

Sierra Expeditionary Learning School (SELS) 2015-16 Work Plan

Goal 1: To develop schoolwide proficiency and fluency in specific EL lesson structures and protocols (workshop 1.0, workshop 2.0, 5 Es lesson, science talk)

Type of goal: School Conditions

Rationale: Support teachers in ensuring engagement and achievement for all students through decisions about lesson format and thoughtful lesson design. SELS teachers are wonderful! The rationale for this goal is to push them out of their comfort zone and to give them the space and time to work together to get to the creative level in these lesson formats.

Alignment with EL Core Practices: CP 10 and 11: Planning and Delivering Effective Lessons

Faculty Learning Targets	Structures and Leadership	EL Support and Services	Data Points/Evidence for
	Actions		Monitoring Progress
I can understand the structure of	School leaders will support lesson	PD in August '15: SD will	Teacher Evidence:
a specific lesson structure or	planning.	review all four lesson	 PD exit tickets (fall and
protocol		structures and protocols, show	throughout the year)
• workshop 1.0	School leaders will conduct	teachers where to find support	 Lesson plans (throughout
• workshop 2.0	classroom observations and	documents and templates in	the year)
• 5 Es lesson	provide feedback against	EL commons, discuss specific	 Proficiency criteria
 science talk 	proficiency criteria (coaching	classroom experiences with	document (fall and
	cycles).	each practice, and encourage	winter)
I can analyze my standards and		teachers to "play and	 Observations (peer, Jenn
learning targets to determine the	School leaders will facilitate the	experiment" with	and David)
best lesson structures to use.	development of a peer observation	themknowing that we will	 Self-reflections
	schedule.	be digging deeper into each	(throughout the year)
I can collaborate with my		practice throughout the year.	 Revisions (throughout
colleagues to develop a set of	School leaders will be responsible		the year)
proficiency criteria for the	for using the proficiency criteria	PD: On four different site	• Self-assessment (spring)
specific lesson structures and	in the future to maintain	visits, SD will model and	
protocols listed above (support	schoolwide proficiency in these	debrief each practice, and give	Student Evidence:

for SELS crew leaders now and in the future).	practices AND to support new staff.	teachers time for lesson planning. Some lesson structures and protocols may	Student exit ticketsObservations of student engagement
I can plan lessons using the specific structures and protocols listed above.		need more than one PD session.	
		Follow up site visits may	
I can use the proficiency criteria		include classroom	
to offer kind, specific, and		observations from SD of	
helpful feedback to my peers.		lessons using the structures	
		and protocols (or team	
I can improve my proficiency in		teachingwhatever is most	
the lesson structures and		supportive to the individual	
protocols listed above using		teacher).	
personal reflection and feedback			
from colleagues.		PD: SD will facilitate	
		development of proficiency	
I can self-assess as proficient in		criteria on each lesson	
the lesson structures and		structure and protocol	
protocols listed above.			

Goal 2: Vertical Mapping of Expeditions and Case Studies (guiding questions, long term learning targets, fieldwork, experts, products, culminating events, service learning)

Type of goal: School Conditions

Rationale: The staff wants to create and/or revise a semi-permanent map of a child's K-8 experience at SELS to ensure diversity in all of the above expedition components.

Alignment with EL Core Practices: CP 1: Mapping Skills and Content, CP 2: Designing Learning Expeditions

Faculty Learning Targets	Structures and Leadership Actions	EL Support and Services	Data Points/Evidence for Monitoring Progress
I can collaborate with my colleagues to create a schoolwide expedition map. I can collaborate with my colleagues to make schoolwide decisions about necessary revisions to expedition map. I can revise my expeditions if necessary to ensure content standards in science and social studies are addressed and ensure diverse experiences for students at SELS. I can collaborate with my colleagues to develop a process for making changes to the expedition in the future.	Email to teachers about specific information needed for the map. Bring to PD. School leaders (David and Jenn) will follow up with teachers on expedition revisions and due dates for revisions, providing time and support where necessary. School leaders may need to make final revisions to expedition map and decide where this map will live and how it will be used. School leaders will be responsible for the making sure the change process is honored and the expedition map is kept up to date.	SD will create a expedition map google doc. PD in Aug: SD will frame purpose for expedition map. Give teachers time to transfer information from their own expedition maps to the google doc. PD in Aug: SD will facilitate discussion on mapWhat do we see? What do we infer? Gaps and overlaps? What should be revised? How much revision will this mean for specific expeditions? PD: SD and staff will make draft revisions to expedition map.	 Completion of expedition map Initial revision of expedition map Revision of expeditions to address faculty decisions Final revisions Document outlining process for making changes to expedition map

Goal 3: Students will make connections between performance character and mastery of skills and knowledge in mathematics.

Type of goal: Student Achievement

Rationale: SELS has a documented set of performance character traits and a mastery-based reporting system. Students at all levels are already self-assessing their proficiency on performance character. The obvious next step is to help students make connections between performance character and actual performance outcomes.

Alignment with EL Core Practices: CP 26 Fostering Character

Faculty Learning Targets	Structures and Leadership Actions	EL Support and Services	Data Points/Evidence for Monitoring Progress
I can identify a specific habit of scholarship to track in the context of math performance. I can create a habit of scholarship learning target for students to self-assess progress over time.	School leaders will support teachers in regular discussion and sharing of progress, findings, successes, and failures.	PD: SD will facilitate framing of the goal and provide time for teachers to choose a habit of scholarship as their focus in math AND create a schoolwide accountability table. SD will provide support in writing HOW LTs and	Teacher Evidence: • HOWS choices, LTs, and tracking system (schoolwide document in public place) • Lesson plans for facilitating student analysis of HOWS
I can develop a classroom system for students to regularly track and self-assess the habit of scholarship learning target.		lesson plans PD: SD will check in and support teachers on this goal at each visit.	progress and academic progress • Documentation of teacher reflection on and revision of classroom practices (using student
I can develop a plan to help students analyze the correlation between the habit of scholarship		PD: SD will facilitate discussion on revision of classroom practices and HOW	analysis as assessment for learning)
learning target data and math performance data. I can facilitate student reflection		targets based on findings.	 Student Achievement Evidence: HOWS progress reports Math progress reports HOWS tracking journals

and debrief of connection between habits of scholarship and academic performance.		
I can use the correlation as assessment for learning and revise my classroom practices in accordance.		