8th grade team in handing off students to high school.

Purchasing a **universal mental health screener** which will allow us to assess student wellness schoolwide, as well as identifying students who are showing indication of additional targeted support.

Investing in **nursing services** as we return to campus and encounter health-related situations and questions.

Developing partnerships to provide **ongoing small group mental health support** to students.

**COMMUNITY LEARNING HUBS:** We will use our Student Services Office as a **learning hub** to serve students needing access to working space, tutoring support, technology, and more that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports.

**Training for school staff on strategies:**

Staff are engaging in **additional summer planning and professional development** in order to be ready for the fall and students' return to campus.

Additional summer planning for leadership team, learning services team, subject area teachers, advisory leads, and social-emotional learning professional development for staff

## 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	\$29,000	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]

Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through the implementation, expansion, or enhancement of learning supports	\$117,000	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning	\$60,000	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports	\$84,000	[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 available]
Additional academic services for students	\$25,000	[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	\$20,000	[Actual expenditures will be provided when available]
Total Funds to implement the Strategies	\$335,000	[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.

Gateway is carefully monitoring all state and local funds to ensure they are tracked and used effectively. The Extended Learning Opportunity Grant funds are being coordinated 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, also known as ESSER II and ESSER III. ELO funds will be used primarily to maximize support for students and staff in recovery of any learning gaps that we have identified and that have continued to emerge as a result of remote and hybrid instruction. They will also be used to provide students with increased supports and learning opportunities in areas of highest need as we return to full in-person instruction in the next school year. ESSER funds are primarily budgeted towards school facility improvements, health and safety upgrades and processes, and other improvements to reduce the risk of virus transmission and to support student health needs. The different funds available from our ELO grant and other sources of funding will be divided up and used according to the regulations for each.

# 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).*

## 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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