

QUEST & The Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California



California's Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P)

The Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) is state-level funding, unique to California, for afterschool, summer school and intersession enrichment programs for TK-6th grade students. It is intended specifically to create and support programs that complement but don't replicate learning activities in the regular school day and school year.

All Local Education Agencies (LEAs) utilizing ELO-P funds will be required to publish their plans for how they plan to address each of the Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California going forward. The Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California provide a framework of clear expectations for all afterschool stakeholders, intended to guide decision making in expanded learning. The standards also serve as checks and balances for ELO-P funds to ensure investment in high quality programming.

Learn how QUEST's immersive and experiential learning solution aligns with the Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California to help you apply your ELO-P funds!



Alignment to Point-of-Service Quality Standards

Safe and Supportive Environment

The program provides a safe and nurturing environment that supports the developmental, social-emotional and physical needs of all students.

How QUEST Aligns:

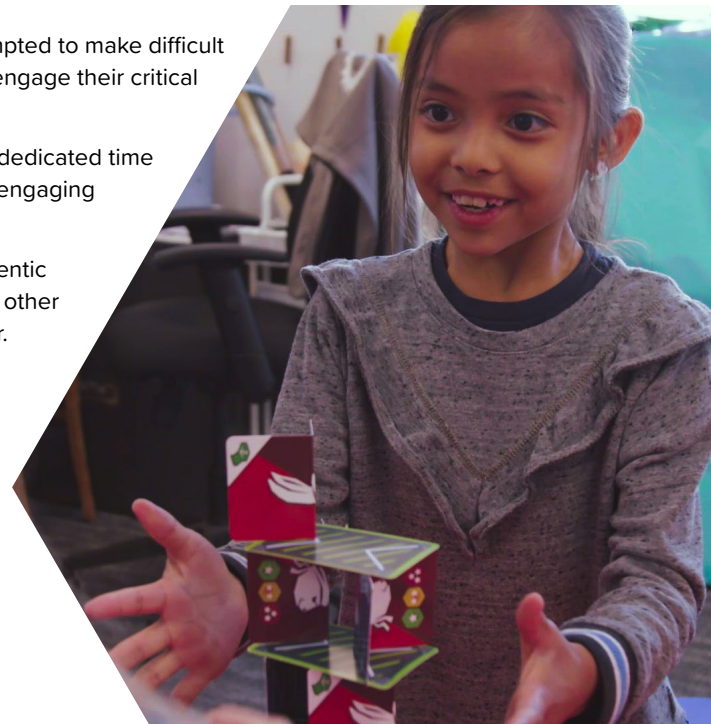
- All QUEST products are designed to meet learners where they are and include differentiated instruction for different grade bands.
- The immersive QUEST experience helps students build vital social-emotional skills, with an emphasis on collaboration to foster a sense of connection and belonging.
- QUEST includes classroom management tools and an attendance feature to support educators in establishing a safe and organized learning environment.
- In-person and virtual professional development trainings offer best practices for classroom management and fostering a supportive learning environment through implementing QUEST.

Active and Engaged Learning

Program design and activities reflect active, meaningful and engaging learning methods that promote collaboration and expand student horizons.

How QUEST Aligns:

- QUEST comprises an immersive learning experience that is multimodal and gives students authentic motivation to learn.
- Within the simulated world of QUEST, students are prompted to make difficult choices, practice leadership skills, solve problems and engage their critical thinking in a way that feels relevant.
- QUEST offers a balanced approach to technology, with dedicated time for working on devices as well as face to face time and engaging with physical materials.
- The emphasis on teamwork in QUEST provides an authentic framework for students to become accountable to each other and to establish positive expectations for good behavior.



Skill Building

The program maintains high expectations for all students, intentionally links program goals and curricula with 21st-century skills and provides activities to help students achieve mastery.

How QUEST Aligns:

- ◆ With QUEST, students are continuously building and applying skills, gaining a new level of mastery with each new episode.
- ◆ QUEST is intentionally designed to support students in developing skills in the areas of the 4Cs – communication, creativity, collaboration and critical thinking – and to prepare them for the future workforce.
- ◆ Throughout QUEST, facilitators are prompted to help students connect and apply their learning and new skills to their lives outside of the program.

Youth Voice and Leadership

The program provides and supports intentional opportunities for students to play a meaningful role in program design and implementation, and provides ongoing access to authentic leadership roles.

How QUEST Aligns:

- ◆ QUEST prepares students to solve real world problems outside of the immersive experience by providing a safe environment for them to make decisions, make mistakes, learn and fail forward.
- ◆ As they participate in QUEST, students are empowered to co-create not only the culture of their team, but of their class as whole.
- ◆ Educators are encouraged to provide leadership opportunities for every student on a team, regardless of their background knowledge or perceived strengths.
- ◆ Students organically take ownership of their learning with QUEST, working together toward a common goal and making decisions to shape their game experience.

Healthy Choices and Behaviors

The program promotes student well-being through opportunities to learn about and practice balanced nutrition, physical activity and other healthy choices in an environment that supports a healthy lifestyle.

How QUEST Aligns:

- ◆ QUEST works best when students have opportunities to share and apply their learning outside of the afterschool program, including at home. As such, ProSolve provides parent letters (in English and Spanish) to keep families informed and involved in their students' experience.
- ◆ Participating in QUEST helps students develop healthier relationships with their peers and build their personal self-esteem.
- ◆ With QUEST, students are given a voice and choice in making decisions and in choosing areas of focus for their SEL skills building.

Alignment to Programmatic Quality Standards

Diversity, Access and Equity

The program creates an environment in which students experience values that embrace diversity and equity regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, income level, national origin, physical ability, sexual orientation and/or gender identity and expression.

How QUEST Aligns:

- QUEST is committed to diverse representation in characters as well as in thought processes and learning styles.
- Scaffolds and strategies to engage students with different learning styles and abilities are shared in QUEST certifications and in educator support materials.
- Educators are encouraged to make QUEST their own, adapting the game to meet the specific needs of their learners and wider community.
- Students of all backgrounds and abilities are recognized and valued for their unique contributions to their QUEST team, beyond just academic performance.



Quality Staff

The program recruits and retains high quality staff and volunteers who are focused on creating a positive learning environment, and provides ongoing professional development based on assessed staff needs.

How QUEST Aligns:

- ◆ ProSolve offers professional development to give staff not only the best possible experience with QUEST, but to help them create a positive afterschool culture for all students.
- ◆ Facilitating QUEST offers educators the opportunity to act as positive role models and helpers for students, as opposed to keepers of knowledge and authority, bridging the distance between educator and learner.
- ◆ Educators can request further support from ProSolve staff at any time through live chats, scheduled calls and emailing.
- ◆ ProSolve is committed to soliciting facilitator feedback on QUEST to help us improve products to better meet the needs of every educator and learner.
- ◆ QUEST brings joy back to teaching and learning, supporting district efforts to recruit and retain both students and staff.

Collaborative Partnerships

The program intentionally builds and supports collaborative relationships among internal and external stakeholders, including families, schools and community, to achieve program goals.

How QUEST Aligns:

- ◆ QUEST offers an immersive learning experience that extends and supports the work students are doing during the academic day.
- ◆ At ProSolve, we keep the lines of communication with facilitators open, encouraging them to reach out for support and to share their feedback about the experience.
- ◆ Through post-implementation assessment surveys, students are given opportunities to share about their QUEST experiences and even offer suggestions for improvement.
- ◆ All programs implementing QUEST are encouraged to host QUEST and/or Creators show-cases and to engage parents and families in QUEST activities at family engagement events.

Conclusion

With QUEST, bringing high quality learning experiences to your students and staff that meets your programming goals and needs is easy. Our immersive and engaging experience aligns with academic and social-emotional learning standards, making it a perfect fit for afterschool clubs, intercession, and summer camps that seek to authentically support and extend school day learning.





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Learn how a partnership with ProSolve can help your Expanded Learning Program with achieving Quality Standards excellence.



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