

State Policy Updates

FY 2025–26 Budget Impacts on Expanded Learning

We are happy to share that the California Legislature and Governor Newsom have maintained their commitment to Expanded Learning programs. Despite fiscal challenges, funding for Expanded Learning has increased:

- **Increases ongoing funding for ELO–P** (Expanded Learning Opportunities Program) by **\$525.5 million**.
- **Maintains existing reimbursement rates** for **ASES** and **21st CCLC** programs.

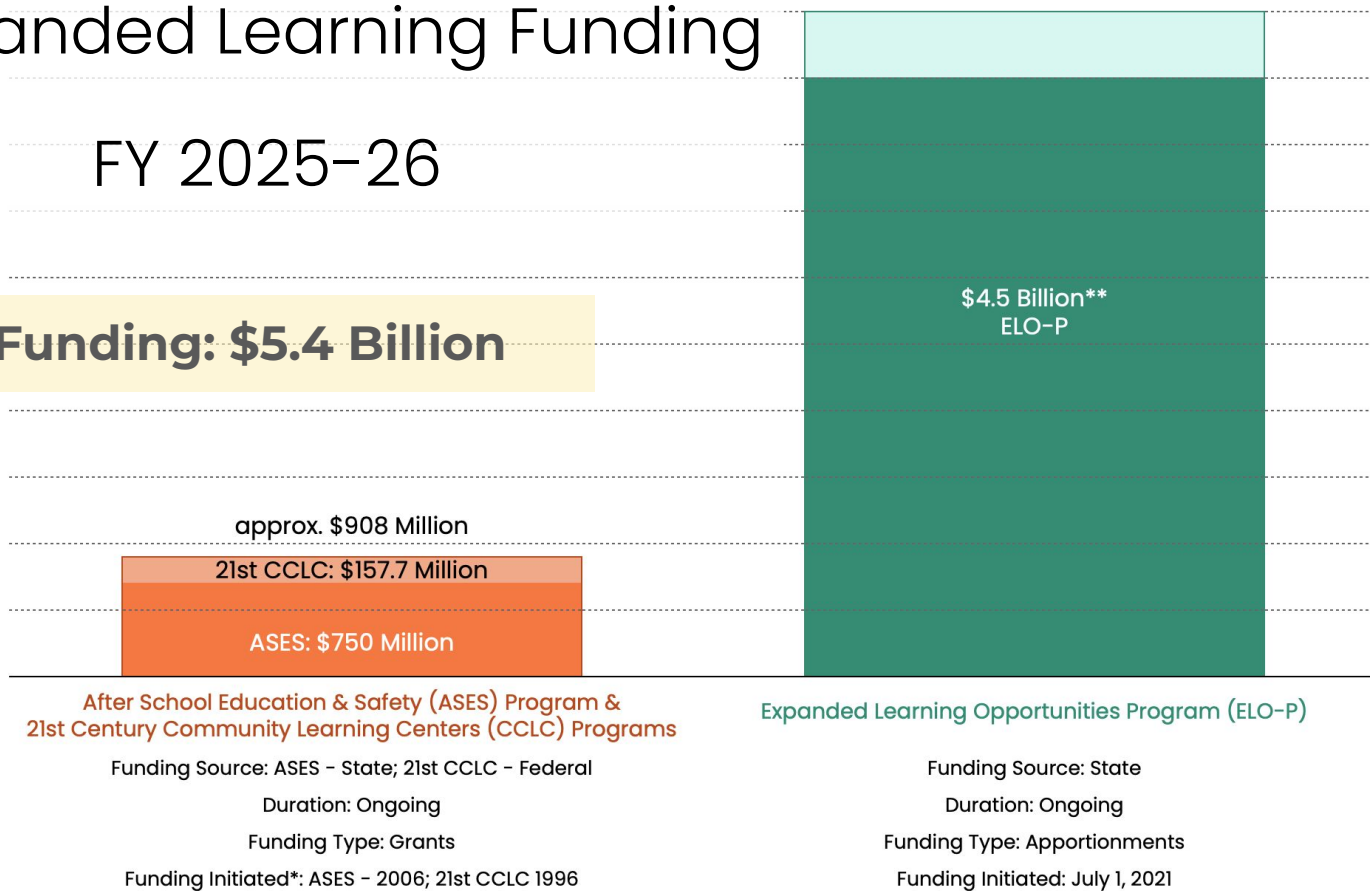
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FY 2025-26

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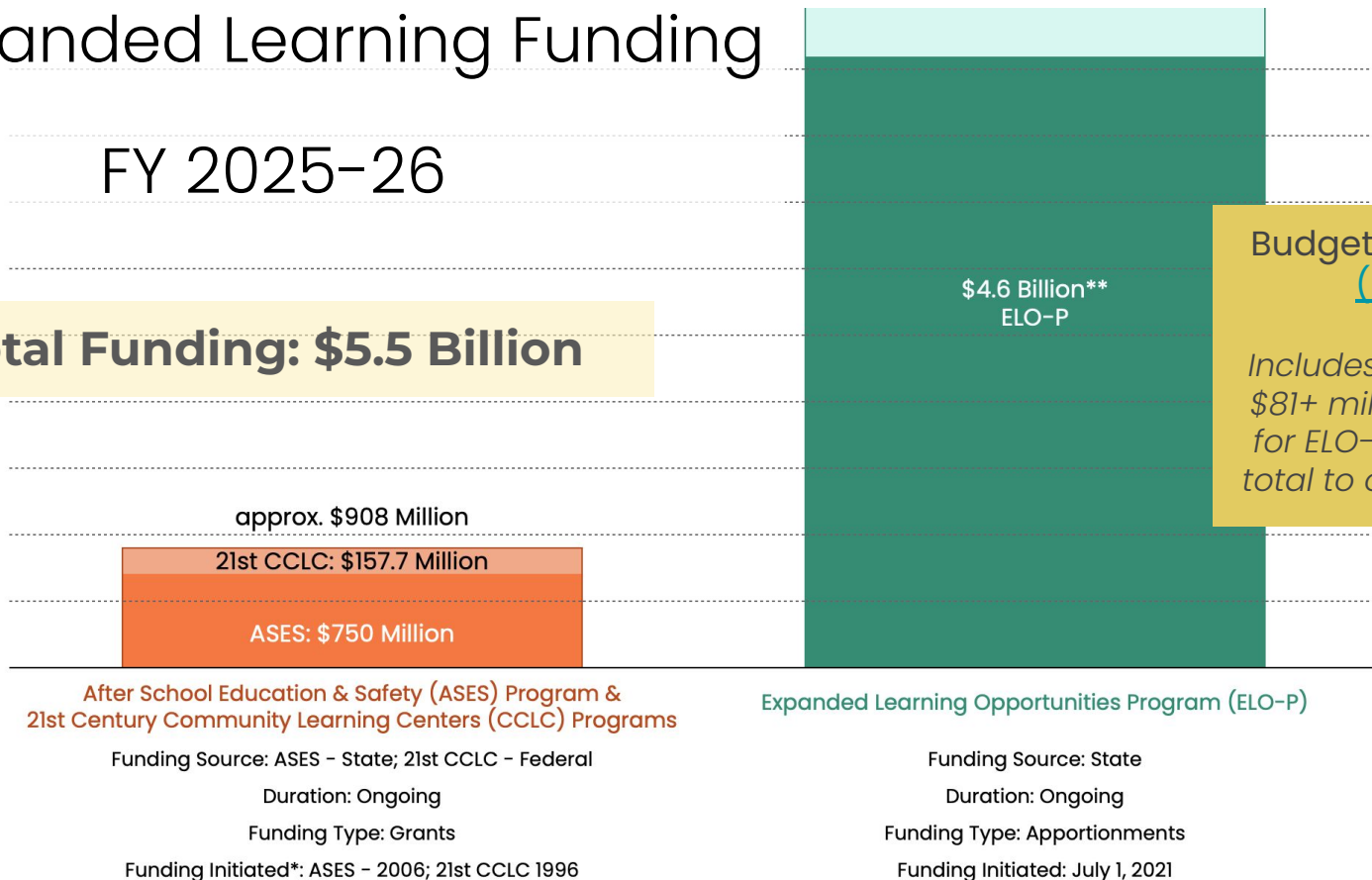
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Budget Bill Clean Up
(SB 105)

Includes an additional \$81+ million in funding for ELO-P bringing the total to over \$4.6 Billion

After School Education & Safety (ASES) Program & 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Programs

Funding Source: ASES – State; 21st CCLC – Federal

Duration: Ongoing

Funding Type: Grants

Funding Initiated*: ASES – 2006; 21st CCLC 1996

Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P)

Funding Source: State

Duration: Ongoing

Funding Type: Apportionments

Funding Initiated: July 1, 2021

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Budget Trailer Bill Impacts On Expanded Learning

The signed budget typically requires changes to existing laws to implement the budget changes, which are outlined in “trailer bills: organized by issue areas such as “K-12”, “higher education”, and “housing.” Trailer bills take effect immediately upon the Governor’s signature and typically only require a majority vote.

[AB-121 Education finance: education omnibus budget trailer bill](#) was signed into law on June 27, 2025, and has several impacts on ELO-P funding:

Rate Changes for FY 2025–2026

- Beginning in FY 2025–26, Rate 1 LEAs drop from 75% unduplicated pupil population (UPP) to 55% UPP.
- Intent is for the Rate 2 rate to be no less than \$1,575 (Result of AB 102)

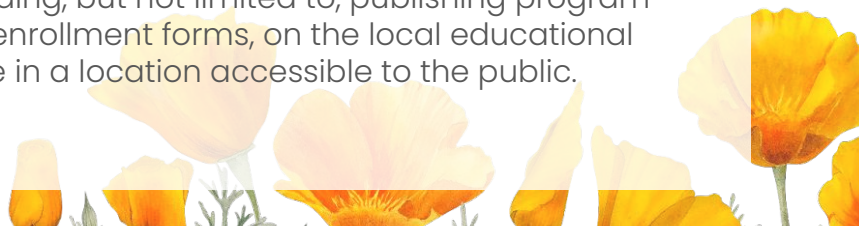
Minimum Apportionment Amount

- Beginning in FY 2025–26, the minimum apportionment amount is changing from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

“Offer Access” Definition includes additional language


- (5) “Offer access” means to recruit, advertise, publicize, or solicit through culturally and linguistically effective and appropriate communication channels, including, but not limited to, publishing program availability information in local educational agency pupil enrollment forms, on the local educational agency website, and posted publicly at each program site in a location accessible to the public.

Audit for “New Rate 1” LEAs for FY 2025–2026



ELO-P Rates

ELO-P Funding is currently organized into two “rates” based on an LEA’s Unduplicated Pupil Percentage (UPP). These rates determine the funding formula and offer and access requirements.

	Rate 1 LEA’s	Rate 2 LEA’s
UPP <i>prior FY LCFF UPP</i>	Greater than or equal to 55% <i>down from 75% as of FY 25-26</i>	Less than 55% <i>As of FY 25-26</i>
Offer*	Offer access to ALL students in TK-6	Offer access to at least ALL UNDUPLICATED students in TK-6
Provide Access*	Provide access to ANY student as requested	Provide access to ANY UNDUPLICATED student as requested
Apportionment Funding Calculation	$(\text{Rate 1}) \times (\text{ADA}^{**}) \times (\text{UPP})$	$(\text{Rate 2}) \times (\text{ADA}^{**}) \times (\text{UPP})$
	<i>**ADA: prior fiscal year second period reported kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, classroom-based average daily attendance.</i>	
FY 23-24 Rates	Beginning in FY 2022-23, Rate 1 is set at \$2,750	\$1,802.66...
FY 24-25 Rates	Remains at \$2,750	Original Rate: \$1,579.55...; Revised Rate: \$2,000
	<i>The return of unspent funds from FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 was used to increase <u>Rate 2 in 2024-25</u> (per EC Section 46120(d)(6)(C)). For FY 2024-2025, the liquidation deadline is June 30, 2026 (everything must be expended by that date).</i>	
<u>FY 25-26 Rates</u>	Remains at \$2,750	Preliminary Rate: \$1,280.21... 
	<i>Intent is for the Rate 2 rate to be no less than \$1,575. <u>SB 105</u> proposes an additional \$81+ million in funding for ELO-P. If this passes this additional funding would likely bring Rate 2 up to the intended rate.</i>	

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Revised ELO-P Audit Requirements

Final Education Omnibus Trailer Bill, page 77 (June 2025)

(c) (1) (A) Commencing with the 2023–24 fiscal year, a local educational agency shall be subject to the audit conducted pursuant to Section 41020 to determine compliance with subdivision (b).

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), commencing with the 2025–26 fiscal year, a local educational agency that received funding pursuant to subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) in the prior applicable fiscal year, and receives funding pursuant to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) in the current applicable fiscal year, shall be subject to the audit conducted pursuant to Section 41020 to determine compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) for that current applicable fiscal year only and, for each fiscal year thereafter, shall be subject to an audit to determine compliance with paragraph (2) of subdivision (b).



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Rate 2

Rate 1

Rate 1 Requirements:

(2) Commencing with the 2023–24 school year, as a condition of receipt of funds allocated pursuant to subparagraph (B) subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d), local educational agencies shall **offer to all pupils** in classroom-based instructional programs in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, access to expanded learning opportunity programs, and shall **provide access to any pupil** whose parent or guardian requests their placement in a program.

Rate 2 Requirements:

(3) Commencing with the 2023–24 school year, as a condition of receipt of funds allocated pursuant to subparagraph (C) (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d), local educational agencies shall **offer to at least all unduplicated pupils** in classroom-based instructional programs in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, access to expanded learning opportunity programs, and shall **provide access to any unduplicated pupil** whose parent or guardian requests their placement in a program.



Translation:

...beginning in FY 2025–26, LEA's receiving received funding at Rate 2 in the **prior FY**, and receiving funding at Rate 1 in the **current FY**, are subject to audit compliance with Rate 2 requirements for the current FY only. For each FY thereafter, they are subject to audit compliance with Rate 1 requirements.

Funding Year	Funding Status	Audit Status	Audit Requirements
FY 24-25	Rate 2	Rate 2	<i>Offer and provide access to all unduplicated students</i>
FY 25-26	Rate 1	Rate 2	<i>Offer and provide access to all unduplicated students</i>
FY 26-27	Rate 1	Rate 1	<i>Offer and provide access to all students</i>
FY 27-28	Rate 1	Rate 1	<i>Offer and provide access to all students</i>



Attendance Recovery is Happening!

Beginning in FY 25–26 LEA's can offer Attendance Recovery which helps LEAs recover lost ADA funding and learning by offering extra academic support outside school hours. Attendance Recovery programs are optional and can be offered in conjunction with ELO-P.

We've compiled key statewide* resources to support implementation:

- CDE Guidance & Resources
- CAN & CDE Spring & Fall Expanded Learning Academy Resources
- Partner Resources

Access the Resources:



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- **Sept 18** – Shining a Light on Quality ExL: Celebrating and Communicating Impact
- **Sept 30** – Beyond the Now: Strategic Partnerships for Sustainable EXL Programs
- **Oct 1** – Increasing Access to Mental Health Through Expanded Learning



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