

# Orange Unified Community Schools Grant



# What is a Community School?

A community school is any school serving pre-Kindergarten through high school students using a “whole-child” approach, with “an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement.

Community schools design their own programs to support the whole child and partner with community-based organizations and local government agencies to align community resources to realize a shared vision for success. They improve student outcomes by addressing students’ academic, cognitive, physical, mental, and social-emotional needs.

Community schools also meet the needs of children and youth by building a positive school climate and trusting relationships, along with rich learning opportunities that prepare all students to succeed in college, career, and life.

# Four Pillars of Community Schools



**Integrated student supports**, which can support student success by meeting their academic, physical, social-emotional, and mental health needs.

**Family and community engagement**, which involves actively tapping the expertise and knowledge of family and community members to serve as true partners in supporting and educating students.

**Collaborative leadership and practices for educators and administrators** that establish a culture of professional learning, collective trust, and shared responsibility for outcomes in a manner that includes students, families, and community members.

**Extended learning time and opportunities** that include academic support, enrichment, and real-world learning opportunities.

# Grant Information

Orange Unified has received \$15.2 million to support community schooling at our 11 identified Title 1 schools:

- ▶ California Inspire Academy
- ▶ Cambridge Elementary
- ▶ Esplanade Elementary
- ▶ Fairhaven Elementary
- ▶ Handy Elementary
- ▶ Jordan Academy
- ▶ Lampson Elementary
- ▶ Prospect Elementary
- ▶ Sycamore Elementary
- ▶ Taft Elementary
- ▶ West Orange Elementary



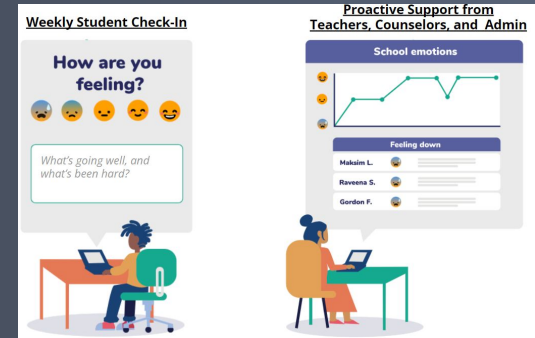
Funding to be paid out over 5 years according to the following payment schedule (district total):

- ▶ Year 1: \$2.88 million
- ▶ Year 2: \$3.04 million
- ▶ Year 3: \$3.04 million
- ▶ Year 4: \$3.04 million
- ▶ Year 5: \$2.32 million

# Initial Budgeting Proposal to CDE

For the budget proposal to the state, Orange Unified has identified the following supports for each of the targeted elementary schools to move toward community school implementation:

- A full-time elementary mental health counselor at each of the 11 identified schools
- Integration of the *Sown to Grow* software to help counselors identify those students in the most need. Students will take a weekly self assessment
- A full time Community School Lead Site Lead at each of the identified sites. This position will strengthen parent and community connections and overall collaboration.
- Funds set aside each year for parent education, community partnerships, and development of resource centers (based on need).



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Questions?



For more information on the Community Schools Grant Program  
CCSPP: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs/ccspp.asp>