

GROWING THE MAGIC OF EXPANDED LEARNING



Lights On Afterschool celebrates afterschool programs across the country. This year, we celebrate California's investment in expanded learning and the goal of universal access, as well as the dedicated and caring workforce that makes magic happen every day and throughout the year.

For decades, quality expanded learning programs have proven their value in providing safe, supportive learning environments and enrichment opportunities for students that improve:



CALIFORNIA IS INVESTING \$4 BILLION EVERY YEAR IN AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS.

Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) provides funding to schools for more learning opportunities outside of the regular school day (e.g., before- and after-school, Saturdays, or during school breaks) to help close opportunity gaps. Programs improve academic outcomes, support health and wellness, provide essential childcare to working families, and give kids time to explore their passions, have fun, and build a sense of belonging and community. Since starting in 2021, California has allocated \$9.7 billion to school districts across the state because of ELO-P.

THE MAGIC OF EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAMS COMES FROM THE MEANINGFUL AND DAILY INTERACTIONS BETWEEN STAFF AND STUDENTS.

California boasts the largest and one of the highest-rated expanded learning systems in the nation, which relies on the quality of and investment in its workforce. Just as quality teachers are linked to improved student outcomes, quality expanded learning staff are the most important factor in student success.



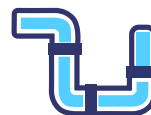
Positive staff-child relationships are the foundation of expanded learning programs and improve student learning and social development



Staff work in partnership with families, teachers, and administrators



Publicly funded expanded learning programs employ 30,000+ professionals statewide



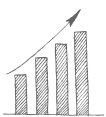
Majority are pursuing careers in teaching, afterschool leadership, education administration or school counseling

THE STATE OF EXPANDED LEARNING IN CALIFORNIA - 2023



In 2021, California committed to expand access to afterschool and summer learning programs for hundreds of thousands of students through the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P). We celebrate this historic investment and goal of universal access.

Governor Newsom - *"Afterschool and summer school for all. We've been talking about that for decades. The commitment in this state is firm...we're doing it."* - August 14, 2023



As ELO-P ramps up, we are seeing success and innovation: more kids have access to full-day, full-year instruction and enrichment; parents are benefiting from shorter waitlists and more free or low-cost options; and school districts and their community partners are collaborating to meet the needs of their communities.



Funding is prioritized for elementary school students (TK-6th grade), with a focus on those furthest from opportunity - students from low-income families, English learners, and foster youth.



ELO-P encourages schools to blend and braid expanded learning programming, funding, and staff, and to plan with students, families, and community partners at the table.



CA3 will continue to work in partnership with the Governor and the Legislature to ensure middle and high school students get equitable access to programs, and to collect and report statewide data that is essential to ensure this funding reaches the students who need it most and to improve student outcomes and supports across California.



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.



We are the statewide voice for expanded learning (afterschool and summer) programs and the children, youth, and their families who rely on them throughout California, as well as the vibrant and dynamic workforce that makes these programs so special. CA3 promotes policies that enhance the quality and accessibility of expanded learning programs in the state's most underserved communities.

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