

Dear Community Partner,

As we approach the end of another school year, we are looking ahead to the wonderful, enriching experiences our students will have throughout the summer. All of these activities are highly valued by families and LPSD, and we have been working throughout the year to develop a way for students to receive credit for what they experience out of school. The result has been what we are calling "Experiencing Out" of a level.

Students often have experiences outside of the regular school day, or year, that significantly contribute to their learning. "Experiencing Out" of a level allows students to take those out-of-school experiences and receive credit for them. These experiences could include commercial fishing, spending valuable time at Fish Camp, traveling with family, attending summer camps, or working a summer job. This is a student initiated process, where the formal documentation of the experience is done afterwards, except for a log of hours which is done during the experience.

In order to receive credit, the following requirements must be fulfilled by the student:

- 1. 75 hours of experience for .5 credit, 150 hours of experience for 1 credit; logged and signed by the student and their supervisor
- 2. Documentation may include: copies of any required licenses plus paystubs, receipts and/or invoices, or other related materials
- 3. Supervisor Evaluation of Experience form, completed and signed by supervisor.
- 4. Successful completion of portfolio
- 5. Successful presentation to community entity
- 6. Proficient or Advanced score by teacher of record

Please encourage an awareness in your communities of this process, and encourage students to be taking advantage of summer experiences by logging their experiences, and "Experiencing Out" of levels when they return to school in September. Accompanying this letter, you will find the necessary documentation for a student to "Experience Out" of a level. Feel free to make copies of these items and make them available in your office.

Please feel free to contact me at (907)-571-1211 or <u>bcornell@lpsd.com</u> with any questions you might have.

Thank you for your time,

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