

**LARC K12 SWP Selection Committee criteria
Los Angeles Region
Effective with Round 6, 2023-24**

Given

1. Composite score of less than 75 makes application ineligible for funding.
2. Ed Code Section 88827 (c)(2) says regional funding distribution should be based on ADA, as follows:

Total Applicants' ADA	Percentage of a Region's Allocation
Less than or equal to 140	4%
141 – 550	8%
More than 550	88%

3. The LA Region is home to almost 100 K12 LEAs serving more than 1 million students (EdData, 2023).
4. LARC receives more eligible applications than allocated funds. For example, Round 5 saw 43 eligible applications for a total request of \$31,071,091. LARC was able to fund 30 eligible applications with its Round 5 allocation of \$18,352,236.
5. The K12 SWP allocation for the LA Region decreased from Round 4 to Round 5, and it is also expected to be low for Round 6.

Criteria

The LARC Selection Committee established its Round 5 criteria in July 2022 and applied it to Round 5 applications. At the conclusion of Round 5 deliberation on November 16, 2022, the Selection Committee discussed recommended changes to the criteria for subsequent rounds. *The criteria below are submitted to the Selection Committee for consideration and vote for use during K12 SWP deliberation, starting in Round 6.*

- I. First Time Applicants
 - a. First-time applicants receive 5 additional points per the RFA. The LARC Selection Committee defines first-time applicants as:
 - i. LEAs that have not led a previous K12 SWP project; or
 - ii. LEAs that have not received K12 SWP funds as a lead or partner agency in the past two (2) rounds.
- II. Single and Multiple Applications
 - a. RFAs have allowed LEAs to apply for K12 SWP funds as a partner or lead in up to three (3) different K12 SWP applications.
 - i. The Selection Committee will attempt to fund one (1) eligible application for each lead LEA prior to awarding a second or third eligible application to the same lead LEA. This may mean that in some cases, single applications with lower eligible scores will be prioritized over multiple applications with higher scores.

- ii. No single LEA will be awarded more than 15% of the total LARC K12 SWP allocation.
- III. Low ADA LEAs
 - a. Where feasible, the Selection Committee will attempt to award funds in accordance with the low ADA thresholds set in K12 SWP legislation (4% for ADA less than or equal to 140, and 8% for ADA between 141 and 550). If there are not sufficient eligible applications to meet these thresholds, the percentage of allocated funds awarded to LEAs with ADA of 551 or higher may exceed 88%.
- IV. Selection Committee members will include the following considerations in their deliberation:
 - a. Equity. The Selection Committee will consider, and may prioritize, eligible applications that strongly emphasize equity and/or serve a significant percentage or number of underrepresented students.
 - b. Evidence of partnership with community college. The Selection Committee will consider, and may prioritize, eligible applications that verify their partnership with the community college(s) listed in their application. Letters of commitment from the community college(s) will be the preferred method of verifying such partnership.
 - c. Evidence of partnership with other stakeholders. The Selection Committee will consider, and may prioritize, eligible applications that show evidence of strong partnership with relevant stakeholders in the application. Examples of evidence that may be considered include:
 - i. Letters of support / letters of commitment
 - ii. Current enrollment in the partner's program
 - iii. Outcomes from current or past partnership
 - iv. Language in the application
 - d. Past performance. The Selection Committee will consider, and may prioritize, past performance in K12 SWP projects.
 - e. Nonduplicative. The Selection Committee may compare an LEA's eligible application to past projects. The Selection Committee may prioritize applications that are not duplicative of past funded projects.
- V. Funding amounts
 - a. The Selection Committee may award less than the requested amount to eligible LEAs in order to maximize funding in the region. The process is described below.
 - i. If the total ask is less than or equal to the total allocation, fund all eligible applications. If the allocation is not exhausted, offer a second regional process for LEAs to apply for the remaining funds according to guidance and scoring criteria in the RFA for that round.
 - ii. If the total ask is greater than the total allocation, apply the criteria in Sections I-IV of this document. Then, fund down the slate until the allocation is exhausted. Some applications scoring 75 or above may not be funded if the allocation is exhausted prior to reaching them.