

English Learners  
Zoom Schools & EL Services  
Senate Bill 467 (2019)  
and  
Extended Learning Opportunities  
SB 178 (2017)

Commission on School Funding  
January 9, 2020

# Zoom/EL Funding

## Background

- Initially funded in 2013; renewed in 2015, 2017, and 2019
- Target low-performing schools with highest percentage of English learners (EL) in Clark (CCSD) and Washoe (WCSD) County School Districts as Zoom Schools
- Provide EL funding to other districts and State Public Charter School Authority to provide services for EL students

## Program Goals

- Improve English language proficiency of EL students
- Improve academic achievement of EL students

# Zoom Grant History:

Fiscal Year	Zoom/EL Allocation	Legislative Program Authorization
2013-2014	\$24,950,000	SB 504 (2013)
2014-2015	\$24,950,000	"
2015-2016	\$49,950,000	SB 405 (2015)
2016-2017	\$49,950,000	"
2017-2018	\$49,950,000	SB 390 (2017)
2018-2019	\$49,950,000	"
2019-2020	\$49,950,000	SB 467 (2019)
2020-2021	\$49,950,000	"

# Distribution Methodology:

## Zoom Grant Funds

- Funded through a non-competitive grant under the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation (NRS 387.1247);
  - **FY 20: \$49,950,000**
  - **FY 21: \$49,950,000**
- Amount distributed per EL pupil to each local education agency (LEA) – based on previous year EL count
  - Divide amount of money appropriated (\$49,950,000) by total number of EL pupils assessed statewide (73,045) to determine per EL pupil amount (approx. \$684 per EL)
  - Multiply per EL pupil amount by total number of pupils enrolled at each LEA to determine LEA allocation

# Local Administration of Zoom/EL Funds

## Determination of Zoom Schools and EL Programs/Services

### CCSD and WCSD:

- Select which schools with low performance and higher percentages of EL students would be designated as Zoom schools
- Determine the Zoom/EL allocation to each Zoom school to provide the required programs/services

### Other School Districts and Charter Schools

- Determine which school/sites would receive EL programs/services
- Determine which EL programs/services to implement

# Allowable Elementary School Uses of Zoom/EL Funds

## **Elementary Zoom Schools (CCSD and WCSD) must:**

- Provide pre-kindergarten programs free of charge;
- Operate reading skills centers; and
- Provide extended learning opportunities through:
  - a summer academy;
  - an intersession academy for those schools that do not operate on a traditional school calendar; or
  - an extended school day

# Allowable Secondary School Uses of Zoom/EL Funds

**Secondary Zoom Schools (CCSD and WCSD) must provide at least one:**

- Reduce class sizes for pupils who are English learners and provide English language literacy based classes;
- Provide direct instructional intervention to each English learner;
- Provide other evidence-based programs and services;
- Provide a summer academy or an intersession academy, including the provision of transportation to attend; and
- Provide for an extended school day

# Additional Allowable Uses of Zoom/EL Funds

**Other Districts and Charter Schools must provide at least one:**

- The creation or expansion of high-quality, developmentally appropriate pre-kindergarten programs;
- The use of empirically proven assessment tools to determine the reading level of English learners and technology-based tools designed to support the learning of English learners;
- The provision of before and after school programs, summer academy, or intersession academy; and
- Provide other evidence-based programs and services that are designed to meet the specific needs of English learners.



# Allowable Uses of Funds: 5%

**Participating schools may spend up to 5% on the following:**

- Professional development for teachers and other licensed educational personnel regarding effective instructional practices and strategies for English learners;
- Recruitment and retention incentives for the teachers and other licensed educational personnel who provide the programs and services; or
- Engagement and involvement of parents and families of children who are English learners

# Other Fiscal Resources for EL

- **State SB 178 Funding:** A portion of the SB 178 funding is allocated to schools based on the number of EL students whose academic performance is in the bottom quartile and do not attend a Zoom or Victory school, or receive Special Education services (IEP).
- **Federal Title III Funding:** For Fiscal Year 2019-2020, Nevada received \$6,688,771 in Federal Title III funding to supplement state and local efforts to provide required services for English learners as defined by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1964 (EEOA).