

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

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### FROM THE DIRECTOR

I want to express my sincere gratitude to each one of you for actively participating in the January Mid-Year Refresher. Your engagement was instrumental in making the event a success, with approximately 60 participants joining us for a productive session.



As part of our continuous quality improvement (CQI) efforts, we value your feedback on the refresher. Please take a moment to share your experiences, insights, and suggestions. Your input is crucial for enhancing the quality of the professional development opportunities we provide.

In other news, I am pleased to announce that attendance requirements for the calendar year 2023 have been waived by CDE (California Department of Education). However, this means that our diligence in attendance reporting for 2024 becomes even more critical. We must ensure accurate and timely reporting each month to maintain funding. Your Program Specialist will be working closely with you to streamline this process and ensure continued funding without reductions in July 2025.

The CAN Symposium, beginning virtually on February 21st is just around the corner!. I'm looking forward to connecting with some of you in Fresno during this engaging symposium.

Additionally, mark your calendars for another engaging training opportunity on April 11, 2024. The Butte County Office of Education, in collaboration with CSU Chico Science Professor Tanya Heaston, will present a Hands-on S.T.E.A.M. Professional Development and Coaching session right here in Yreka! Stay tuned for more details, as we're eager to provide you with further information soon.

Thank you once again for your commitment and enthusiasm. Together, we're creating a vibrant learning community.

Much appreciation,  
Kelly Smith

## **SAFE NEWS**

### **Writing Contest Starting in February**

SCOE - Expanded Learning is sponsoring the 2nd annual **Creative Writing Contest**. Building on the success of last year's event, we've decided to continue the concept to incorporate Social Emotional Learning in the works students submit.

Please [click this flyer link](#) to find comprehensive details about the writing contest outlining the guidelines for participation.

Additionally, Lupe Valdez has sent out an email with detailed information. Please ensure that students sign-up for this event using the QR code.

If you have any questions or need clarification, don't hesitate to reach out to me. We are eagerly anticipating the incredible poems and stories that your site will contribute to our published county book.



### **Attendance Waived for 2023**

The California Department of Education (CDE) Expanded Learning Division has made the decision to waive attendance requirements for the calendar year 2023. This means that if you were struggling to meet your attendance goals for that year and had unapproved closures, they will not negatively impact your funding for the 2024-2025 school year.

The focus now is on maintaining regular operation every day that school is open, adhering to the scheduled closing time, and accurately documenting student attendance on a daily basis. It's emphasized that your program is 100% attendance funded based on a target number set. If your attendance falls below the approved target percentage required, CDE may reduce your funding accordingly to match the level of service you are providing.

SCOE - Expanded Learning is committed to helping you retain your funding. They will provide monthly support to ensure that your site is on track with attendance goals. It's important for your program to work towards meeting or exceeding the attendance targets to secure the full funding of your program..

### **Expanded Learning Activities**

- Advisory Committee Meeting - February 13, 2024

## Professional Development QuickBite - PDQ

### [The Power of Saying Yes to Students](#)

From EduTopia, an article by Sarah Wysoki, shares how finding opportunities to agree to student requests - both academic and nonacademic - can boost engagement in learning.

- **Why it matters:** When we actively listen to our students and endeavor to meet them where they are, it demonstrates to them that their thoughts and ideas matter and that we respect them enough to consider their requests. When we say yes to nonacademic things, it shows students that we see them as whole people with value.

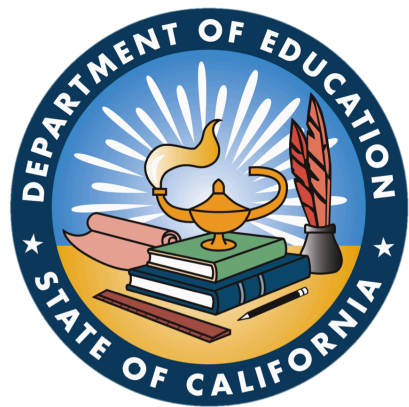
## ELO-P NEWS

Don't miss these great offerings to continually build your ELO-P programs!

[Spring 2024 ELO-P Academy](#)

[New Requirements for ELO-P](#)

Please click the links above for complete details.



## FISCAL NEWS

### [Continue to Submit Expenditure Reports](#)

Thank you for your dedication to delivering expenditure reports promptly. Please maintain this procedural continuity. We anticipate receiving our Grant Award Notifications in the near future. At present, CDE has not communicated a specific timeline for their release. Rest assured that upon receipt, we will promptly initiate reimbursements to your site.

### [21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Announcement](#)

We are thrilled to share some important updates regarding the grant applications we recently submitted on behalf of expanded learning programs in the county.

**ASSETs Grant Approved for Review:**

The application for the ASSETs grant has been approved for review. This is a significant milestone and brings us one step closer to securing funding to add after school programs in our high schools.

**21st CCLC Grant Declined:**

Regrettably, the news has been received that our application for the 21st CCLC grant has been declined in the current cycle. While this is disappointing, we are committed to learning from the experience and will reapply next year when the grant becomes available again.

**EXPANDED LEARNING AROUND THE COUNTY**

## Exceptional Attendance at the January Mid-year Refresher

Thank you to all that made it to our Mid-year refresher. I hope you are REengaged, REfreshed, and REady for the remainder of the school year. Please take a moment to complete the feedback form that will offer SCOE - Expanded Learning to practice continuous quality improvement in the training we offer.



What was your RE...?

