

## 2 Key Supporting Themes

# Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO)

**Expanded learning opportunities does not mean an extension of instructional time, but rather, opportunities to engage pupils in enrichment, play, nutrition, and other developmentally appropriate activities.**

### Expanded Learning Overview

Expanded Learning refers to before and after school, summer, and intersession learning experiences that develop the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and interests of students. ELO should be hands-on, engaging, student-centered, results-driven, involve community partners, and complement learning activities in the regular school day/year.

### Programs Overview

The school district offers ELO programs at all of its elementary and middle schools. The Expanded Learning academic time will complement the regular school day routine, which includes completing work started during the day and time for homework, literacy activities, and other school day requests. Additionally, interventions focused on literacy and math skills are offered by teachers.

### Educational Enrichment

The activities include, but need not be limited to: fine arts, career technical education, recreation, physical fitness, and prevention activities. As part of the local educational agency's program enrichment activities, there may be hiring literacy coaches, high-dosage tutors, school counselors, instructional day teachers and aides for pupils.

### Program, Teaching Tools and Partners

Enrichment time gives students opportunities for experiential learning. Expanded Learning staff uses evidence-based practices such as asking questions for students to connect new material with prior learning and provide models such as step-by-step demonstrations to solve a problem. FCUSD's local community partners to include Mad Science, iCook, Soccer Shots and more.

### STEAM and Other Program Opportunities

FCUSD's Expanded Learning program provides a safe student place for have academic, enrichment, and recreation time on school days. Students explore ideas and learn, while they build self-confidence by participating in hands-on, project-based activities, which include STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math).

Clubs such as art, dance, cooking, and gardening are encouraged to form and allow students to explore multiple personal interests, connecting to their lives outside of the program. Students are supported to learn about STEAM and its careers. Contracted services and field trips allow students to experience grade level curriculum.

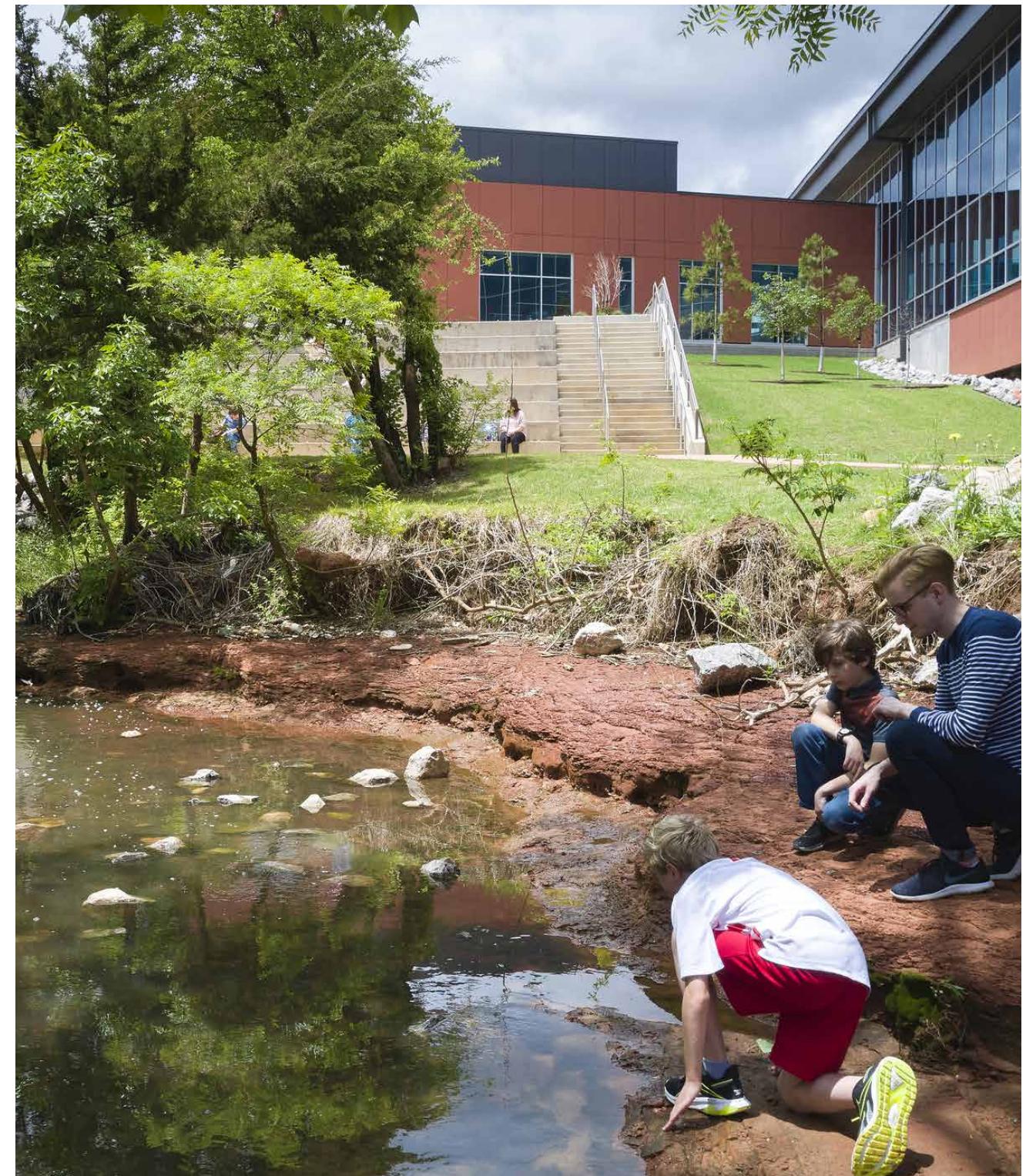
FCUSD uses STEAM resources to help students explore project-based learning. These activities promote discussion and collaborative interaction. Many other project-based learning and recreation opportunities culminate in a product such as an experiment, tournament, or production.

### Summer Program

There is a high demand for summer programming for students, so the district works with families to inform and give access to summer opportunities. Also, the district collaborates with site principals and other district departments to design summer programs for students that need additional support. The programs include project-based learning, recreation, and academic activities for active and engaged learning.

### Youth Voices

As student needs and interests emerge, activities allow leadership roles. Expanded Learning programs have enrichment time with youth leadership opportunities for students to share ownership in their interested role design within STEAM projects and clubs. There are also Regular meetings for students to share viewpoints and concerns and reflect on their learning experiences.



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