Sulphur Springs Union School District

Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan

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Instructions: Please list the school sites that your LEA selected to operate the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P).

- 1. Canyon Springs Community
- 2. Fair Oaks Ranch Community
- 3. Golden Oak Community
- 4. Leona Cox Community
- 5. Mint Canyon Community
- 6. Mitchell Community
- 7. Sulphur Springs Community
- 8. Valley View Community
- 9. Pinetree Community

ASES Grant Identification Number:

19-23939-6504-EZ

Canyon Springs Community School - 19650456022677 Mint Canyon Community School - 19650456022891

Schools 1-8

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1—Safe and Supportive Environment

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to experience a safe and supportive environment. Include if the program will be offered on the school site or off campus.

Programs will be delivered on site at each of nine District schools:

Canyon Springs Community
Fair Oaks Ranch Community
Golden Oak Community
Leona Cox Community
Mint Canyon Community
Mitchell Community
Sulphur Springs Community
Valley View Community
Pinetree Community

Programs will take place after school during the school year, and during the thirty intersession dates (sample schedules included under General Questions).

The Sulphur Springs Union School District will partner with community based organizations, RISE After School Programs and Sunshine Day Camp, to offer a safe and nurturing environment that supports the developmental, social-emotional, and physical needs of all students. The Sulphur Springs Union School District provides after school programs using the After School Education and Safety (ASES) funding at Mint Canyon Community School and Canyon Springs Community School. With the support of our partners, our ASES sites will increase their enrollment at current sites. The program managers work closely with the district administration and school principals to create school-aligned health and safety procedures. Programs will begin immediately after school to maximize programs.

The program develops policies and procedures to:

- Clearly document health, safety, and behavior procedures with staff, participants, and families
- Clearly identify the health and medical needs and participants
- Ensure that staff is easily identifiable with ID badges
- Ensure that staff, participants, families, and school partners understand where

participants are located throughout the program

- Clearly document and communicate any incident
- Maintain an accessible list of students with current emergency contacts in a portable binder and in the office files

In order to nurture a positive environment:

- Staff respectfully welcomes each participant each day
- Staff acknowledges positive behavior through the use of weekly and monthly awards and implements a positive behavior plan to complement what is used during the school day
- A positive relationship between school site and program leadership is maintained
- Proactive parent/student meetings are held to foster positive behaviors

2—Active and Engaged Learning

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to experience active and engaged learning that either supports or supplements, but does not duplicate, the instructional day.

Built around the 4 E's of Engage, Explain, Explore, Expand, the ELO Program in the Sulphur Springs Union School District offers a variety of enrichment activities that include engineering lessons, art projects, digital citizenship and social emotional learning.

Among the offerings that the Sulphur Springs Union School District has, students in the ELO program will have access to:

- Enrichment for full 9 hour days
- Homework help
- SEL (Social Emotional Learning)
- LEGO robotics
- STEM
- Chess
- Arts
 - o Theatre
 - o Dance
 - Visual arts
- Teamwork (sports)
- Literacy building through enrichment
- Public speaking and communication
- Fitness and nutrition

3—Skill Building

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to experience skill building.

The ELO Program in the Sulphur Springs Union School District will provide opportunities for students to build skills both in traditional curricular areas, as well as in often less developed areas, like public speaking. This will be achieved through:

- Structured academic time that includes support with homework during school year in addition to sight words, high-frequency word lists, and math facts
- Staff organizing participants in groups to work with a clear purpose
- Student activities designed to support collaborative interaction
- Students have access to use chromebooks to support their learning

Program Managers will also work with District and site administrators to promote communication between staff and teachers in order to be sure that staff follows school goals and initiatives in order to support students in improving literacy and math skills.

4—Youth Voice and Leadership

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to engage in youth voice and leadership.

When giving students a voice and leadership responsibility, it is important to not just provide the opportunity, but also to enhance the skills necessary to succeed when given that responsibility. To do that, the ELO Program will:

- Conduct student surveys two times per year, offering input into the program design
- Implement student leaders who can offer support to staff and leadership for younger students
- Implement a student advisory council
- Provide student choice in the design of clubs and additional activities
- Offer a Theater Club as staffing becomes available teaching leadership and student voice, and enhancing the ability to communicate with larger audiences

5—Healthy Choices and Behaviors

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to engage in healthy choices and behaviors. Describe how students will be served nutritious meals and/or snacks during the ELO-P hours of programming.

The ELO Program promotes student well-being through opportunities to learn about and practice balanced nutrition, physical activity, and other healthy choices. Students participate in physical fitness on a daily basis.

The program helps staff promote healthy lifestyles by providing professional development and training regarding the daily nutrition program.

Staff for both RISE and Sunshine participate in professional development around fitness using the *Sparks* program. Additionally RISE uses the RISE Up Fitness Program which incorporates nutrition and physical activity into the program design daily.

The District partners with the Santa Clarita Valley Food Services Agency, which also provides training to program staff on nutrition and healthy food choices. The "Super Snack" and meal program meets the California Nutritional Requirements. A sample of a menu is shown below:

1st Menu Option

Mini Bagel= 1 grain

Peanut Butter and Jelly Cup= 2 M/MA

Sliced Pears= ½ c.

Celery Sticks= ½ c.

8 oz. Fluid Milk Options (nonfat chocolate and 1% low-fat white fluid milk)

2nd Menu Option

Sandwich, Peanut Butter & Jelly = 1 grain & 1 M/MA

String Cheese = 1 M/A

Pears (canned & sliced) = $\frac{1}{4}$ c. fruit Green

Beans= $\frac{1}{2}$ c. vegetable

8 oz. Fluid Milk Options (nonfat or 1% low-fat)

3rd Menu Option

Cornbread Muffin= 1 grain

2 String Cheese= 2 M/MA

Peaches (canned, sliced, in light syrup)=1/4 c. Green

Beans= ½ c. vegetable

8 oz. Fluid Milk Options (nonfat or 1% low-fat)

4th Menu Option

Animal Crackers= 1 grain
Strawberry Yogurt= 1 M/MA
String Cheese= 1 M/MA
Applesauce= ½ c.
Broccoli Florets (Raw)= ½ c.
8 oz. Fluid Milk Options (nonfat or 1% low-fat)

In addition to the nutrition and fitness components around physical activity, program goals also include:

- student gardens
- sports program
- digital citizenship

6—Diversity, Access, and Equity

Describe how the program is designed to address cultural and linguistic diversity and provide opportunities for all students to experience diversity, access, and equity. Describe how the ELO-P will provide access and opportunity for students with disabilities.

The District ELO Program creates an environment in which students experience values that embrace diversity and equity regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, income level, national origin, physical ability, and gender identity and expression.

The Program, through its partners, actively recruits and hires staff that reflects the community of the students served, with a special emphasis on hiring bilingual staff at each site to improve the ability to communicate with some parents. The Program is aware of and seeks information and strategies to support participants' needs by collaborating with the principal, school team, and families. School staff are enlisted to coach ELO staff in supporting the needs of the students, including in training around social and emotional needs.

In order to meet the needs of students with disabilities, the District will coordinate collaboration with school and District special education staff.

Transportation will be provided as necessary during the summer program in order to ensure that students from sites where the program is not being offered are able to attend, and multimodal outreach will include flyers, email, and automated phone calls to actively inform all parents of qualifying students about program offerings.

7—Quality Staff

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to engage with quality staff

The ELO- Program, through its partners, engages in a rigorous recruitment and hiring process. All staff are provided with a clear title and job description, continuous training and professional development, resources and materials to deliver activities, and on-the-job coaching from the Program Managers. The Program also supports staff with information regarding program requirements that affect their day-to-day operations.

The minimum requirements for Program Instructors in the ELO Program are similar to those that the District uses to hire instructional aides. These include:

- High school diploma
- Pass an academic test
- Pass a health screening that includes current TB clearance
- Livescan fingerprint clearance

Additionally, ELO-P partners are actively working with College of the Canyons and other local colleges to create a pipeline of college students who fill the Program Instructor positions. For example, RISE makes a point of hiring bilingual Program Instructors when possible, who are able to connect with English Learners and parents, and many of whom attended after school programs themselves as youngsters. RISE also looks for applicants who bring additional expertise that can be tapped for enrichment- such as drama, sports or musicor who can make connections to students easily because of a shared background.

The District's Expanded Learning Opportunities Program partners are equal opportunity employers committed to hiring a qualified and diverse staff. In order to recruit and retain qualified staff, they adhere to the following procedure: This begins with staff who have been trained at the District level and are found to be competent by site administrators both for teaching and project leader positions. This includes District teachers, substitute teachers, and instructional and recreational aides.

In order to retain qualified staff, the District's Expanded Learning Opportunities Program partners make an effort to provide employment opportunities during off-seasons and outside of the program hours. Staff members are formally evaluated at various points during the school year by the Program Manager and Site Coordinator. Using a rubric, they will be evaluated on various factors including their ability to plan, maintain student safety, and overall work ethic and attitude. Site Coordinators will also be able to informally evaluate the staff at their sites and provide training during biweekly staff meetings. Staff meetings will also provide an opportunity for Site Coordinators and Program Instructors to collaborate on the enrichment

programs provided at each site, and to have ongoing conversations about the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) process.

Our Expanded Learning Opportunities Program partners offer multiple professional development opportunities during the school year. Results from evaluations and surveys are used to address the strengths and weaknesses of the staff, and determine what topics to cover during training sessions. New Hires are provided with shadowing opportunities, New Hire training, two and four month check-ins, and a six month review.

8—Clear Vision, Mission, and Purpose

Describe the program's clear vision, mission, and purpose.

The mission of the Sulphur Spring Union School District's ELO Program is to deliver value-added expanded learning programs that support and reinforce academic achievement that provide fitness and enrichment opportunities in a safe and supportive environment supervised by engaged, caring adults.

In order to do that, it is important to be cognizant of the needs and opinions of all stakeholders to determine what "value-added" means to a particular district.

Every school will distribute an end-of-year survey to the parents of all students. The data will be collected and shared with each school site.

Based on the needs assessment, the goals of the ELO Program will include, but are not limited to:

- Provide expanded learning opportunities
- Provide organized recreation and sports
- Provide quality academic support
- Provide a safe environment for students after school and during breaks as most families are commuters
- Provide engaging and diverse enrichment learning opportunities

9—Collaborative Partnerships

Describe the program's collaborative partnerships. Local educational agencies are encouraged to collaborate with non-LEA entities to administer and implement ELO-P programs.

The Sulphur Springs Union School District is partnering with RISE After School LLC and Sunshine Day Camp to administer its ELO Program. Both are experienced providers of after school and summer programs with outstanding reputations throughout the Santa Clarita Valley.

The District will continue existing partnerships, as well as explore new partnerships with:

- College of the Canyons and other local colleges that provide staff
- Girls Scouts, which provides a free leadership curriculum
- Santa Clarita Valley Food Services Agency, which provides meals and snacks
- City of Santa Clarita Parks and Rec Department, and the county Library System
- Sky High Enrichment
- Balls and Whistle

10—Continuous Quality Improvement

Describe the program's Continuous Quality Improvement plan.

The Sulphur Springs Union School District's ELO Program will use data from multiple sources to assess its strengths and weaknesses in order to continuously improve the program design, outcomes, and impact. A timeline has been established to clearly define the improvement process and roles and responsibilities for each person are clearly defined, both within the School District and its partners, RISE School Programs and Sunshine Day Camp.

The program will record and keep track of the information it collects in a manner that protects confidentiality of all stakeholders. The program will share lessons learned and key outcomes with the Sulphur Springs Union School District Board of Trustees annually.

Staff demonstrate their commitment to continuous improvement on a daily basis through regular reflection and self assessment of individual performance as well as attending professional development and training opportunities that expand their capacity.

Effectiveness for the Sulphur Springs School Union School District ELO Program will be evaluated through the analysis of attendance data reported to CDE as required. In addition, each of the school sites will look at discipline, overall school attendance, to determine the overall effectiveness of the program at the site and for specific students.

11—Program Management

Describe the plan for program management

The Sulphur Springs Union School District ELO Program has fiscal and administrative practices supported by well-defined and documented policies and procedures that meet state requirements. The District's partners, RISE After School LLC and Sunshine Day Camps, will be responsible for daily program management, in collaboration with district and site administrators. The program management is described below.

Sulphur Springs Union School District Administrators

The Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction will oversee the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program for the District. The administrators will collaborate with District Partners to ensure that the program requirements are met.

Program Officer/Program Manager:

The Program Managers collaborate with the District personnel and site staff to meet program requirements. The Program Managers hire, supervise, pay, and evaluate all program personnel. The Program Managers also oversee purchase of materials and managing the budget for the school sites, as well as attendance reporting. The Program Managers create a professional development calendar and regularly assess the professional development needs of the staff.

School Site Coordinator

The Site Coordinators plan, organize, and lead the program for each school site. Site Coordinators work with the Program Director to supervise the Program Instructors and all participants in the program. Site Coordinators report attendance, payroll, incident, and injury reports to the Program Director. Site Coordinators meet with their site's principal monthly to coordinate events and the program schedule. Site Coordinators represent the program and serve as a point of contact for parents, students, and school personnel.

Program Instructors

Program Instructors provide supervision, tutoring, homework help, and academic support for students in the program. Program Instructors collaborate with the Site Coordinators to design, coordinate, and lead organized fitness and recreation activities and enrichment projects such as art, music, crafts, drama, etc.

Program Plan and Implementation Review

Ongoing review of the program plan and its implementation will be regularly scheduled between the District partners and district leadership. Program implementation will be adjusted based on the needs of students. In addition, District leadership will encourage site administrators to meet and collaborate with District partners to make sure the program is meeting each site's needs.

Existing After School Education and Safety (ASES) and 21st Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Elementary and Middle School grantees.

ASES, 21st CCLC Elementary/Middle School, and the ELO-P should be considered a single, comprehensive program. In coordinating all these funding streams to move towards a single program, the expectation is that the most stringent requirements will be adopted for program guidance. If one or both grants are held, please describe how the ELO-P funding will be used to create one comprehensive and universal Expanded Learning Program.

The Sulphur Springs Union School District currently runs two ASES programs. The ASES programs will continue at the sites where they are currently located (Canyon Springs Community School and Mint Canyon Community School), while the larger ELO Program will run concurrently there, as well as seven other district locations.

Early Release Policy:

If a situation or outside activity requires that a student periodically be released early from the program, the parent will sign the student out and the reason for the early release will be documented. These documents are an important part of the documentation required to maintain funding for the ASES Program.

Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten

Programs serving transitional kindergarten or kindergarten pupils shall maintain a pupil- to-staff member ratio of no more than 10 to 1. (*EC* Section 46120[b][2][D]). Please address the proposed schedule and plan for recruiting and preparing staff to work in the program, including supporting them to understand how to work with younger children. How will the lower pupil-to-staff ratio be maintained? How will the curriculum and program be developmentally-informed to address this younger age group?

RISE, Sunshine and the Sulphur Springs Union School District will address the needs of TK and K students through:

- Collaboration with District Preschool and TK/K staff
- Classrooms of 20:2 students to staff ratios
- Recruitment and placement of ECE college students from College of the Canyons

Sample Program Schedule

Please submit a sample program schedule that describes how the ELO-P or other fund sources, including the California State Preschool Program for children enrolled in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten, will be combined with the instructional day to create a minimum of nine hours per day of programming (instructional day plus ELO-P or other supports). Also, submit a sample schedule for a minimum nine-hour summer or intersession day.

After School (180 days X 3-3.5 hrs = 540-630 student hours)

- Snack and recess (30 min)
- Academic support time (40 min)
- Fitness (20 min)
- Specialty Enrichment (40 min)
- Social Emotional Learning (20 min)

Summer (30 days x 8:00-5:00 = 270 student hours)

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8:00 am - 8:30 am: Breakfast/Sign
in
8:35 am - 8:55 am: Fitness Run
9:00 am - 9:55 am: ELA
10:00 am - 10:40 am: Themed/Specialty Enrichment
10:45 am - 11:40 am: Math
11:45 am - 12:15 pm: Lunch
12:20 pm - 12:40 pm: Recess
12:45 pm - 1:25 pm: Themed/Specialty Enrichment
1:30 pm - 1:50 pm: SEL
1:55 pm - 2:10 pm: Recess
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm: Snack
2:35 pm - 2:55 pm: Fitness
3:00 pm - 4:45 pm: Student choice (intramural sports, crafts, language,
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Purpose

This template will aid LEAs in the development of a program plan as required by EC Section 46120(b)(2). In this program plan, LEAs will describe program activities that support the whole child, and students' Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and development.

Definitions

"Expanded learning" means before school, after school, summer, or intersession learning programs that focus on developing the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and interests of pupils through hands-on, engaging learning experiences. It is the intent of the Legislature that expanded learning programs are pupil-centered, results driven, include community partners, and complement, but do not replicate, learning activities in the regular school day and school year. (*EC* Section 8482.1[a])

"Expanded learning opportunities" has the same meaning as "expanded learning" as defined in EC Section 8482.1. "Expanded learning opportunities" does not mean an extension of instructional time, but rather, opportunities to engage pupils in enrichment, play, nutrition, and other developmentally appropriate activities. (EC Section 46120[e][1])

Instructions

This Program Plan needs to be approved by the LEA's Governing Board in a public meeting and posted on the LEA's website.

The program plan template guide is considered a living document that is periodically reviewed and adjusted to reflect the needs of the community, updates in the law, and to provide continuous improvement in the development of an effective ELO-P.

The LEA is responsible for creating, reviewing, and updating the program plan every three years in accordance with EC Section 8482.3(g)(1). LEAs are encouraged to work collaboratively with partners and staff to develop and review the program plan. The LEA is responsible for the plan and the oversight of any community partners or subcontractors. The LEA should include any partners in the development and review of the plan. It is recommended that the plan be reviewed annually.

The Expanded Learning Division adopted the *Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California* (Quality Standards) and introduced requirements for Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) to help programs engage in reflection and be intentional about program management practices and activities delivered to students. To create the program plan, provide a narrative description in response to the prompts listed under each Quality Standard below. The LEA may customize and include additional prompts, such as describing SEL activities, or refining the plan. In addition to the narrative response, it may be useful to include tables, charts, or other visual representations that contribute to the understanding of the ELO-P. LEAs are encouraged to download and reference the Quality Standards in order to provide ongoing improvements to the program. The Quality Standards can be found on the California Department of Education's (CDE) Quality Standards and CQI web page, located at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ex/qualstandcqi.asp.

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Below are additional legal requirements for the ELO-P. Please ensure your Program Plan meets all of these legal requirements:

EC Section 46120(b)(2):

[LEAs] operating expanded learning opportunities programs may operate a before school component of a program, an after school component of a program, or both the before and after school components of a program, on one or multiple school sites, and shall comply with subdivisions (c), (d), and (g) of Section 8482.3, including the development of a program plan based on the following;

- (2) [LEAs] operating expanded learning opportunity programs pursuant to this section may operate a before school component of a program, an after school component of a program, or both the before and after school components of a program, on one or multiple schoolsites, and shall comply with subdivisions (c), (d), and (g) of Section 8482.3, including the development of a program plan based on all of the following:
- (A) The department's guidance. (B) Section 8482.6.
- (C) Paragraphs (1) to (9), inclusive, and paragraph (12) of subdivision (c) of Section 8483.3.
- (D) Section 8483.4, except that programs serving transitional kindergarten or kindergarten pupils shall maintain a pupil-to-staff member ratio of no more than 10 to 1.

EC Section 46120(b)(1)(A):

On schooldays, as described in Section 46100 and Sections 46110 to 46119, inclusive, and days on which school is taught for the purpose of meeting the 175-instructional-day offering as described in Section 11960 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, in-person before or after school expanded learning opportunities that, when added to daily instructional minutes, are no less than nine hours of combined instructional time and expanded learning opportunities per instructional day.

EC Section 46120(b)(1)(B):

For at least 30 non school days, during intersessional periods, no less than nine hours of in-person expanded learning opportunities per day.

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EC Section 46120(b)(3):

[LEAs] shall prioritize services provided pursuant to this section at schoolsites in the lowest income communities, as determined by prior year percentages of pupils eligible for free and reduced-price meals, while maximizing the number of schools and neighborhoods with expanded learning opportunities programs across their attendance area.

EC Section 46120(b)(4):

[LEAs] may serve all pupils, including elementary, middle, and secondary school pupils, in expanded learning opportunity programs provided pursuant to this section.

EC Section 46120(b)(6):

[LEAs] are encouraged to collaborate with community-based organizations and childcare providers, especially those participating in state or federally subsidized child care programs, to maximize the number of expanded learning opportunities programs offered across their attendance areas.

EC Section 46120(c):

A [LEA] shall be subject to the audit conducted pursuant to Section 41020 to determine compliance with subdivision (b).

EC Section 8482.3(d):

[LEAs] shall agree that snacks made available through a program shall conform to the nutrition standards in Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 49430) of Chapter 9 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2.

[LEAs] shall agree that meals made available through a program shall conform to the nutrition standards of the United States Department of Agriculture's at-risk afterschool meal component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (42 United States Code [U.S.C.] Section 1766).

EC Section 8482.6:

Every pupil attending a school operating a program . . . is eligible to participate in the program, subject to program capacity. A program was established . . . may charge family fees. Programs that charge family fees shall waive the cost of these fees for pupils who are eligible for free or

reduced-price meals, for a child that is a homeless youth, as defined by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Section 11434a), or for a child who the program knows is in foster care. A program that charges family fees shall schedule fees on a sliding scale that considers family income and ability to pay.

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EC sections 8483.4 and 46120(b)(2)(D):

The administrator of every program established pursuant to this article shall establish minimum qualifications for each staff position that, at a minimum, ensure that all staff members who directly supervise pupils meet the minimum qualifications for an instructional aide, pursuant to the policies of the school district. Selection of the program site supervisors shall be subject to the approval of the school site principal. The administrator shall also ensure that the program maintains a pupil-to-staff member ratio of no more than 20 to 1. All program staff and volunteers shall be subject to the health screening and fingerprint clearance requirements in current law and district policy for school personnel and volunteers in the school district, except that programs serving transitional kindergarten or kindergarten pupils shall maintain a pupil-to-staff member ratio of no more than 10 to 1.

EC Section 8482.3(c)(1)(A-B):

Each component of a program established pursuant to this article shall consist of the following two elements:

- (A) An educational and literacy element in which tutoring or homework assistance is provided in one or more of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, history and social science, computer training, or science.
- (B) An educational enrichment element that may include, but need not be limited to, fine arts, career technical education, recreation, physical fitness, and prevention activities.

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