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Updates from the California Department of Education Expanded Learning Division

ASES Round 2 GAN Extension Summary

The CDE Expanded Learning Division has extended the FY 2025–26 ASES Round 2 grant award period from 12 months to 24 months.

This means grantees may use FY 2025–26 funds from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

Key Points

- The extension applies to ASES Round 2 programs for FY 2025–26.
- The Final Intent to Award list only shows newly funded sites and grantees from the ASES Universal Round 2 RFA.
- The purpose of the extension is to help programs increase support for students.

Allowable Uses

Grantees may use the extended funds to:

- Support salaries for FY 2026–27 using Quarters 5 through 8 funding, using a first in, first out approach.
- Add additional student services that support but do not supplant regular FY 2026–27 grant-funded services.
- Temporarily increase the number of students served during the extension period.
- Hire temporary staff who meet minimum instructional aide qualifications.

Important Requirements

- FY 2025–26 extension funds must be tracked separately from FY 2026–27 funds.
- Expenses must be reported in Quarters 5 through 8, covering July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- Attendance for additional students served through the extension must be tracked separately for recordkeeping.
- When reporting FY 2026–27 first semiannual attendance in ASSIST, grantees will combine both attendance totals.
- New Round 2 grantees and sites will not be assessed for grant reduction until after calendar year 2027.

2025–26 ASES Universal Round 2 Final Intent to Award

CDE has posted the FY 2025–26 ASES Universal Round 2 Final Intent to Award. The list includes only new funding awarded through Round 2; current ASES grantees and renewal grantees will not appear on the list.

ASSIST has been updated with awarded sites and grantees. New and existing grantees must submit a FY 2025–26 budget revision in ASSIST in preparation for expenditure reporting.

Learn more:

- <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r27/asesround2.asp>
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Revised CALPADS Flash #305

The revised CALPADS Update Flash #305, dated June 12, 2026, is now available.

This revised Flash supersedes the June 2, 2026 version and includes current information on Attendance Recovery and Expanded Learning Program data collections.

For the 2025–26 academic year only, two ELP validations have been adjusted:

- CERT 177 has changed from a fatal error to a warning.
- LEAP0734 is disabled, and LEAP0734E1 will be a Data Discrepancy that is not required for certification.

Please refer to the revised Flash linked above for additional details.

For questions, please contact calpads-support@cde.ca.gov.

End-of-Year (EOY) Submission Opened May 5

The 2025–26 CALPADS End-of-Year Submission Window opened on May 5, 2026. LEAs should review key deadlines and work toward zero fatal errors by the recommended dates.

EOY 1 includes Expanded Learning Programs, attendance, program participation, student incidents, special education, and related data. Certification deadline: July 17, 2026.

Learn more: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/rptcalendar.asp>

Upcoming 21st CCLC Cohort 16 RFA

CDE's Expanded Learning Division shared that the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Cohort 16 RFA is tentatively scheduled for release in Fall 2026.

For this cycle, there will be no Intent to Submit requirement, and applications will be submitted through ASSIST and emailed to CDE. Additional timelines and details will be shared as they become available.

Learn more: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ex/cohort16rfachanges.asp>

2026–27 Expanded Learning Statewide Events

The California AfterSchool Network has released its 2026–27 Expanded Learning Statewide TA Convenings and Events Calendar. Be sure to save these upcoming dates:

Expanded Learning Office Hours

Summer Office Hours begin Friday, July 24, 2026, from 12:00–1:00 p.m. and continue on select Fridays throughout the year. [Register for Expanded Learning Office Hours.](#)

Fall 2026 Expanded Learning Academy

The Fall Academy will take place September 15–17, 2026, with sessions focused on Expanded Learning policy updates, financial structures, and community schools. [Register for the Fall 2026 Expanded Learning Academy.](#)

Save the Date: 10th Annual Site Coordinator Symposium

In Person: February 4–6, 2027, in Fresno

Virtual: February 25, 2027, via Zoom

Spring 2027 Expanded Learning Academy

- The Spring Academy will take place April 6–8, 2027. Workshop details and registration information will be announced in early 2027.



Updates from the OCDE System of Support for Expanded Learning

2025–26 SSEL Feedback & Needs Assessment

Thank you to everyone who participated in the OCDE System of Support for Expanded Learning (SSEL) 2025–26 Program Feedback & Needs Assessment Survey. We truly appreciate you taking the time to share your experiences, priorities, and ideas.

In the spirit of transparency, we're excited to share the survey results with the field. Your feedback is already helping shape our priorities for the 2026–27 program year and will guide the professional learning opportunities, technical assistance, resources, and supports we provide throughout the year. Together, we're building a System of Support that reflects the needs of the Expanded Learning community.

[View the SUMMARY of the 2025–26 Program Feedback & Needs Assessment Survey Results](#)

Expanded Learning Summer Program Highlights

Whitaker Elementary, Buena Park School District

This summer marked an exciting milestone as Whitaker expanded its ELO-P summer program from one location to multiple sites, increasing access for students across the district. The program provides a well-balanced day that includes academic enrichment led by Whitaker teachers, SEL, art, structured play, and engaging afternoon programming through a strong partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Central Orange Coast. Weekly themes, KPOP enrichment, and intentional family communication efforts have helped create a welcoming and engaging environment. It was especially encouraging to see the strong collaboration between school-day and expanded learning staff, creating a seamless experience for students throughout the day.

Orange County Academy (OCA) Summer Program

OCA's summer program brings the excitement of the FIFA World Cup to life by using soccer as a gateway for students to explore countries from around the world through art, history, cooking, culture, and traditions. The engaging theme is showcased throughout the campus with colorful student projects and activities. Serving approximately 140 students daily across four sites, the program offers a wide variety of enriching experiences, including field trips, clubs, and hands-on learning opportunities. Students were actively engaged, staff created a welcoming environment, and the program successfully blended learning, creativity, and fun into a memorable summer experience.

Lee Elementary School – Irvine Unified School District

Lee Elementary's summer camp, operated by Galileo, provided students with a well-organized and engaging on-site enrichment experience centered around hands-on, project-based learning. Galileo's structured curriculum and digital platform supported consistent, high-quality programming while keeping students actively engaged throughout the day. Strong staffing ratios, CPR-trained staff, and additional

instructional aides ensured students received the support they needed in a safe, inclusive, and welcoming learning environment.

Wood Canyon Elementary School

Wood Canyon's ELO-P summer camp, operated by Strategic Kids, offered students a fun and engaging mix of hands-on enrichment through activities such as clay art, cartooning, origami, and specialized clubs including chess, LEGO, and magic. The rotating activity model kept students actively engaged while specialized staff brought expertise to each enrichment area, creating a dynamic summer experience filled with creativity, learning, and exploration.

Don Juan Avila School

Don Juan Avila's ELO-P summer camp, facilitated by BAM!, provided students with a well-rounded summer experience featuring sports, STEM, and creative arts. Students participated in activities such as pickleball, street hockey, coding, robotics, and creative arts, creating a balance of physical activity and hands-on learning. The engaging program offered students a variety of opportunities to stay active, build new skills, and enjoy meaningful summer enrichment.

George White Elementary School

George White's ELO-P summer camp, operated by Galileo, showcased a highly organized and creative learning environment where weekly themes, thoughtfully designed classrooms, and hands-on activities kept students engaged throughout the summer. The program also demonstrated a strong commitment to innovation and community by utilizing a digital attendance system to streamline operations and hosting a community farmers' market using surplus food items to support local families.

Fullerton Elementary Maple School

Maple served more than 300 students during its summer program. The Expanded Learning staff designed and facilitated their own engaging, hands-on enrichment activities, creating meaningful learning experiences for students. The program was further enhanced by junior high student volunteers, who actively supported daily programming by assisting with hands-on activities and contributing to a positive and collaborative learning environment throughout the summer. During the mornings, Expanded Learning staff also received coaching and mentorship from credentialed school teachers, strengthening their skills in classroom management, lesson planning, and instructional practices.





WEBINAR: Emerging Practices for Attendance Recovery



Access webinar materials:

- [Session Recording](#)
- [Slide Deck](#)

Additional Resources:

- [CDE Attendance Recovery FAQs](#)
- [CDE SSEL Contacts](#)
- [PCY AR Memos 1 & 2](#)
- [CDE Audit Guide \(see p. 47\)](#)

Expanded Learning Virtual Office Hour

Date: **July 23, 2026**

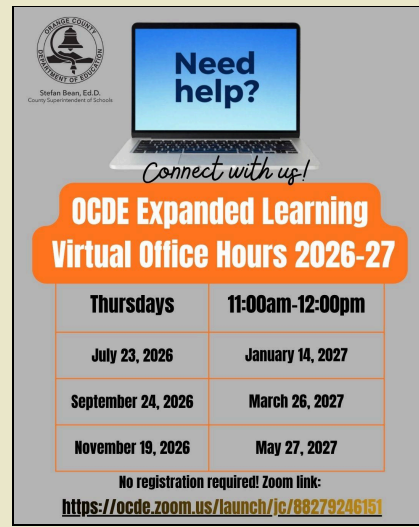
Time: 11 am- 12 pm

Zoom Meeting:

<https://ocde.zoom.us/j/84182507343>

**Please join us this month to welcome
our new Region 9 Fiscal Analyst,
Jacqueline Burnett!**

Plus updates, troubleshooting, and Q&A
from the field.



The graphic features the Orange County Department of Education logo at the top left, with the text "Stefan Bean, Ed.D. County Superintendent of Schools" below it. To the right is a laptop with a blue screen displaying "Need help?". Below the laptop is the text "Connect with us!". The main title "OCDE Expanded Learning Virtual Office Hours 2026-27" is in a large orange banner. Below this is a table with two columns: "Thursdays" and "11:00am-12:00pm". The table contains four rows of dates: July 23, 2026; January 14, 2027; September 24, 2026; March 26, 2027; November 19, 2026; May 27, 2027. At the bottom, it says "No registration required! Zoom link:" followed by the URL <https://ocde.zoom.us/jc/88279246151>.

Thursdays	11:00am-12:00pm
July 23, 2026	January 14, 2027
September 24, 2026	March 26, 2027
November 19, 2026	May 27, 2027

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OCDE SSEL RESOURCES

The OCDE SSEL Team is excited to share the Expanded Learning Programs contact list in Orange County. Please see below:

[Expanded Learning Programs in Orange County - CONTACT LIST](#)
[Expanded Learning Quality Standards ONE-PAGER](#)

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**OCDE Expanded Learning
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