

ELOP Sustainable Investment Plan

Willows Unified School District · 2026–2027 School Year

A comprehensive expanded learning strategy designed to maximize student participation, expand enrichment, improve physical wellness, strengthen staffing, and develop facilities that support students for years to come.

TOTAL ANNUAL ELOP ALLOCATION: \$1,400,000



Executive Summary

Who We Serve

Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade students across Willows Unified School District through the ELOP program.

Our Vision

Create a comprehensive system of expanded learning opportunities where every student finds an area of interest, develops new skills, builds positive relationships, and becomes more connected to school and community.

Aligned With

California Education Code, ELOP requirements, and the district's commitment to meaningful, whole-child experiences.



Student Impact at a Glance

150+

After School Program

Students served annually

170+

Summer Camp

Students served annually

150+

Athletics & Recreation

Students served annually

300+

Field Trips & Events

Students served annually

Many students participate in multiple programs throughout the year, creating opportunities for sustained engagement and connection to school.

Expanding Opportunities for Every Student

Willows Unified recognizes that students have diverse interests, talents, and needs. By expanding after-school, summer, enrichment, and recreation opportunities, the district can engage students who may not traditionally participate in school activities — through athletics, STEM, culinary arts, agriculture, leadership, outdoor learning, and career exploration.

School Connectedness

Improved attendance, engagement, and belonging

Physical & Social Wellness

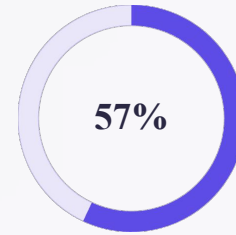
Fitness, confidence, teamwork, and social-emotional well-being

Leadership Development

Skills, self-esteem, and reduced behavioral concerns

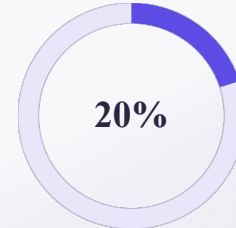
Budget Overview

Category	Investment
Staffing & Program Leadership	\$800,000
Summer Camp	\$75,000
Academic & Enrichment Clubs	\$75,000
Multi-Use Recreation Facility	\$100,000
Athletic Fields Development	\$100,000
Transportation & Access	\$75,000
Facilities, Equipment & Infrastructure	\$175,000
Total	\$1,400,000



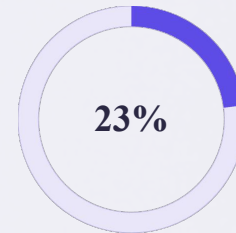
People

Invested in staffing and program leadership



Programming

Direct student programs and enrichment



Infrastructure

Sustainable facilities and equipment

PRIORITY 1

Staffing & Program Leadership

Investment

\$800,000

"The greatest predictor of program quality is qualified and dedicated staff."

Funding Supports

- Director of Community Schools / ELOP oversight
- ELOP Academic & Enrichment Coordinator (TOSA)
- Site Coordinators and Activity Assistants
- Summer Camp and substitute staffing
- Professional development, CPR/First Aid, youth development training
- Curriculum planning and collaboration

Expected Outcomes

Consistent districtwide implementation, improved student supervision, better academic support, and increased staff retention.



PRIORITY 2

Summer Camp Expansion

Investment: \$75,000

The Summer Camp has become one of the district's most successful expanded learning initiatives, providing academic enrichment, physical activity, social-emotional development, nutrition support, and safe summer supervision.

Camp Offerings

STEM · Cooking · Agriculture · Arts · Sports
· Career Exploration · Leadership

Expected Outcomes

Reduced Summer Learning Loss

Increased Student Engagement

Greater Family Participation

Expanded Enrichment Opportunities

PRIORITY 3

Academic Enrichment & Club Expansion

Investment: \$50,000 Staff & \$25,000 Supplies



STEM & Technology

Robotics, Coding, and STEM activities that expose students to future career pathways



Outdoor & Agriculture

Gardening, Agriculture, and Outdoor Education connecting students to nature



Arts & Culinary

Art, Music, and Culinary programs that develop creativity and life skills



Leadership

Leadership programs building confidence, teamwork, and school connectedness

PRIORITY 4

Athletics & Recreation Initiative

Incorporating the current wrestling program into the afterschool enrichment

Introducing academic and enrichment clubs outside of the original ELOP after school program



Multi-Use Expanded Learning Recreation & Athletic Facility

Investment

\$100,000

This is not simply a wrestling room — it is a **Multi-Use Expanded Learning Recreation Facility** designed to support a wide variety of expanded learning opportunities.

Facility Uses

- Wrestling practice and indoor recreation
- Fitness and conditioning
- ELOP club meeting space
- Leadership development activities
- Summer Camp programming
- Student wellness activities

Long-Term Benefit

A permanent student-centered space promoting physical activity, leadership, and expanded learning for years to come — supporting 100+ wrestling participants plus ELOP clubs and summer programs.

Supported

- Physical activity and wellness
- Leadership development
- Teamwork and student engagement
- School connectedness
- Stronger elementary-to-middle school connections
- Increased family engag

PRIORITY 4B

Athletic Fields Development

Investment: \$100,000

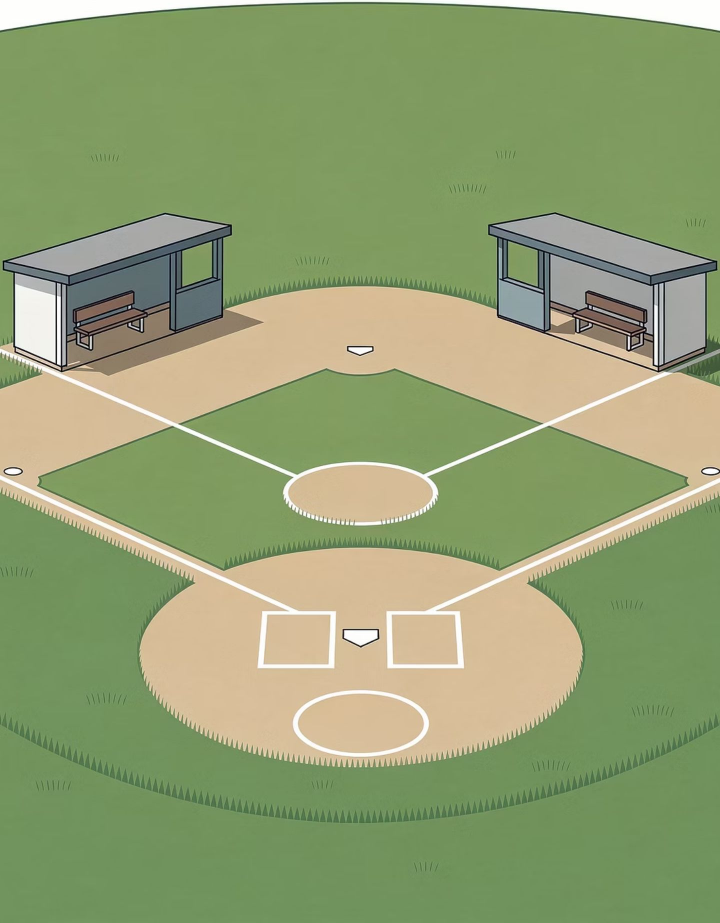
Regulation Softball Field

- Improved playing surface & irrigation
- Dugouts and safety fencing
- Spectator accommodations

Multi-Use Recreation Areas

- Soccer practice space
- Track and field training area
- Conditioning stations
- Open recreation areas

- **Particular emphasis on expanding opportunities for female student participation through softball programming and additional recreation for all students.**



PRIORITY 5

Transportation



Transportation & Access — \$50,000

Transportation is one of the largest barriers for rural students. Funding supports late buses, summer transportation, field trip transportation, and community partnerships to increase participation, improve equity, and expand access.

PRIORITY 6

Facilities & Infrastructure

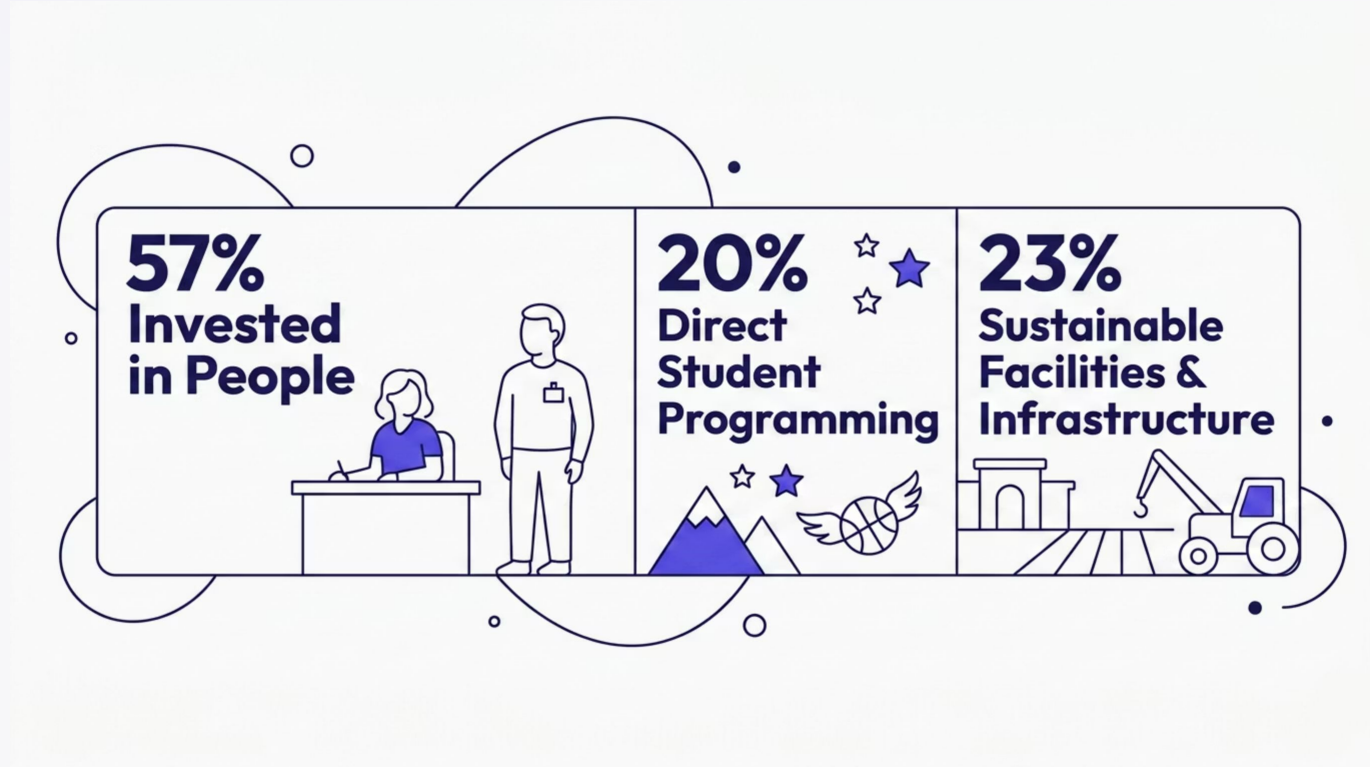


Facilities, Equipment & Infrastructure — \$175,000

Supports classroom, gym, and pool use; utilities; custodial services; storage; furniture; technology; shade structures; garden spaces; and outdoor learning environments — directly supporting program delivery and long-term sustainability.

Sustainability Strategy

This proposal intentionally balances staffing, programming, recreation, enrichment, transportation, and infrastructure to ensure both immediate student benefit and long-term program health.



Students receive immediate benefits through high-quality programs while the district develops facilities and resources that will support future generations of learners.

Message to the Board

This proposal is not an athletics project. It is a comprehensive Expanded Learning investment strategy designed to provide safe, supervised, engaging opportunities for students before school, after school, during intersessions, and throughout the summer.

The proposed recreation facility and athletic field improvements are extensions of an existing high-participation expanded learning system that already serves approximately **100 wrestling participants** and hundreds of additional students through ELOP programming.



The Path Forward

By investing across all eight priorities, Willows Unified can maximize the impact of ELOP funding and create lasting opportunities for every student.



More Engaged

Students connected to school through meaningful activities



More Active

Physical wellness supported through recreation and athletics



More Connected

Positive relationships with peers, staff, and community



More Successful

Prepared for success in school and in life

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