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Charting the Route: Programming Essentials

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Agenda

- Program Operational Reminders
- Program Manual Review
- Monitoring Tool Review
- Upcoming Professional Development
- Resources
- Closing



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Program Operational Reminders

Program Activities

- Keep the performance goals in mind when planning activities.
- Approved activities are listed in the grant application.
- Participants expect high-quality programming with a balance of academic and enrichment activities.
- Programs must be operational by September 1, 2026.



Staff Background Checks

- Applicants must ensure that any person having direct access to children or who will be in the presence of children meets background check requirements. This includes all employees, volunteers, and contractors.
- The agency shall maintain documentation that these individuals have satisfactorily completed and cleared a background check every **five years**.
- If applicable, these checks shall comply with all Tennessee laws, including T.C.A. § 49-5-413.



21st CCLC Summary

- Federally funded grant that can serve grades preK-12.
- Required hours:
 - Grades preK-5: 12+ hours per week
 - Grades 6-12: 10+ hours per week
- Required days open: 120 days per year between the months of July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.
- Programs can operate during holidays or school breaks, but it is optional and does not count towards the 120 day requirement.



LEAPs Summary

- State funded grant that can serve grades K-12.
- Required hours:
 - Grades preK-5: 15+ hours per week
 - Grades 6-12: 15+ hours per week
- Required days open: 160 days per year between the months of July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.
- Programs can operate during holidays or school breaks, but it is optional and does not count towards the 160 day requirement.



LEAPs-Childcare Certificate

- Pursuant to SBE Rule 0520-12-01, grantees receiving LEAPs funds **must** work with the State's early learning division to obtain a **certificate of approval** prior to starting programming. Please complete the application below:
 - [Pre-application for School Administered Child Care](#)
 - For questions or concerns, please email tdoe.earlylearning@tn.gov

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Targeted Participation

- Both 21st and LEAPs grantees are required to serve the required regular attendees based on the allocation formula.
- To reach regular attendee goal, best practice is to enroll more students than the number of regular attendees required.
- A **regular attendee** is defined by the following:
 - PreK-5 students who participated 90 hours or more
 - 6-12 students who participated 45 hours or more



Allocation Formula for Regular Attendee

- **How to determine how many regular attendees needs to be served to meet grant expectations:**
 - Total funding allocation/per student allocation that correlates to your funding source
 - 21st CCLC Cohort 22: \$1500 with transportation and \$1350 without transportation
 - 21st CCLC Cohort 23: \$1750 with transportation and \$1500 without transportation
 - 21st CCLC Cohort 24: \$1250 with transportation and \$1250 without transportation
 - LEAPs: \$2000 with or without transportation

Regular Attendee Calculation Example

- A 21st CCLC Cohort 23 grantee that receives a \$100,000 in current fiscal year and provides transportation would be expected to serve 57 students per year ($100,000/\$1,750=57$ students). The grantee would want to enroll more than 57 students to ensure the goal is met.
- If no transportation is provided, the Cohort 23 grantee would be expected to serve 67 students per year ($\$100,000/\$1,500= 67$ students). The grantee would want to enroll more than 67 students to ensure the goal is met.

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Program Manual Review

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Monitoring Tool Review

Programming and Staffing

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Upcoming Professional Development & Resources



ExL Office Hours

- Upcoming Extended Learning Office Hours
 - Dates: 2nd Thursdays of most months
 - Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m. CT / 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET
- **ExL Virtual Check-ins:** Save the date! More details will be provided soon.
 - Nov. 17-18, 2026
 - April 6-7, 2027



Resources

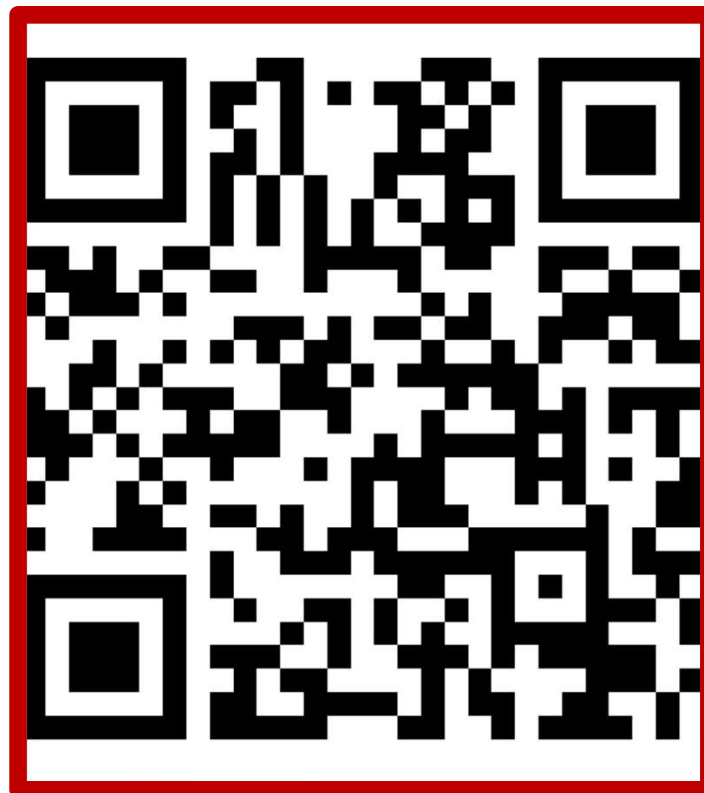
- ExL Resources can be accessed in [ePlan](#) > TDOE Resources > 5. Funding Applications and Grants > Extended Learning Programs- 21st CCLC and LEAPs Documents & Information

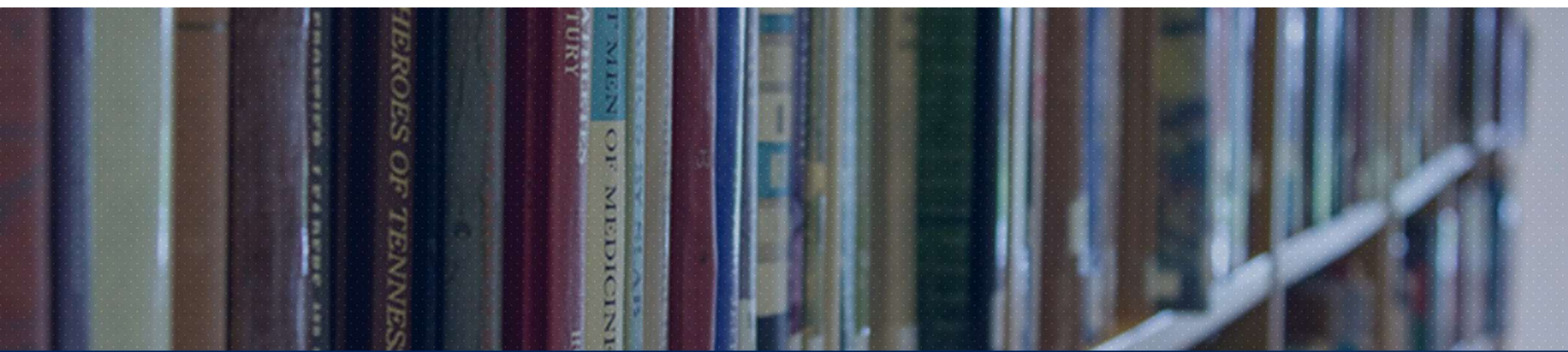


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