

Project ExcEL Summary Sheet

What is ExcEL?

ExcEL addresses the unique needs of school districts with substantial EL populations by helping to provide a comprehensive education for students regardless of language ability. The project uses a data-driven, tiered approach to instruction that builds on community partnerships to create personalized learning opportunities for students inside and outside of school.

What does ExcEL look like in the school?

Schools will develop teams of teachers, counselors, and administrators who will monitor and discuss students using a tiering system based on the RTI model. This tiering process will allow the teams to discuss instructional approaches at different levels of intensity to best meet the unique needs of individual students.

Teachers and school staff will also be provided professional development to improve instruction for English Learners. The type of PD and how it is delivered will be tailored to teachers based on feedback and discussion from the teams. Each year will feature a summer workshop with follow up instruction throughout the school year.

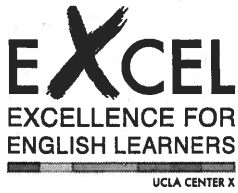
Teachers will also receive support to pursue endorsement as an ESL specialist.

What does ExcEL look like outside the school?

Recognizing that education takes place outside of the school as well, community partners will provide wrap around-services for students. Community partners will also work with parents and families to provide language instruction, build leadership skills, and help families in understanding and getting involved with the school.

What is the ExcEL Peer Network?

The ExcEL Peer Network (aka ExcEL 3) is an effort for ExcEL sites to serve as mentors to new schools and districts in creating their own ExcEL teams. New sites will identify coaches who will meet regularly and engage in professional development with coaches from mentor sites to aid in bringing ExcEL back to their sites. Additionally, mentor sites will host design studios to showcase particular aspects of their program.



ExcEL Peer Network Planning Meeting

January 10, 2017
12pm-3pm

Agenda

Lunch, Welcome, and Introductions

Overview of ExcEL

Expectations for ExcEL Schools

Scheduling (monthly meetings, Summer Institute)

Contracts, budgets, logistical concerns

Design and Action Planning for individual sites