# EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM PLAN



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**Instructions:** Please list the school sites that your LEA selected to operate the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P). Add additional rows as needed.

#### 1. KIPP Empower Academy

#### **Purpose**

This template will aid LEAs in the development of a program plan as required by *EC* Section 46120(b)(2). In this program plan, LEAs will describe program activities that support the whole child, and students' Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and development.

#### **Definitions**

"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. (*EC* Section 8482.1[a])

"Expanded learning opportunities" has the same meaning as "expanded learning" as defined in *EC* Section 8482.1. "Expanded learning opportunities" does not mean an extension of instructional time, but rather, opportunities to engage pupils in enrichment, play, nutrition, and other developmentally appropriate activities. (*EC* Section 46120[e][1])

#### Instructions

This Program Plan needs to be approved by the LEA's Governing Board in a public meeting and posted on the LEA's website.

The program plan template guide is considered a living document that is periodically reviewed and adjusted to reflect the needs of the community, updates in the law, and to provide continuous improvement in the development of an effective ELO-P.

The LEA is responsible for creating, reviewing, and updating the program plan every three years in accordance with *EC* Section 8482.3(g)(1). LEAs are encouraged to work collaboratively with partners and staff to develop and review the program plan. The LEA is responsible for the plan and the oversight of any community partners or subcontractors. The LEA should include any partners in the development and review of the plan. It is recommended that the plan be reviewed annually.

The Expanded Learning Division adopted the *Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California* (Quality Standards) and introduced requirements for Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) to help programs engage in reflection and be intentional about program management practices and activities delivered to students. To create the program plan, provide a narrative description in response to the prompts listed under each Quality Standard below. The LEA may customize and include additional prompts, such as describing SEL activities, or refining the plan. In addition to the narrative response, it may be useful to include tables, charts, or other visual representations that contribute to the understanding of the ELO-P. LEAs are encouraged to download and reference the Quality Standards in order to provide ongoing improvements to the program. The Quality Standards can be found on the California Department of

Education's (CDE) Quality Standards and CQI web page, located at <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ex/qualstandcgi.asp">https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ex/qualstandcgi.asp</a>

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List 3-5 steps that are taken to recruit students

Information/interest forms will be given to parents about our after school program in various ways including, but not limited to:

- 1. The school uses "ParentSquare," which sends out messages to parents in regard to the Expanded Learning Program.
- 2. Interest forms were placed in a Google Form that was sent out to the families via ParentSquare.
- 3. The Expanded Learning Manager informed families that lottery forms would be in Google Forms and ParentSquare.
- 4. Office manager and office staff reminded parents continuously in ParentSquare.
- 5. Families were also notify by phone calls

#### 2022-23 Program Goals

#### The program goals at KIPP Empower Academy are as follow:

#### **Academics**

- Students will receive 1-2 30 minute academic sessions a week to help with homework, academics and reading during the educational and literacy portion of the program.
- During the educational and literacy portion of the program, students receive help with homework and the program encourages students to read daily.

#### **Enrichment Experiences**

- Students will participate in fun and engaging activities.
- Instructors offer enrichment clubs that the scholars are interested in, this will help students learn and
  master skills during enrichments and have an opportunity to showcase their skills at the end of each
  session and expand horizons.

#### Safety

• Students feel emotionally safe at the program.

#### **Educational and Literacy Element**

List all educational and literacy elements that the Expanded Learning Program offers, the frequency and purpose for all educational components that meet this program element

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at KEA, students participate in one hour of Study Hall, which is built into the schedule. During Study Halls, Expanded Learning Program Instructors work with students Educational Enrichment Element Safe and Supportive Environment: to complete homework, study for upcoming assessments, and work on projects. This academic hour allows staff to help students focus on specific math and reading skills. We aim for all participants to finish all homework assignments and reading by the end of the program. The Expanded Learning Program will allocate time for participants to read daily. Through this daily practice, students will improve their reading skills.

#### **Educational Enrichment Element**

List all educational enrichments that the Expanded Learning Program offers, the frequency and purpose for all educational components that meet this program element

We offer many educational enrichment opportunities depending on what students' interests are. Examples of enrichment clubs include: **Dance Team, Cheerleading, Art & Craft, Soccer, Sports, Science, STEM, Cooking/Healthy Eating and Service Learning**. In each of the enrichment offerings, students will engage in learning that supports mastery.

It is an expectation for all of our KIPP SoCal Expanded Learning Programs to have Instructors complete lesson plans, it helps align and integrate the program with the school day and LIAS (Learning in After School) principles. To provide quality enrichment that follows the LIAS principles of expanded learning a thought out plan for each day of enrichment is expected. Instructors will submit lesson plans weekly to their Expanded Learning Manager for review.

Students have the opportunity to participate in the enrichment club of their choice. Enrichment clubs run quarterly, the length of the sessions allow students to build and master skills in their chosen enrichment. Students will then have an opportunity to showcase to families, peers and teachers what they have been working for for the entirety of the session.

#### **Safe and Supportive Environment**

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to experience a safe and supportive environment. Include if the program will be offered on the school site or off campus. If not on site, describe where in the community it will be and how students will be supported to get there.

If the program will be located off campus, describe how students will travel safely to and from the program site.

The program is located on campus.

Describe the initiatives and measures that will be taken by the program to create safety procedures that are aligned with the instructional day, including regular staff training and practice drills with students and staff.

We know emergencies can occur at any time of day and want to make sure that ELO teams are trained and equipped to handle any type of emergency, especially since ELO managers are the lead on-site personnel when these after-hours emergencies occur.

As a result, next year, we will be taking the measures below to ensure safety procedures are aligned:

- Require ELO teams to conduct nine emergency drills times a year. Drills practiced included by not limited to Fire, Earthquake, and Lockdown.
- Require the ELO manager to draft a safety plan appendix to be included in the site's comprehensive safety plan.
- All ELO team members are required to complete the 45-minute active shooter e-learning module designed by ALICE.
- All ELO team members are required to attend an in-person emergency prep training twice a year

(August and January) on their sites' specific procedures.

• ELO managers will be provided with a 4-hour Incident Commander (ICS) training to ensure they are equipped to lead emergency response for after-hours emergencies.

Additionally, at our program, staff, students, families and school staff will know where students are located throughout the duration of the program by taking attendance as soon as we enter the classroom and writing students' names on the board when they leave the classroom. As counting the students throughout the duration of the day. Using sign-in and out sheets also helps us to locate students daily.

The Expanded Learning Program at KIPP Empower Academy values student safety. The Manager and staff receive training at the beginning of the year to ensure compliance protocols are met. Specifically, we recieve training for Earthquake Drills, Fire Drills, Lock Down Drills, and Soft Lockdown Procedures. We use a PA system to communicate during drills of Emergency Preparedness

Describe how the program will provide a safe and supportive environment that provides for the developmental, social-emotional, and physical needs of students.

In order to ensure that the students are safe and secure on campus, we have obtained armed security that guards the front entrance while parents, visitors, staff, and students exit the building. Security leaves after all Active and Engaged Learning: Expanded Learning Program scholars and staff exit the campus each evening. Students at KIPP Empower Academy, who have academic needs as outlined in their Individualized Educational Plans (IEP), receive services from the Resource Specialist Program with the resource specialist teachers who are credentialed special education teachers. Services vary depending on the needs outlined in the IEPs, but some students receive push-in support inside their general education class, while other students receive pull-out support in the RSP room, and other students receive a combination of both types of support. KIPP Empower Academy provides other services as designated by the IEP, such as speech and language, occupational therapy, and counseling. The program incorporates Social Emotional Learning practices in the activities provided for students, the goal is for students to feel safe, emotionally, and physically. The program conducts activities that align to the whole child approach which mimics the school practices. Staff use positive reinforcement and motivate students through various activities such as calm classrooms

#### **Active and Engaged Learning**

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to experience active and engaged learning that either supports or supplements, but does not duplicate, the instructional day.

Provide examples of best practices, including research or evidence-based practices that were used to guide the planning of educational literacy and educational enrichment activities that will align with the regular school day to enhance academic performance achievement and positive youth development.

The program will evaluate the schedules, homework hall, enrichment activities, and staffing to improve the programming content and quality based on the selected outcome measures. The necessary adjustment will be

made to ensure student academic success and social and emotional development of our students. The Expanded Learning Program understands the theories and research around making learning fun and exciting for children. In order to expand what scholars learn during their instructional day, we have added enrichment clubs, grade-level trips, and creative projects to the program. The program will evaluate the schedules, homework hall, enrichment activities, and staffing to improve the programming content and quality based on the selected outcome measures. The necessary adjustment will be made to ensure student academic success and social and emotional development of our students. The Expanded Learning Program understands the theories and research around making learning fun and exciting for children. In order to expand what scholars learn during their instructional day, we have added enrichment clubs, grade-level trips, and creative projects to the program.

#### Describe the planned program activities and how they will:

- a. Provide positive youth development.
- b. Provide hands-on, project-based learning that will result in culminating products or events.

The program will incorporate DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time and will be provided for 30 minutes daily. Students will drop everything and read for 30 minutes. The program also encourages the scholars to complete their homework daily. Homework support and assistance is incorporated into the program schedule.

The following Enrichments Clubs will expand on the students' skills and incorporate active and engaging learning:

- Cheerleading: Students will perform basic movements, dances, routines, kicks, jumps, and choreography to ensure that they are mastering the skills. They will be able to compete with Skill Building: other schools as their end product.
- Cooking: Students will prepare snacks for our showcase to display to our parents, friends and families.
- Arts & Craft: Students will learn how to nurture their creative spirit with painting rock bugs, suncatcher and making slim.
- Painting: Students will be able to create different ideas that come to their mind and bring it to life.
- **DIY**: Students will be able to challenge and build fun projects.
- Healthy Eating: Students will be able to research on how to eat better nourished food for their body.
- Fitness: Students will learn how maintain fitness in their daily lifestyle
- Dance: Students will be able to gain self-confidence, build social strength, build stronger teamwork and improve listening and discipline skills.

All planned program activities will include the Learning in AfterSchool and Summer (LIAS) principles and will lead to a showcase or culmination, called The End of Year Program Showcase, that shows what scholars learned throughout the course of the program year. Our creative activities like the Science Fair and the Meet & Greet are positive developmental experiences for the scholars. Students are able to express themselves creatively and spend quality time with their families and friends. The Expanded Learning Program promotes love, creativity, self expression, family, and so much more. All planned activities are wrapped around these core values.

If applicable, explain how the planned program activities are based on the school and community needs for a summer supplemental program.

To ensure our summer program is based on school needs, the School Leader and Expanded Learning Manager will work together to develop summer programming. The primary focus of summer programming will be countering summer slide (learning loss) and ensuring that students continue to learn throughout the summer break. Students will read for 30 minutes each day to maintain or increase their reading levels, just as they do in after school during the school year. Students will also be able to participate in summer enrichment similar or identical to those offered during the school year as well as present what they've learned at the end of summer student showcase.

Students will also be able to participate in new activities as part of summer programming, including weekly field trips to outdoor activities such as hiking, kayaking, swimming, and rock climbing. These activities would allow students to experience the outdoors and explore new forms of physical activity.

Finally, we expect summer programming to improve student outcomes by increasing retention of Expanded Learning staff. Currently, our program loses approximately 50% of its staff every year because of the summer employment gap. Because we have not been able to provide employment for our Instructors through the summer months, many have found other opportunities and not returned for the next school year. The ability to guarantee work during summer break will help us retain quality staff from one school year to the next, resulting in an experienced staff even better equipped to meet our students' needs.

#### **Skill Building**

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to experience skill building.

#### Describe how the program's enrichment activities are contributing to student success

The education literacy and educational enrichment activities will provide support with homework and make sure students have a place to complete homework. We offer a daily supper (full meal) before students start on their homework to help students focus without being hungry. The Program Staff will create a program schedule that gives students enough time to complete homework. All Program Staff give students support and direction during all program hours. Instructors give students exit tickets to check for understanding. (Exit tickets help you assess if students have "caught what you taught)." This will ensure students are mastering skills and knowledge during the Expanded Learning Program at KIPP Empower Academy. The education literacy and educational enrichment activities will provide support with homework and make sure students have a place to complete homework. Youth Voice and Leadership: The Expanded Learning Manager will create a program schedule that gives students enough time to complete homework. All Instructors will give students support and direction during all program hours. Instructors give students exit tickets to check for understanding. (Exit tickets help you assess if students have "caught what you taught")

Explain how the planned program activities are based on the school and community needs for a before

#### school, after school and/or supplemental program

Program enrichments offered in the Expanded Learning Program will assist students in developing their critical thinking skills. Lessons conducted by Instructors will require students to think critically and apply lessons to real life skills. All lessons will be comprehensive and include steps to building life skills. The program will also include an academic component where students will be required to complete their homework assignments before heading home. Expanded Learning Instructors will also help students with projects and studying for upcoming exams. This will ensure that students are receiving the assistance they need during after school hours and that they are mastering the topics for exams or quizzes. The program is run in house, which means all Expanded Learning Staff is hired through KIPP SoCal Schools; this is vital for student success. Expanded Learning Manager and Instructors will collaborate with the Instructional day team in order to build program services that are aligned with student needs and include consistent expectations from students for a comprehensive experience. With a comprehensive approach, students will have various support factors that will provide necessary and continuous services for their physical and emotional safety.

#### **Youth Voice and Leadership**

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to engage in youth voice and leadership.

Describe how student feedback, assessments, evaluations, and integration with the instructional day will be used to guide the development of training, curricula, and projects that will meet students' needs and interests

Surveys are given to students in order to identify what we need to offer to the students. Students are likely to engage in the program when their ideas and contributions are included. Students gain experience as their input and contributions become increasingly sophisticated.

Describe the opportunities provided to students where they can share their viewpoints, concerns, or interests (i.e., student advisory group) that will impact program practices, curricula, or policies, including opportunities for student leadership

Students have the opportunity to co-teach with an instructor during their club time. Students are the teachers in the classrooms conducting the lesson that the teachers prepared. Students are offered jobs weekly to develop their life skills and to gain self esteem. Students learn how to delegate tasks to achieve common goals. Students learn from their mistakes to improve for the future. We teach the students to seek knowledge if they don't understand. Instructors have community circles to develop their ideas.

Describe how students in lower grades will be able to make choices when participating in program activities, and how students in higher grades will actively exercise their leadership skills by addressing real world problems that they identify in their communities (e.g., service learning).

#### **Healthy Choices and Behaviors**

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to engage in healthy choices and behaviors. Describe how students will be served nutritious meals and/or snacks during the ELO-P hours of programming.

### Describe the types of healthy practices and program activities that will be aligned with the school wellness plan.

KIPP SoCal Public Schools' wellness policy outlines our approach to ensuring environments and opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity throughout the school day. KIPP SoCal participates in USDA child nutrition programs and during ELO-P hours of programming students will be served a healthy breakfast/lunch/supper/snack (whichever meal(s) are applicable for program hours) that meet the current nutrition requirements established by local, state, and federal statutes and regulations. Aligned with the wellness policy, during the ELO-P hours we will limit the sale of any foods and limit the use of unhealthy food for celebrations and rewards. To support consistent physical activity throughout the school day, during ELO-P hours students will engage in a wide range of activities including basketball, soccer, yoga, dance, drill team to name a few.

#### Additional Healthy Practices & Program Activities

The program is run in-house which allows all the expectations for wellness to be incorporated in the program. The program offers opportunities for physical activities, activities such as sports and cheer are incorporated into the enrichment schedule. It is also important to incorporate healthy habits and encourage students to eat healthy suppers provided daily. The Expanded Learning Staff also eat healthy in front of the students and ensure that students do not have any junk food during program hours.

Describe how the program will incorporate healthy nutritional practices, and the types of daily developmentally appropriate and/or research-based physical activities the program will conduct. Include any collaborative partnerships with wellness organizations.

The students participate in a cooking class with an Expanded Learning Instructor during club time every Monday and Friday. Students learn about the different food groups and how to make healthy food choices. All students have learned about the safety skills needed to run a safe cooking class. The Instructors give the students an opportunity to cook and share recipes with other students that do not participate in the club.

Give 3-5 examples of nutritious snacks or meals that follow the California Nutritional Guidelines that are served in your expanded learning program.

- Southwest Veggie Wrap
- Strawberry Granola Yogurt
- Chicken Salad Sandwich
- Veggie Chef Salad

The program is partnered with Revolution Foods and Our Little Helpers to provide healthy snacks and suppers, below are examples of some of the snacks provided: 1. Honey Graham Cracker/Cheddar Goldfish 2. Chicken Bites 3. Cinnamon Rumbles/ Apples 4. Chicken Taco Trio/ Brown Rice/ Oranges/Milk/Fruit Juice 5. Green Salad/ Grapes.

#### Diversity, Access, and Equity

Describe how the program is designed to address cultural and linguistic diversity and provide opportunities for all students to experience diversity, access, and equity. Describe how the ELO-P will provide access and opportunity for students with disabilities.

Describe how the program will create an environment that promotes diversity and provides activities and opportunities to celebrate students' cultural and unique backgrounds.

At KIPP SoCal, we believe in reflecting our communities, and are committed to diversity and investing in professional development. 80% of our family and 66% of our leadership team identify as people of color, 79% of our leadership identify as female, and 82% of our leaders are developed from within our own organization.

The program is diverse, and we include everyone in the program. All of the students feel welcome and they choose any club they would like to participate in. Even if the club is full, we make it possible for anyone to join. The program incorporates different events that celebrate students' background and helps them learn about other cultures. Some of the events that the program is planning to host are:

- Black History Month Play that will teach students about the history of black leaders and the impact they made in society.
- Day of the Dead celebrations involve families and friends gathering to remember who has died, and helping support their spiritual journey.
- Thanksgiving Table gives our families an opportunity to try different food from different cultures

Describe how the program will reach out and provide support to students with disabilities, English language learners, and other students who have potential barriers to participate in the program.

Team Members will work with the Special Education Team to ensure that accommodations that the school day is doing for the student, reflect in the program. The Manager works closely with the team to ensure that we are providing all the necessary support for the student to fully engage in the program. The program will also work with administration to provide the necessary support to English Learners, by either translating projects into their native language or providing one on one support where needed.

The program is available to all families. We will find the resources that will help and support the families in need. The Instructors are trained by the Manager to support the English learners and students with an Individualized Education Plan. Instructors are required to observe school day teachers to learn strategies that will help them during program hours. The Expanded Learning Program provides differentiated support for

students that fall in the Special Needs and English Learners category. We provide modified games and lessons for the students to participate in the program's academic and educational enrichments.

#### **Quality Staff**

Describe how the program will provide opportunities for students to engage with quality staff.

Describe how the program's administrators will ensure that all staff who directly supervise pupils meet the minimum requirements of an instructional aide.

All Program Instructors are required to submit verification of at least 60 units of college courses completed, copy of Bachelor's Degree, or pass the Proficiency Test in order to be employed by the organization. This ensures that they are able to provide academic support to the students.

Describe the planned recruitment and hiring process for staff and how their experience, knowledge, and interests will be considered.

Applicants will be screened by the regional talent acquisition team, where they will determine if applicants meet the qualifications for a phone screen interview. A phone screen interview will help determine if a candidate has basic knowledge, experience and interest in the position. If the candidate passes the phone interview, candidates will then be invited to an in-person interview with the Expanded Learning Manager and School Team. Candidates will be asked questions related directly to the culture of the school and their experience in giving quality service. The program aims to hire individuals that are interested in pursuing a career in education. Once offered a position, candidates must provide a copy of their FBI/DOJ live scan fingerprint card and results to a current TB test, and proof of vaccination or an approved exemption.

#### Describe the type and schedule for the continuous professional development that will be provided to staff.

Program Managers will create a training schedule that reflects the needs of the school and program. Training starts as early as the summer before the program starts. The various types of training that occur throughout the year are listed below:

- Classroom Management
- Lesson Plan Development and Facilitation
- Enrichment Engagement
- Attendance Procedures
- Meal compliance
- Event Planning
- Emergency Preparedness
- School Culture
- Relationship Building
- Professionalism

Team Members will attend weekly team meetings and several days of professional development throughout the school year. It is crucial for the success of the program that team members continue to receive feedback so they can grow and develop their skills. Feedback is given through multiple avenues, like on the ground observations, meetings, and one on one check-ins. In addition, team members will attend bi-weekly one-on-ones with the Expanded Learning Manager to discuss performance, programmatic goals and receive support during the program in accordance to goals discussed at the time of hire. Team Members will also receive a rating on program observations, this will help the program get stronger.

Program Managers will also receive continuous professional development via the regional expanded learning team, school administration, operational leaders and human resources. Managers also are coached through program coaching/compliance visits. These visits will support their on the ground development and skill building.

#### Clear Vision, Mission, and Purpose

Describe the program's clear vision, mission, and purpose.

Describe how the needs of the community, students, parents, and school were identified (i.e. assessment scores, number of students performing academically below grade level, school and community safety data, attendance and truancy rates, and juvenile crime rates, etc.), the resources available, and how those needs will be addressed.

We prioritized the need for foster/homeless youth and students who can come to the program every day of the week. The resources for these students include supper, academic support and opportunities for enrichment activities. We provide the students an environment where they feel safe.

The Expanded Learning Manager works closely with different stakeholders to receive feedback on specific community needs. It is important that all stakeholders are involved when planning a program. Involving stakeholders such as school administrators, teachers, parents, staff and other community members helps build stronger relationships and goals that benefit the program participants. The School Leader observes the Expanded Learning program to make sure that our program is aligned with regular day school and helps create goals that will strengthen program operations and quality. The Expanded Learning Instructors give feedback to Manager about program improvements and the Manager works with the Program Manager to implement best practices and feedback. The program can only accomplish its mission and vision if the whole school community works together.

Describe 3-5 program goals developed from the results of the needs assessment and how data will be collected to evaluate whether program goals are being met.

Based on the needs assessment we conducted, these are the program goals we have:

1. All students will take interim assessments to measure growth and attainment; the frequency of assessments

will be determined by the school leader and differentiated by grade level.

- 2. KIPP Empower Academy approaches assessment through a data-driven instructional approach. VALUE STATEMENT VALUE ADINKRA Work hard. Hard work / Excellence Be nice. Respect / Empathy Stay strong. Courage / Determination Make good choices. Responsibility / Integrity Collaborative Partnerships The cycle is as follows: internalize lessons and content, teach, assess through independent practice, exit tickets, and unit assessments, analyze and prioritize, and intervene.
- 3. KIPP Empower Academy administers the NWEA MAP test 3 times a year (fall, winter, spring) and the SBAC in the spring. The Manager will assess the data at the end of each year to ensure the program is on track to meet goals.

At least twice per year, we will engage with all our stakeholders (students, families, school leaders) via surveys to evaluate whether our program goals are being met.

Describe how the program has engaged or will engage stakeholders (i.e., Principal, instructional day teachers and other instructional day staff, families, students, program staff, community members, and other community partners) in the creation of the program's mission, vision, goals, and expected outcomes based on the needs of the specific community.

Our program is led by the Expanded Learning Manager and that person is managed by a school administrator on site which allows for cohesion between the expanded day program and the instructional day. Our program Mission and Vision is to make sure students are safe, inspire them to learn, and give working parents peace of mind. It is important that all stakeholders are involved when planning a program. Involving stakeholders such as school administrators, teachers, parents, staff and other community members helps build stronger relationships and goals that benefit the program participants. Our Expanded Learning Manager is responsible for training and observing the ELOP to make sure that our program is aligned with regular day school and helps create goals that will strengthen program operations and quality. School leaders and ELO managers meet to discuss data. We give monthly surveys to families and students to collect data in order to improve our ELOP. The Expanded Learning Instructors give feedback to the Expanded Learning Manager about program improvements and the Manager works with the Program Manager to implement best practices and feedback. The program can only accomplish its mission and vision if the whole school community works together.

#### **Collaborative Partnerships**

Describe the program's collaborative partnerships. Local educational agencies are encouraged to collaborate with non-LEA entities to administer and implement ELO-P programs.

Describe the collaborative partners that will be involved in the process used to plan, implement and update the after school program plan.

The Expanded Learning team will communicate with the KIPP SoCal Success Team for support in collecting data, making necessary reports, and providing supplemental academic support. School Leaders will offer

support in developing the Expanded Learning Program through various avenues. School Leaders will also assign a school administrator to be the direct manager of the Expanded Learning Manager in order to achieve even stronger cohesion between the expanded learning program and the instructional day. Furthermore, the Director of Expanded Learning at a regional level will be partnering with other local agencies including other expanded learning providers, the LA County Office of Education's Expanded Learning Division and other state agencies to constantly improve the program quality of each school program and obtain additional resources for our staff's professional development. Thankfully, all these partnerships have already been in place for many years and as we move into growing our expanded learning services in each school, we will be able to easily leverage these collaborative partnerships in order to provide our students and staff with the best opportunities. Furthermore, the Expanded Learning Manager develops their own partnerships with local organizations/vendors to provide services to their students and this allows for tailoring to happen based on student interests each semester.

List and describe at least 3-5 collaborative members, including any specific duties/responsibilities or contributions (e.g., Memorandums of Understanding, service providers, in-kind, etc.).

The Program partners with the following organizations:

- Our Little Helpers is a supper provider that funds the supper program Continuous Quality Improvement Program Management
- KIPP SoCal Expanded Learning Programs
- Gardening Program

Identify any potential collaboration and partnerships that would be of benefit to the expanded Learning program and describe your efforts to include them.

N/A

#### **Continuous Quality Improvement**

Describe the program's Continuous Quality Improvement plan.

Describe what measures of student success (e.g., school attendance, students and parent satisfaction, academic improvement, feedback from instruction day teachers) will be collected to help the program(s) assess and improve the quality of academic enrichment opportunities. Explain how the measures are coherent with the instructional day and the goals of the program.

#### **Evaluating Effectiveness**

We will evaluate the program each cycle and adjust any program components as needed. Also, surveys will be done by students regularly to evaluate satisfaction and student surveys will also be administered. Surveys for families will be sent every quarter to evaluate satisfaction. The measure of our program success will be based upon student and family survey results.

We will be gathering qualitative feedback by gathering responses on the questions below:

#### Students

- I like the after school program
- I like my study hall teacher
- My After School Teachers make me feel safe
- If you answered yes, what teacher/s makes you feel safe?
- Have you learned something new this year at the After School Program?
- What is your favorite part of the After School Program and why?
- What makes the After School Program fun?
- One idea to make the After School Program better is:

#### **Families**

- My child enjoys attending the After School Program
- I like the services my child is receiving in the After School Program
- Please give us a reason for your answer above
- I am satisfied with the overall communication from the After School Team Members
- I am satisfied with the amount of academic support my child is receiving
- What is one way that after school has supported you or your child during this year?
- I am satisfied with the After School Program
- I would recommend the After School Program to other families
- Let us know if you have any other thoughts or comments to share!

Our program goals and next steps for 2022-23 will be determined based on the regional surveys we are providing families and students. It is our hope that by working to meet program goals and that we will ultimately be meeting the needs of our students and families during the Expanded Learning Program.

Describe how (i.e., methods and frequency) the program will engage in a data-driven CQI process (i.e., assess program quality, plan, improve program quality) based on the Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California. Include timelines, roles of staff and other stakeholders, and how the results of the assessment(s) will help refine, improve, and strengthen the program.

Please use the CDE's Guidelines for a Quality Improvement Process Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ba/as/implemetation.asp.

The role of the Expanded Learning Manager is to assess the program, plan frequently and make improvements to the program every semester. The Manager will collaborate with school administration and instructors frequently to make the necessary adjustments to the program. Once the assessment has been conducted, the Manager will continue to work with school staff to have a plan of action for the program based on the assessments to meet specific goals. The Manager builds a quality improvement in the month of July and chooses 1-2 quality standards to focus on for the school year. The region focuses on quality staff due to the high volume of turn over that occurs in the program. Focusing on that quality standards helps us strengthen the operations of the program. Once the quality standards are chosen, and the Manager starts assessing, the Manager submits quarterly continuous quality improvement updates to the Regional Team, the regional team reviews to ensure that the program is on track to meet their goals for the year. The program will also receive a few coaching visits and peer reviews throughout the year that helps with meeting all requirements and to ensure program quality. The Manager shares all progress with their team and works on a plan to make any necessary improvements.

#### **Program Management**

Describe the plan for program management.

Describe how the program funding will relate to the program vision, mission, and goals for each site or groups of sites.

The program goal is to empower students to become strong in mind, body, and spirit. Specifically, we place a special emphasis on academic support, homework completion, enrichment activities and healthy lifestyle. Any funding we receive impacts our school greatly as it supports the instructional fabric of KEA. Such funding goes towards the purchase of program materials, field trips and transportation to soccer and basketball tournaments with other schools.

Provide the program organizational structure including succinct description of staff roles (e.g., "Staff responsible for homework support for grade three and science activities for grades three through five."), lines of supervision for each site or groups of sites, frequency of meetings, and methods of communication.

Expanded Learning Program Supervisor: A School Administrator (Assistant School Leader) oversees the entire program and ensures program efficiency and student safety. The Expanded LearningProgram Supervisor directly manages the Expanded Learning Program Manager. Expanded Learning Program manages the day-to-day operations of the program.

The Expanded Learning Manager is responsible for hiring, training, retaining, and terminating all Expanded LearningProgram staff. S/he also plans and executes programming, handles parent and community matters, and keeps the Expanded Learning Program compliant to grant guidelines. The Expanded Learning Manager meets individually with each Expanded Learning Program Teacher bi-weekly. This serves as a time for theExpanded Learning Manager to discuss goals, review lesson plans, and coach teachers. The Expanded Learning Program Expanded Learning Manager meets with the entire staff once a week to share upcoming events, maintain program compliance, and build the team.

Expanded Learning Program Instructors: These individuals are responsible for the students and oversee grades K-4. Each Instructor is responsible for supporting a certain grade to help students with homework. Additionally, instructors teach an enrichment block, also known as a "club" that they are passionate about. ASP review happens weekly during the Expanded Learning Program Manager's One on One's (O3). The Expanded Learning Program Supervisor (Administrator) works jointly with the Expanded Learning Program Manager to meet the mission of the program. During O3 meetings, Administrators push on program quality through Student Survey Feedback and make adjustments to the program as necessary. The Manager also ensures the Expanded Learning Program meets compliance around attendance, supper, and following dismissal protocols.

Describe the process and time frames for periodic review of the program plan and how community partners and other external stakeholders were involved in the process.

The Program Plan will be under constant review to ensure the enrichment and social needs of the students are being continuously met. Each semester, the schedule will be adjusted to fit the needs of staff and students. The Program Plan will be updated at a minimum on a yearly basis based on school needs.

Describe the system in place to address the following program administration requirements:

- Fiscal accounting and reporting requirements.
- Obtaining local match (cash or in-kind services) of one-third of the state grant amount (EC Section 8483.7[a][7]).
- Attendance tracking, including sign-in and sign-out procedures.

#### Fiscal Accounting / Reporting

**KIPP Empower Academy** is part of KIPP SoCal Public Schools, and the regional structure enables the school and its expanded learning program to focus on students. KIPP SoCal Public Schools Finance & Accounting department provides full fiscal accounting and reporting support. This team, specifically, the fiscal compliance contact, works closely with staff to ensure the smooth and timely handling of all accounting matters. Monthly reports are provided to School Leaders and Expanded Learning Managers, with quarterly and annual reporting to a variety of funding and oversight authorities. We maintain a board-approved set of fiscal policies and procedures, which governs virtually all aspects of the financial operations. The policies and procedures are revised as necessary to maintain compliant and appropriate practices.

**KIPP Empower Academy In-Kind Matching Funds** is committed to the expanded learning program and ensuring sustainability. In the most recent year, the in-kind match was:

| Source                | Category                      | In-Kind Amount |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| KIPP SoCal            | Facilities                    | 13,650.00      |
| KIPP SoCal            | Grants Manager- Staff         | 12,471.32      |
| KIPP SoCal            | HR Support – Staff            | 2,570.32       |
| KIPP SoCal            | Accounting Support            | 1,153.64       |
| Federal Reimbursement | Snack Expense                 | 14,311.92      |
| KIPP SoCal            | Materials & Supplies          | 2,103.02       |
| KIPP SoCal            | Services & Operating Exp      | 1,775.62       |
| KIPP SoCal            | Classified Personnel Salaries | 6,564.17       |
|                       |                               | 54,600.00      |

Program is budgeted to consume variable costs from ASES, 21st Century and ELO-P funds. Remaining fixed costs, nutrition costs, administration and management will be drawn from general funds, local funds and other state and federal sources. KIPP SoCal afterschool program cost structure was budgeted with this cost structure for years and it will continue doing so for the ELO program going forward.

#### **Attendance Tracking**

KIPP **Empower Academy** has a well documented and established attendance tracking system. We utilize uniformed sign in sheets, early release forms and Infinite Campus to track all of the student information.

#### Student Sign-In:

Students transition from their last class of the day to the after school program and sign in on the sign-in sheet provided. Once students are signed in, they participate in enrichment and then transition to Study Hall.

#### Student Sign-Out

As students are picked up from the expanded learning program, they sign out by class with the appropriate staff member on the same sheet they signed in on. With the proper documentation, students are permitted to sign out and walk, ride a bike, or take the bus home.

#### **Attendance Calculation and Monitoring**

Our attendance goal is always 100%, and progress towards the goal is constantly monitored. The primary tool to monitor both calendar and school year attendance audits is the county provided attendance calculator. We have recreated this calculator in Google Sheets in order to increase transparency on the program attendance and to ensure multiple stakeholders have access to the most up today information. The attendance calculator is updated daily based on the attendance sheets.

#### **Attendance Auditing**

**KIPP Empower Academy** benefits from a regional auditor who comes to the school on a monthly basis to audit attendance and ensure that the sign in sheets match what is reported on Infinite Campus and ultimately match what is reported to the California Department of Education. We ensure that we have the proper documentation for all attendance reported.

#### **Early Release Policy**

Being present during the Expanded Learning Program from start to finish ensures your child will receive maximum exposure to the Expanded Learning Program academic and enrichment opportunities. All students are required to be present until at least 5:50pm. If any student is picked up prior to 5:50pm, a parent/guardian must sign an early release form.

State legislation governing expanded learning programs funded by After School Education and Safety Program and/or 21st century community learning centers mandates that such programs must operate from the end of the school day until 6:00pm. It is expected that all school students attend 5 days a week and stay for the full duration of the program. In the event that a parent/guardian may have the need to pick up his/her child before the end of the programs, the parent/guardian or authorized person (18 years or older who is on the student's emergency card) many pick up his/her under one of the following conditions on KIPP SoCal Schools Early Release Policy listed below:

- A. Attending a parallel program (Program in the school community, soccer, basketball, music lessons, religious education, etc.) as long as an agreement with the parent or guardian exists making this the child's enrichment component.
- B. During Standard Time, when the days are shorter and it gets dark early, a parent/guardian or authorized adult (18 years or older who is on the student's emergency card) may pick up his/her child under the following condition or child can walk home before it gets dark
- C. Family emergencies (such as a death in the immediate family, natural catastrophic incidents, etc).
- D. Medical appointments
- E. Conditions pertaining to student health and welfare
- F. Transportation Challenges
- G. Conditions regarding safety, as prescribed by the school safety plan, local district, or local government body.
- H. Violation of a rule that puts other youth at risk (Program staff will call parent/guardian)
- I. Court Order Mandate (Court Order documentation must be on file with the school.)

#### **Program Review**

The Program Plan will be under constant review to ensure the enrichment and social needs of the students are being continuously met. Each semester, the schedule will be adjusted to fit the needs of the staff and change of athletic seasons. The Program Plan will be updated at a minimum on a yearly basis.

#### **General Questions**

Existing After School Education and Safety (ASES) and 21st Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Elementary and Middle School grantees.

ASES, 21st CCLC Elementary/Middle School, and the ELO-P should be considered a single, comprehensive program. In coordinating all these funding streams to move towards a single program, the expectation is that the most stringent requirements will be adopted for program guidance. If one or both grants are held, please describe how the ELO-P funding will be used to create one comprehensive and universal Expanded Learning Program.

Describe how the funding from all grant providers will be used to create one comprehensive and universal Expanded Learning Program.

KIPP SoCal grant compliance policies and procedures for the Expanded Learning Program were established by comparing different grant's compliance elements and selecting the most stringent ones. Most of the time federal requirements were the most stringent which is what was selected as a final policy and procedure for program operations. We will run the same exercise with the addition of ELO-P funding to ensure that the expanded learning program runs as a single, comprehensive and compliant program.

KIPP SoCal's Program Operations and Requirements will reflect the same as ASES/21st CCLC but less restrictive in the attendance policies and allowing flexibility to ensure all students have the opportunity to participate when needed.

#### Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten << ONLY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS>>

Programs serving transitional kindergarten or kindergarten pupils shall maintain a pupil-to-staff member ratio of no more than 10 to 1. (EC Section 46120[b][2][D]). Please address the proposed schedule and plan for recruiting and preparing staff to work in the program, including supporting them to understand how to work with younger children. How will the lower pupil-to-staff ratio be maintained? How will the curriculum and program be developmentally-informed to address this younger age group?

### Describe how the proposed schedule, curriculum and program will accommodate the developmental needs of this younger age group.

Based on the data that we collect from our day time teachers. We plan our schedule and curriculum according to the needs of our students' development.

All the activities that our children engage in on a daily basis have an objective and are planned to be available for groups that encompass a wide range of skills and strategies that are adapted to the age development.

#### Describe the plan for recruiting, preparing and supporting staff working with younger children

Team Members are recruited through several job search engine sites, as well as promoting within the organization. Once advertised, applicants are filtered through our regional online system. Applicants are saved within the system for quick reference in the event that additional staff is needed. Applicants will be screened by the regional talent acquisition team, where they will determine if applicants meet the qualifications for a phone screen interview. A phone screen interview will help determine if a candidate has basic knowledge, experience and interest in the position. When screening for team members working with younger children, we will focus on hiring candidates with experience working with that age group, have these team members participate in any training that is offered for kindergarten teachers, the team members will also be able to learn how to implement a fun learning and age appropriate lessons that focus on "doing". The program will ensure team members are supported by keeping no more than 10:1 ratios during all program hours with extra supervision from the Manager and Assistant.

Sample Program Schedule

Please submit a sample program schedule that describes how the ELO-P or other fund sources, including the California State Preschool Program for children enrolled in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten, will be combined with the instructional day to create a minimum of nine hours per day of programming (instructional day plus ELO-P or other supports). Also, submit a sample schedule for a minimum nine-hour summer or intersession day.

Describe how all funding sources will be combined with the instructional day to create a minimum nine hours per day of programming.

The school will use the general purpose funding and other normal restricted funding sources to fund the instructional day which runs 7:45am-3:45pm (elementary schools) or 8:00am-4:00pm (middle school). Additionally, from school dismissal until 6:30pm, for the after school period, as well as summer school, will use a combination of ELO-P, ASES and/or 21st CCLC funding to exceed the nine hours per day of programming.

Provide a sample program schedule for a minimum nine-hour school day (instructional day plus Expanded Learning supports.

Here is a sample schedule for the school day program.

| Start Time | End Time | Content Area/Activity          |
|------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 7:30am     | 8:0am    | Arrival and Breakfast          |
| 8:00am     | 9:00am   | Welcome/ELA                    |
| 9:00am     | 10:00am  | Math                           |
| 10:00am    | 11:00am  | Science                        |
| 11:00am    | 12:00am  | History                        |
| 12:00pm    | 12:45pm  | Lunch                          |
| 12:45pm    | 1:15pm   | PE                             |
| 1:15pm     | 1:45pm   | English Language Development   |
| 1:45pm     | 2:45pm   | Enrichment                     |
| 2:45pm     | 3:45pm   | Community Building             |
| 3:45pm     | 4:00pm   | School Dismissal/Valet/Student |
| 4:00pm     | 4:30pm   | Study Hall                     |

| 4:3 | 30pm | 5:00pm | Supper                                     |
|-----|------|--------|--|
| 5:0 | 00pm | 6:00pm | Activities/Calm Classroom/Community Circle |
| 6:0 | 00pm | 6:30pm | DEAR / Dismissal                           |

#### Provide a sample program schedule for a minimum nine-hour summer or intersession day.

Here is a sample schedule for the summer program.

| Start Time | End Time | Activity                                  |
|------------|----------|---|
| 8:00       | 8:45     | Morning Arrival & Breakfast               |
| 8:45       | 9:00     | Clean up/Transition                       |
| 9:00       | 9:30     | Community Competitions (All Participants) |
| 9:30       | 9:40     | Transition                                |
| 9:40       | 11:00    | Academics                                 |
| 11:00      | 11:30    | Recess/Recreational Time outdoors         |
| 11:30      | 12:00    | Recharge                                  |
| 12:00      | 12:10    | Transition                                |
| 12:10      | 12:40    | Lunch!                                    |
| 12:40      | 12:50    | Clean up                                  |
| 12:50      | 1:00     | Transition                                |
| 1:00       | 2:20     | Enrichment Rotation #1                    |
| 2:20       | 2:30     | Clean up                                  |
| 2:30       | 2:40     | Transition                                |
| 2:40       | 3:50     | Enrichment Rotation #2                    |
| 3:50       | 4:00     | Clean up/Transition                       |
| 4:00       | 4:30     | Snack / Outdoor Fun!                      |
| 4:30       | 5:00     | Outdoor Fun & Dismissal!                  |