

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

### California *Education Code* Certified Assurances

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The California *Education Code* (EC) Certified Assurances listed below are the state legislatively required elements for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant. By signing the EC Certified Assurances, the Authorized Signature or Designee and all Co-applicants (if applicable) are certifying their acknowledgement, understanding, and agreement with **each** Certified Assurance listed below. Grantees should retain a copy of the Certified Assurances for their records.

Note: Grantees are no longer required to submit General Assurances to the California Department of Education (CDE) and instead, are required to retain on file a copy of the General Assurances for their records and for audit purposes. Please download the General Assurances from the CDE Funding Forms web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/fm/ff.asp>.

The Authorized Signature or Designee and all co-applicants (if applicable) hereby agree to, and certify the following:

1. The program will include an educational and literacy element in which tutoring or homework assistance is provided in one or more of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, history and social science, computer training, or science (EC Section 8482.3[c][1][A]).
2. The program will have an educational enrichment element that may include, but need not be limited to, fine arts, career technical education, recreation, physical fitness, and prevention activities (EC Section 8482.3[c][1][B]).
3. The program will provide snacks made available through a program shall conform to the nutrition standards in Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 49430) of Chapter 9 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2. The program shall agree that meals made available through a program shall conform to the nutrition standards of the United States Department of Agriculture's at-risk afterschool meal component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (EC sections 8482.3[d][1] and 8482.3[d][2]).
4. Each partner in the application agrees to share responsibility for the quality of the program (EC Section 8482.3[f][3]).
5. Programs will follow all fiscal reporting and auditing standards required by the CDE (EC Section 8482.3[f][5]).

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6. The program shall review their after school program plans every three years. This review is to include, but will not be limited to program goals, program content, outcome measures that the grantee will use for the next three years, and any other information requested by the CDE. If the program goals or outcome measures change as a result of this review, the program shall notify the department in a manner prescribed by the CDE (*EC* sections 8482.3[g][1][A] through 8482.3[g][1][E]).
7. The program shall commence immediately upon the conclusion of the regular school day, and operate a minimum of 15 hours per week, and at least until 6 p.m. on every regular school day. Every after school component of the program shall establish a policy regarding reasonable early daily release of pupils from the program (*EC* Section 8483[a][1]).
8. Priority for enrollment of pupils in middle school or junior high school shall be given to pupils who attend daily (*EC* Section 8483[c][1][B]).
9. The program will provide a safe physical and emotional environment, opportunities for relationship building, and promote active pupil engagement (*EC* Section 8483.3[c][3]).
10. The program will provide staff training and development (*EC* Section 8483.3[c][4]).
11. The program will integrate with the regular school day and other expanded learning opportunities (*EC* Section 8483.3[c][5]).
12. The program will engage in community collaboration, including, but not limited to, demonstrated support of the school site principal and staff (*EC* Section 8483.3[c][6]).
13. The program will provide opportunities for physical activity (*EC* Section 8483.3[c][7]).
14. The program will assume fiscal accountability (*EC* Section 8483.3[c][9]).
15. The program will meet all of the evaluation requirements (*EC* Section 8483.3[c][11]).

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16. The program will engage in the collection and use of pupil social, behavioral, or skill development data collection to support quality program improvement processes (*EC* Section 8483.3[c][12]).
17. The program shall establish minimum qualifications for each staff position that, at a minimum, ensure that all staff members who directly supervise pupils meet the minimum qualifications for an instructional aide, pursuant to the policies of the school district. Selection of the program site supervisors shall be subject to the approval of the school site principal. The program shall also ensure that the program maintains a pupil-to-staff member ratio of no more than 20 to 1. All program staff and volunteers shall be subject to the health screening and fingerprint clearance requirements in current law and district policy for school personnel and volunteers in the school district (*EC* Section 8483.4).
18. The program shall submit annual outcome-based data for evaluation (*EC* Section 8484[a]).
19. The program will provide school day attendance on an annual basis (*EC* Section 8484[a][1][A]).
20. The program will provide program attendance on a semiannual basis (*EC* Section 8484[a][1][B]).
21. The program shall submit evidence of a data-driven program quality improvement process that is based on the CDE's guidance on program quality standards (*EC* Section 8484[a][2]).
22. Off-site programs will be aligned with the educational and literacy component of the program with participating pupils' regular school programs. No program located off school grounds shall be approved unless safe transportation is provided to the pupils enrolled in the program (*EC* Section 8484.6[a]).
23. Off-site programs will comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements that are applicable to similar programs conducted on the school site (*EC* Section 8484.6[b]).

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24. The designated public agency representative for the applicant(s) certifies that an annual fiscal audit will be conducted and that adequate, accurate records will be kept. In addition, each applicant certifies that funds received under this subdivision are expended only for those services and supports for which they are granted. The CDE shall require grant recipients to submit annual budget reports, and the department may withhold funds in subsequent years if after school grant funds are expended for purposes other than as awarded (*EC* Section 8484.8[b][3]).
25. Grant recipients shall submit quarterly expenditure reports, and the CDE may withhold funds in subsequent years if access or literacy grant funds are expended for purposes other than as granted (*EC* Section 8484.8[b][4]).
26. Grant awards shall be restricted to those applications that propose primarily to serve pupils that attend schoolwide programs, as described in Title I of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–110). Competitive priority shall be given to applications that propose to serve pupils in schools designated as being in need of improvement under subsection (b) of Section 6316 of Title 20 of the U.S.C., and that are jointly submitted by school districts and community-based organizations (*EC* Section 8484.8[d]).
27. A grantee shall identify the federal, state, and local programs that will be combined or coordinated with the proposed program for the most effective use of public resources, and shall prepare a plan for continuing the program beyond federal grant funding (*EC* Section 8484.8[e][5]).
28. A grantee shall submit semiannual attendance data and results to facilitate evaluation and compliance in accordance with provisions established by the department (*EC* Section 8484.8[e][6]).
29. If 15 percent or more of the pupils enrolled in a public school that provides instruction in kindergarten or any of grades one to twelve, inclusive, speak a single primary language other than English, as determined from the census data submitted to the department pursuant to Section 52164 in the preceding year, all notices, reports, statements, or records sent to the parent or guardian of any such pupil by the school or school district shall, in addition to being written in English, be written in the primary language, and may be responded to either in English or the primary language (*EC* Section 48985[a]).

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I acknowledge understanding of and agreement with California *Education Code* Certified Assurances 1–29.

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Authorized Signature

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