

Executive Summary

Educator Effectiveness Block Grant: 2021-2026

Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools (TCSOS) Programs have offered a number of opportunities for educational partners to provide input including, by not limited to virtual meetings and surveys available by email and on the TCSOS website for existing LEA plans such as our Local Control and Accountability (LCAP) plan, Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO), Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III), WASC, and Site Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) as well as distance learning and school reopening. These outreach and engagement activities garnered feedback from community members, community organizations, Special Education administrators, and representatives for our unduplicated pupils, families, students, and school staff (inclusive of labor unions) to determine actions and services that should be prioritized for our LEA.

In the development of those plans, small group engagements included analysis of school, district, state, and local assessment data. Site leaders reviewed data collection needs, student outcomes, attention to special learner populations, and attendance tracking in an effort to plan site level strategies for improvement.

Data from these engagements indicate that investments in practices and strategies that reengage pupils and lead to accelerated learning, staff/student self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship building, universal design for learning for students with language acquisition, and different learning needs through education-related professional learning for our instructional staff teachers, administrators, related service providers, paraprofessionals and classified staff strengthen our learning communities. Educator Effectiveness Funding allow us to supplement professional development, instructional collaboration, and resources outlined in our existing LEA plans that will ultimately positively impact students, families, and the local community throughout improved student educational outcomes.

Board Hearing Date: 11/8/2021 Board Approval Date: 12/13/2021



Educator Effectiveness Block Grant 2021

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name	Contact Name and Title	Email and Phone
Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools	Cathy A. Parker	cparker@tcsos.us
	Superintendent	2095362010

The Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (EEBG) is a program providing funds to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, and state special schools to provide professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness.

As a condition of receiving funds for educator effectiveness, LEAs shall develop and adopt a plan for expenditure of funds, which requires the plan to be explained in a public meeting of the governing board of the school district, county board of education, or governing body of the charter school before its adoption in a subsequent meeting. Funds may be expended for the purposes identified in <u>Assembly Bill 130</u>, <u>Chapter 44</u>, <u>Section 22</u> and <u>Assembly Bill 167</u>, <u>Chapter 252</u>, <u>Section 9</u> and mentioned below in the "Planned Use of Funds" section. These expenditures may take place over fiscal years 2021–22</u>, 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26. LEAs may use these allocated funds to provide professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals who work with students, and classified staff that interact with students in order to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. The funding is distributed in an equal amount per unit of full-time equivalent certificated and classified staff as reported in California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data and California Basic Educational Data System for the 2020–21 fiscal year. This funding for certificated and classified staff shall not exceed the total certificated staff and classified staff count.

Expenditure Plan

Total Educator Effectiveness Block Grant funds awarded to the LEA

\$219,234

The following table provides the LEA's expenditure plan for how it will use EEBG funds to provide professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals who work with students, and classified staff that interact with students in order to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. The allowable use categories are listed below.

Allowable Use of Funds	Planned Use of Funds (Actions)	Planned Expenditures
1. Coaching and mentoring of staff serving in an instructional setting and beginning teacher or administrator induction, including, but not limited to, coaching and mentoring solutions that address a local need for teachers that can serve all pupil populations with a focus on retaining teachers, and offering structured feedback and coaching systems organized around social-emotional learning, including, but not limited to, promoting teacher self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships, and responsible decision making skills, improving teacher attitudes and beliefs about one's self and others, and supporting learning communities for educators to engage in a meaningful classroom teaching experience.	Teachers and other staff will be supported by increasing access to coaching and mentoring programs in order to develop skills in instruction and engagement activities in classrooms. Includes indirect rate of 8.8%. (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25)	\$70,234
2. Programs that lead to effective, standards-aligned instruction and improve instruction in literacy across all subject areas, including English language arts, history-social science, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science.		\$0
3. Practices and strategies that reengage pupils and lead to accelerated learning.		
4. Strategies to implement social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, suicide prevention, access to mental health services, and other approaches that improve pupil well-being.	Training for certificated and classified staff related to Social-emotional Learning (SEL) has been provided to staff, and due to the anticipated on-going need, will continue in the future. Through the SEL Community of Practice, staff will also be supported by being provided buy back days to participate in similar training to support the emotional well-being of students. Includes indirect rate of 8.8%. (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25)	\$62,000
5. Practices to create a positive school climate, including, but not limited to, restorative justice, training around implicit bias, providing positive behavioral supports, multitiered systems of support, transforming a schoolsite's culture to one that values diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and preventing discrimination, harassment, bullying, and intimidation based on actual or perceived characteristics, including disability, gender,		\$0

Educator Effectiveness Block Grant 2021 for Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools

Allowable Use of Funds	Planned Use of Funds (Actions)	Planned Expenditures
gender identity, gender expression, language, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.		
6. Strategies to improve inclusive practices, including, but not limited to, universal design for learning, best practices for early identification, and development of individualized education programs for individuals with exceptional needs.	Pandemic-related effects had forced a focus on increasing access to Continuing Education Units (CEUs) due to many programs that offer CEUs ceasing operation or shifting to an online model. TCSOS related service providers need CEUs to maintain current licensure and to ensure they are meeting the needs of the students they directly serve. This funding will provide a mechanism where needs can be supported through stipends and direct payments to CEU providers. Includes indirect rate of 8.8%. (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25)	\$87,000
7. Instruction and education to support implementing effective language acquisition programs for English learners, which may include integrated languagedevelopment within and across content areas and building and strengthening capacity to increase bilingual and biliterate proficiency.		\$0
8. New professional learning networks for educators not already engaged in an education-related professional learning network to support the requirements of subdivision (c).		\$0
9. Instruction, education, and strategies to incorporate ethnic studies curricula adopted pursuant to Section 51226.7 into pupil instruction for grades 7 to 12, inclusive.		\$0
10. Instruction, education, and strategies for certificated and classified educators in early childhood education, or childhood development.		\$0
	Subtotal	219,234.00

Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan Instructions

Introduction

A program providing funds to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, and state special schools to provide professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness.

For additional information regarding Educator Effectiveness Block Grant funding please see the web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/educatoreffectiveness.asp.

Purpose and Requirements

As noted in the Introduction, a program providing funds to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, and state special schools to provide professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness:

- To ensure professional development meets educator and pupil needs, local educational agencies are **encouraged to allow school site and content staff to identify the topic or topics of professional learning**. Professional learning provided pursuant to this section shall do both of the following:
 - Be content focused, incorporate active learning, support collaboration, use models of effective practice, provide coaching and expert support, offer feedback and reflection, and be of sustained duration.
 - As applicable, be aligned to the **academic content standards** adopted pursuant to Sections 51226, 60605, 60605.1, 60605.2, 60605.3, 60605.4, 60605.8, and 60605.11, and the model curriculum adopted pursuant to Section 51226.7, as those sections read on June 30, 2020, and former Section 60605.85, as that section read on June 30, 2014.

Areas that to be considered for funding as outlined in Education Code include:

(1) **Coaching** and **mentoring** of staff serving in an instructional setting and beginning teacher or administrator induction, including, but not limited to, coaching and mentoring solutions that address a local need for teachers that can serve all pupil populations with a focus on retaining teachers, and offering structured feedback and coaching systems organized around social-emotional learning, including, but not limited to, promoting teacher self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships, and responsible decision-making skills, improving teacher attitudes and beliefs about one's self and others, and supporting learning communities for educators to engage in a meaningful classroom teaching experience.

(2) Programs that lead to effective, standards-aligned instruction and improve instruction in literacy across all subject areas, including English language arts, history-social science, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science.
 (3) Practices and strategies that reengage pupils and lead to accelerated learning.

(4) Strategies to implement **social-emotional learning**, **trauma-informed practices**, **suicide prevention**, access to **mental health** services, and other approaches that improve pupil well-being.

(5) Practices to create a **positive school climate**, including, but not limited to, restorative justice, training around implicit bias, providing positive behavioral supports, multitiered systems of support, transforming a schoolsite's culture to one that values diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and preventing discrimination, harassment, bullying, and intimidation based on actual or perceived characteristics, including disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, language, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.

(6) Strategies to improve **inclusive practices**, including, but not limited to, universal design for learning, best practices for early identification, and development of individualized education programs for individuals with exceptional needs.

(7) Instruction and education to support implementing **effective language acquisition** programs for English learners, which may include integrated language development within and across content areas, and building and strengthening capacity to increase bilingual and biliterate proficiency.

(8) New **professional learning networks** for educators not already engaged in an education-related professional learning network to support the requirements of subdivision (c) - see slide 12 for subdivision (c).

(9) Instruction, education, and strategies to incorporate **ethnic studies** curricula adopted pursuant to Section 51226.7 into pupil instruction for grades 7 to 12, inclusive.

(10) Instruction, education, and strategies for certificated and classified educators in **early childhood education**, or **childhood development**.

Instructions to complete the template:

Total Educator Effectiveness Block Grant funds awarded to the LEA

Provide the total amount of Educator Effectiveness Block Grant funds the LEA is awarded.

Allowable Use of Funds Table

The table is in three parts, Allowable Use of Funds, Planned Use of Funds (Actions), and Planned Expenditures. Data is only required in the Planned Use of Funds and Planned Expenditures columns.

(1) Allowable Use of Funds

The LEA must specify the amount of EEBG funds that it intends to use to implement a planned action. This column is prepopulated with the allowable uses of funds. There is no need to input additional information in this column.

(2) Planned Use of Funds (Actions)

• Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using EEBG funds. The description can be brief and/or in list form. Include the group that will receive the professional learning (teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals who work with students and classified staff that interact with students).

• An LEA has the flexibility to include planned use of funds/actions described in one or more areas list under **Allowable Use** of **Funds**. It is not required to include actions for every allowable use of funds listed.

(3) Planned Expenditures

Specify the amount of funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s). The amount of funds included in this section should reflect the total funds planned to be expended over the life of the grant.

Fiscal Requirements

As a condition of receiving funds, a school district, COE, charter school, or state special school shall do **<u>both</u>** of the following:

- On or before December 30, 2021, develop and adopt a plan delineating the expenditure of funds apportioned pursuant to this section, including the professional development of teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and classified staff. The plan shall be presented in a public meeting of the governing board of the school district, county board of education, or governing body of the charter school, before its adoption in a subsequent public meeting.
- On or before September 30, 2026, report detailed expenditure information to CDE, including, but not limited to, specific purchases
 made and the number of teachers, administrators, paraprofessional educators, or classified staff that received professional
 development. The CDE shall determine the format for this report.

Funding apportioned pursuant to this section is subject to the **annual audits** required by Section 41020.