



## Siskiyou County Office of Education Expanded Learning Program March 2024 Update

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### FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings!

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who participated, whether through hearing others' experiences, virtually, or in-person, at the 2024 CAN Symposium. Your presence enriched the event, and together, we gained invaluable insights and perspectives. We're already looking forward to welcoming even more Siskiyou County Site Coordinators in 2025 in Sacramento, where we anticipate another enriching gathering. Be on the lookout for a communication for attendees to come together and discuss our take-aways and next steps.

As we embrace the changing seasons, it's also a time to start planning for the upcoming August Siskiyou County Fair! We encourage you to begin contemplating the fair projects you'd like to showcase. Whether it's a creative endeavor, a scientific exploration, or a community initiative, there's a place for it at the fair. Keep an eye out for forthcoming information regarding submissions and guidelines.

Let's make this year's fair a celebration of expanded learning / SAFE programs talent, ingenuity, and spirit. Together, let's create memorable experiences and inspire students to stay engaged in expanded learning programs. Let's make the 2024 Siskiyou County Fair an event to remember!

Much appreciation,  
Kelly Smith

*Siskiyou County Expanded Learning Team at the 2024 CAN Symposium!*



## **SAFE NEWS**

The end of the year events are just around the corner! Take a moment to review the below SCOE - Sponsored activities and click the links for more information!

### **[Fair Project](#)**

The Siskiyou County Golden Fair will be here before we know it. It is time to start planning the exhibit submissions for your SAFE site. This year we are encouraging individual expression as a collective. Students will select how they want to represent their SAFE site in the work they choose to submit. Expanded Learning can't wait to see the amazing entries this year. Each year the students really dedicate themselves to showing the importance their SAFE program has to them.

### **[Expanded Learning Activities](#)**

- February 6th - March 6th, Creative Writing Contest

## **ELO-P NEWS**

### **SPRING 2024 ELO-P ACADEMY**

[For more information and to register please click here!](#)

The California AfterSchool Network, in partnership with the CA Dept. of Education's Expanded Learning Division, is excited to offer the 2024 Spring Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Academy!

The virtual four-day academy is designed to support CA educators with the Expanded Learning Opportunities Programs (ELO-P). Participants will be able to connect, learn, strengthen, and hear promising practices from our District, School, and Community Partner practitioners. Each day, we will focus on one specific hot topic of ELO-P, based on the overall needs of the field.

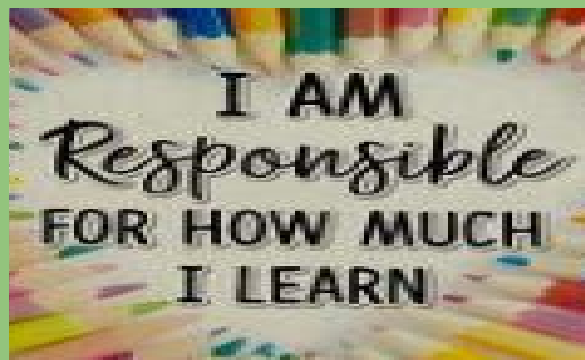
Day 1: April 3, 2024 - ELO-P Nuts and Bolts

Day 2: April 4, 2024 - Running A Single-Comprehensive Expanded Learning Program

Day 3: April 16, 2024 - Understanding ELO-P Reporting & Compliance Monitoring

Day 4: April 18, 2024 - CBO & LEA Partnership to Support High Quality ELO Programs

[Check out this link for all things ELO-P](#)



## Professional Development Quickbite (PDQ)

### [Growth mindset strategies to support increased homework participation.](#)

The above link provides several resources on how to support students to transition from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset.

“In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment.” **Carol Dweck**

Here are some additional resources to enhance your implementation of a growth mindset with students.

Resources:

- [Mindset Descriptions](#)
- [Developing a Growth Mindset with Carol Dweck](#)
- [Stop Saying “Good Job”](#)
- [Benefits Mindset Guide](#)
- Google

### [Three common mistakes we make when trying to be likable.](#) By Gretchen Rubin

To be seen as likable, people employ all sorts of strategies, including limiting how much they speak, refraining from giving compliments, or pretending not to have preferences. But research suggests that these common behaviors can actually be counterproductive.

A quick minute to read the article linked above to learn how to engage with your peers, school staff, and students by trying the three strategies listed. How does this change your relationships with people you interact with as an Expanded Learning Educator?

## FISCAL NEWS

### Grant Opportunity

We're thrilled to announce that the Expanded Learning Division of the CDE has released the After School Education and Safety (ASES), also known as SAFE in Siskiyou County, request for applications to fund for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

SCOE - Expanded Learning is set to apply on behalf of school districts in Siskiyou County to establish new programs within the SAFE initiative. We're committed to diligently increasing funding for sites experiencing growth in student participation.

The deadline for this grant application is April 16th, and we're eager to seize this opportunity to enhance the quality of our after-school programs through additional funding.

## EXPANDED LEARNING AROUND THE COUNTY

### Delicious Banana Sushi The Power of the Band App

Students from two separate SAFE programs recently crafted Banana Sushi using a diverse array of nutritious snack ingredients.

What's particularly remarkable is that these programs are not in close proximity to each other. Thanks to the Band App and the sharing of creative and enriching activities in expanded learning, one program witnessed this idea from another and incorporated it into their own activities.

Students relished in the experience of crafting a delicious culinary creation while simultaneously expanding their learning.

By sharing their creations with other SAFE programs on the Band App, they contributed to our larger community of learning.

**Keep sharing your ideas – you never know who you might inspire next!**

Emphasizing the Quality Standard of Healthy Choices and Behaviors, students began by washing their hands to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. They then engaged in a discussion about the ingredients used in their Banana Sushi, demonstrating an understanding and appreciation for nutritious options. Finally, they savored their creation, showcasing their commitment to enjoying healthy snacks.



#### **Mental Health PSA by SAFE Students**

In collaboration with Royer Studios and Friday Night Live SAFE students were able to participate in creating a public service announcement focused on Mental Health. We look forward to having this activity back in the Spring, stay tuned for details!

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[\*\*Click here to view the video!\*\*](#)