California Community Schools Partnership Program: Presentation to Early Childhood Policy Council

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Community Schools Overview (1)

A community school is a "whole-child" school improvement strategy where the local educational agency (LEA) and its schools work closely with teachers, students, and families.

Community schools partner with community agencies and local government to align community resources to improve student outcomes. Community Schools Overview (2)



Community schools often include four evidence-informed programmatic features, which are aligned and integrated into culturally responsive, student-centered teaching and learning practices and environments. Community Schools Overview (3)



The four evidence-informed programmatic features are:

- Integrated support services;
- Family and community engagement;
- Collaborative leadership and practices for educators; and
- Extended learning time and opportunities.

Community Schools Overview (4)



California Community Schools Framework:

- Four Pillars
- Key Conditions for Learning
- Cornerstone Commitments
- Proven Practices
- Key Roles

CCSPP Overview (1)

Legislation:

California Community Schools Partnership Act

California *Education Code* sections 8900–8902 and the Budget Act of 2021 and 2022.



CCSPP Overview (2)



In 2021, the California legislature allocated \$3,015,997,000 for the CCSPP to establish new and expand existing community schools, through June 2028.

In 2022, the legislature added \$1,132,554,000 for the CCSPP and extending the funding through June 2031.

The CCSPP includes three different grant opportunities and regional technical assistance centers.

CCSPP Overview (3)



Two of the three grant opportunities are open for application this year:

1. Planning Grants

- Final round, \$249,016,278 available
- Up to \$200,000 per Qualifying Entity (LEA)
- Up to two years (2023–24 and 2024–25 program years)
- For LEAs with no existing community schools
- The final round of 226 planning grants was confirmed at the March State Board of Education (SBE) meeting

CCSPP Overview (4)



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2. Implementation Grants

- Multiple rounds, 2022–23 is Cohort 2
- 2022–23 through 2028–29 program years
- Annual grants up to \$500,000 per school site
- For new, expanding or continuing community schools

CCSPP Overview



Implementation Grants (up to 70 percent of 2021 grant funding = \$2,081,879,800)

- Cohort 1: 76 LEAs comprising of 458 school sites
- Cohort 2: 128 LEAs comprising of 570 school sites
- Cohort 1 UPC 80% for urban and 70% for rural
- Cohort 2 UPC 68% for urban and 58% for rural

Eligibility Criteria



The applicant must be an LEA; defined as a school district, charter school, or county office of education, that meets <u>any</u> of the following:

- At least 50 percent of the enrolled pupils at the educational agency are 'unduplicated.'
- The LEA has higher than state average dropout rates.
- The LEA has higher than state average rates of suspension and expulsion.
- The LEA has higher than state average rates of child homelessness, foster youth, or justice-involved youth.

Resources

- Program web page: <u>https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs/ccspp.</u> <u>asp</u>
- Request for Applications: <u>https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r17/ccspp</u> <u>pg22rfa.asp</u>
- Questions: <u>CCSPP@cde.ca.gov</u>

