

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.

Mt Lassen Charter held meetings in April and May with stakeholders to obtain input on the development of the plan. All parents, teachers and school staff were invited to review, discuss, and add to the plan at all stages of its development. All feedback from stakeholders was used in relation to student data, the state priorities, and the needs of the students to develop the plan. Staff that is directly affected by the plan such as teachers and paraprofessionals in providing supplemental instruction and support were involved significantly in developing the plan.

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

Mt Lassen Charter School will utilize multiple measures, including local, end of year and benchmark assessments to identify the needs of all students. These assessment results will be used to identify other integrated student supports to address barriers to learning, such as the provision of health, counseling, or mental health services, or programs to address student trauma and social-emotional learning, or referrals for support for family or student needs. The assessments and measures will allow MLCS to track the effectiveness of evidence-based intervention services while identifying individual learning needs and creating the appropriate interventions needed to close achievement gaps and support social-emotional needs.

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

The Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan with supplemental instruction and support will be presented to the governing board at a public hearing in May 2021 for all stakeholders, including parents, teachers, and school staff to discuss and provide any additional feedback,

before adopting. Parents/Guardians will be informed of the approved plan through Aeries communications, letters home, email and direct contact from staff of supplemental learning opportunities. In addition, the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant will be posted on the MLCS website.

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

The Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant will provide supplemental instruction and support for all students at Mt Lassen Charter School. In addition, specific supports including academic, social-emotional and other supports will be provided to 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 are credit-deficient students, high school students at risk of not graduating, and other students identified by certificated staff. All services will be part of a multi-tiered system of supports that includes universal (tier 1), targeted (tier 2), and intensive (tier 3) supports or students based on each student's identified needs.

Support services have been identified in each of the following 7 strategy areas:

1. Extended Instruction Time

MLCS will provide extended instructional time through summer school during 2021 and 2022 with credentialed and certificated staff and during 2021-22 school year. Students will have access to virtual learning opportunities through Edgenuity Courseware, Generation Genius Science Curriculum and Virtual tutoring, as well as in-person tutoring from credential or certificated staff.

2. Accelerating Progress to Close Learning Gaps

MLCS will provide reading intervention during summer school and 2021-22 school year to all students who are identified through local and benchmark assessments. In addition, classified staffing hours will be increased to allow for in-person tutoring of all students. Specific time will be dedicated to 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 are credit-deficient students, high school students at risk of not graduating, and other students identified through multiple measures.

3. Integrating Pupil Supports

Mt Lassen Charter School, certificated and classified staff, will participate in professional development in the area of Social-Emotional Learning (Living Works) through LCOE to increase mental health supports to staff and students. In addition, MLCS staff will participate in professional development using local assessment and diagnostic tools.

4. Community Learning Hubs

Mt Lassen Charter School will have laptops or chromebooks available to all students. In addition, MLCS will train students to be peer tutors.

5 Credit Recovery

MLCS will provide extended instructional time through summer school during 2021 and 2022 with credentialed and certificated staff available for tutoring (in-person or virtually). High school students, especially those who are credit-deficient, will be encouraged to take college courses during summer school 2021 and 2022 and the 2021-22 school year to help make-up credits toward graduation requirements and to increase or improve students' college eligibility. MLCS will designate a staff member to provide students/families with college and scholarship information to increase and improve students college readiness.

6. Diagnostics, Progress Monitoring, Benchmarks

Mt Lassen Charter School will utilize benchmark assessments to monitor, and close achievement gaps. MLCS staff will identify essential standards for core subjects in K-12.

7. Training and Active Consistent Implementation of Trauma-Informed Practices and Strategies to Engage Pupils and Families in Pupil Social-Emotional Health Needs and Academic Needs

Mt Lassen Charter School will provide at least two days of professional learning, to all staff, on social-emotional supports for staff and 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	\$16,850	
Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through the implementation, expansion, or enhancement of learning supports	\$10,725	

Supplemental Instruction and Support Strategies	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning	0	
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	\$23,035	
Additional academic services for students	\$20,531	
Training for school staff on strategies to engage students and families in addressing students' social-emotional health and academic needs	\$9,542	
Total Funds to implement the Strategies	\$80,683.00	

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

Mt. Lassen Charter 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 Grant funds are primarily budgeted toward providing Summer School instruction, tutoring and reading intervention to close the achievement gap and eliminate learning loss. In 2021-22 and 2022-23 the ESSER funds are and will be primarily budgeted toward diagnostic assessments/tools, and extra salaries to provide student support.

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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