



## REGIONAL LEARNING CENTER

### FACT SHEET

“I am proud that California is at the forefront of the national after school movement. The enhancements that this project brings will strengthen San Francisco ExCEL so that it serves as a key model for other programs.” –  
Delaine Eastin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

#### Historical Background:

- The Regional Learning Center project is an initiative of the California AfterSchool Partnership that focuses on improving the capacity of after school programs throughout the state.
- Launched in January 2002, it is a three-year project that has designated and will support 14 outstanding after school programs throughout the state as they become certified as Regional Learning Centers.
- For after school programs to thrive, a core set of practices is needed. This project not only identifies those practices but develops ways for those practices to be easily and effectively replicated using after school programs to teach and coach one another.

#### What is the Regional Learning Center Initiative?

- A Regional Learning Center is a high quality after school program that serves as a model and coach for other after school programs in the region. It is a “learning hub” where programs can go to learn about the range of best practices in the field – from program management to academic support to youth development and how to apply them to strengthen their own programs.
- For a program to be certified as a Regional Learning Center, it must meet a series of 10 requirements or practices that ensure its program is truly exemplary. Requirements range from ensuring that stakeholders have a shared vision of what the program is attempting to accomplish to academic components that are aligned with the regular school day to a system for measuring and managing program outcomes.

**Current Status:** San Francisco ExCEL is currently participating as part of the Regional Learning Center Initiative for Region 4.

#### Activities within the SFUSD and SHPD that support Regional Learning Center Initiative:

- After School Learning (SB1756)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers
- Healthy Start
- Gang Risk Intervention Program
- San Francisco TEAM
- Foster Youth Services

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