

# **EXPANDED LEARNING CLUB**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Application Information**

1. **If my student(s) is currently in program, will I already have a spot in program next year?** No, everyone must reapply every year for a place in program.
2. **What if I am working on transferring my student, would I be able to apply for the new school before my transfer gets approved?** No, you may only apply for the school that your student is currently enrolled in for the school year. Once the transfer is approved and you have completed all required steps with the new school, you can contact the Child Development office. Enrollment at the new school is not guaranteed.
3. **Why can't I click on grayed-out boxes in the application process?** If the boxes are grayed-out and you are unable to select day and time schedules, this means that the program is full and no longer accepting applications.
4. **If I have a student already in school and an incoming Kindergartener, how would I ensure both of them get into program?** The best way to ensure students get into program is to complete the application as early as possible once it opens. Every student must reapply every year, so both students would need a new application. We make every effort to enroll all students in the same family.

### **Program Information**

5. **Why do I have to enroll my student a minimum number of days?** The purpose of Expanded Learning Club is to provide enrichment, academic and health/social-emotional opportunities and support for students. For students to get the most benefit from our program and to allow us to properly staff each program, we require a minimum number of 3 days a week of any 3 hr. program.
6. **Why do I need to leave my student in program until 4pm or later?** The purpose of Expanded Learning Club is to provide enrichment, academic and health/social-emotional opportunities and support for students. If students are picked up early, they do not have the opportunity to engage in the services we provide.

7. **Do students get a snack?** Yes, all students receive a nutritious snack during the after-school program. Clovis Unified Campus Catering ensures the after-school snack meets the federal and state regulations.
8. **Can I use program (before or after school) on a day my student is not scheduled for in the case of an emergency?** No, for safety reasons we cannot have any students attend program on a day they are not currently scheduled to attend. If you know in advance you will need to add program, you can call the Child Development office (327-9160) to find out how to make an emergency change.
9. **Can an older sibling pick up my student from program?** Yes, if the sibling is over 18, you must add them to the Release Contacts in Parent Connect. If they are under 18, the enrolling parent must complete a Release of Liability form. These forms are available in the Child Development office or at the program site.
10. **Will my student finish all their homework in program?** The after-school program provides a daily opportunity for students to complete their homework. A suitable setting, basic materials and basic support will be offered from program staff. However, we do not provide one-to-one tutoring and we cannot guarantee completion or accuracy of assignments. Our program is staffed at 20 students to 1 adult ratio. Parents/Guardians MUST continue to check your student's planner and/or homework each night.
11. **If my student is absent from school, can they still come to program that day?** A student must attend their regular school day to attend ELC. Fee-based families are still responsible for daily fees regardless of absences for any reason.

## **Fee-Waiver Information**

12. **Why are some school sites free programs and some paid programs?**  
Families qualify for a fee-waiver for program by meeting one or more of the following criteria:
  - a. **Qualify for Free/Reduced Cost Meals**
  - b. **Foster Youth**
  - c. **English Learner**

If a school qualifies as a Title I or CEP (meet 50% UPP) school, all students attending that school will qualify automatically for a fee-waive.

