

**CVML K12 SWP Selection Committee criteria
Central Valley Mother Lode Regional Consortium
Effective with Round 8, 2025-26**

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 CVML Region is home to almost 100 K12 LEAs serving more than 1 million students (EdData, 2023).
4. Historically, CVML receives more eligible applications than allocated funds. This occurred for K12 SWP Rounds 1-6.

Criteria

The criteria below are submitted to the Selection Committee for consideration and vote for use during K12 SWP deliberation, starting in Round 8.

- I. First Time Applicants
 - a. First-time applicants receive 1 additional points per the RFA.
- II. 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%.
- III. 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. If the total ask is more than the total allocation, 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. If the total ask is more than the total allocation, no single LEA will be awarded more than 15% of the total CVML K12 SWP allocation.
 - iii. The committee may take into consideration per-ADA (excluding ADA less than 140) funding awards to safeguard the equitable distribution of funds.

- IV. Selection Committee members may include the following considerations in their deliberation:
- a. Equity. The Selection Committee will consider, and may prioritize, eligible applications that are heavily informed by CA College and Career Readiness Indicator data. LEAs that serve a significant percentage or number of underrepresented students may be prioritized.
 - b. Evidence of partnership with project 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 that clearly outline stakeholder roles and contributions
 - ii. Current enrollment in the partner's program
 - iii. Outcomes from current or past partnership, including measurable impact and lessons learned
 - iv. Language in the application demonstrating ongoing stakeholder engagement and communication plan
 - c. Past performance. The Selection Committee will consider, and may prioritize, past performance in K12 SWP projects.
 - i. The Selection Committee will review unspent funds from previous K12 SWP projects. In the grant application, LEAs are allowed to provide an explanation of challenges that led to underspending previous grant funds.
 - ii. The Selection Committee will take into account late or missing NOVA reporting and/or past grant closeout(s) submitted 30 or more days late. This consideration will apply to current and/or previous K12 SWP projects. In the grant application, LEAs are allowed to provide an explanation of challenges that led to late NOVA reporting or late closeout.
 - d. 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.