

West Contra Costa Unified School District

Expanded Learning Department

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Does my child school have an Expanded Learning Program?

The West Contra Costa Unified School District operates all non-charter public schools within the following cities: Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, and El Cerrito. For a complete school directory click on this [link](#).

The Expanded Learning Program currently offers programming on the following 30 school sites.

Elementary Schools		K-8 Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools
Bayview	Chavez	Mira Vista	Crespi MS	Kennedy HS
Coronado	Dover	Montalvin	De Jean MS	Richmond HS
Downer	Fairmont	Peres	Helms MS	
Ford	Grant	Verde	Korematsu MS	
Highland	King			
Lake	Lincoln			
Murphy	Nystrom			
Riverside	Sheldon			
Stege	Tara Hills			
Washington	Wilson			

What are the hours of operation for the Expanded Learning Program?

All programs start the first day of school year and end the last day of the school year. Programming is available Monday through Friday immediately after the school day ends and until 6:00 p.m. Some high schools may offer programming during summer and/or weekends.

Does my child have to attend until 6:00 every day?

All students participating in the Expanded Learning Program are expected to be in program until 6:00 every day unless the Parent/Guardian has signed an early release form to attend a parallel program such as music lessons, religious school, sports league, or family and medical emergencies.

Is the Expanded Learning Program Free?

All WCCUSD-Expanded Learning programs are **free** of charge. The WCCUSD-Expanded Learning Department **does not** coordinate the programming at some school sites that offer paid before and after care through city programming.

How is the Expanded Learning program funded?

School-based after school funding originates from the state-funded After School Education and Safety (ASES) program and the federally funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Part of California's federal 21st Century funding is reserved for high schools through the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program. While 21st Century (including ASSETs) funds programs at 912 school sites, ASES funds programs at more than four times as many sites (4,026).*

* https://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/asp_state_of_the_state.pdf?1398362770

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How do I enroll my child in the Expanded Learning program?

Applications are available at the schools mentioned on the table above, some programs host orientations before the school year ends to create the list for the following school year. For more up to date information, contact the main office at your child's school.

What happens if programs are full at the beginning of the year?

If the program at your child's school is full, continue to fill out an application in order for your child to be included in a waiting list. When a slot opens up, the program coordinator will contact you.

What activities are available in the Expanded Learning Program?

Expanded Learning Programs in West Contra Costa Unified provide ...

Will my child have homework help?

Homework support is one of the many activities provided; however is not a homework completion program. (why)

Will my child have food every day in the program?

All programs in WCCUSD provide a healthy snack and/ or supper daily.

Who are the people working in the Expanded Learning Program?

The Expanded Learning Program it's a large operation. The department collaborates with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to employ, train and background check all Site Coordinators, Group Leaders and Program Directors. All employees must meet education qualifications within guidelines provided by the state, get fingerprint and TB clearance. Programs must maintain a staff to student ration of 1:20

Is my child safe in the Expanded Learning Program?

Student Safety in the Expanded Learning Program is top priority. The goal of all programs is to provide a safe and welcoming environment where students feel supported and nurtured to advocate for their own wellbeing.