

ELPAC Update

The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Update, from the California Department of Education (CDE), is an e-mail for K–12 educators, including testing coordinators, which focuses on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California. When the ELPAC is operational, it will replace the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). The ELPAC Update will be sent once per month beginning March 2017. Please forward this e-mail to any educators in your local educational agency (LEA) who would be interested in or benefit from this information.

Training for Operational ELPAC Summative Assessment

The ELPAC Summative Assessment (SA) training will begin on October 24 and continue through December 13, 2017. Although you may have attended or are registered to attend the ELPAC *field test* training, note that significant changes to the training were implemented after the field test. Per ELPAC regulations, LEAs are expected to send staff to the ELPAC SA training each year beginning this fall.

This fall's training was announced last April in an e-mail from the ELPAC contractor, Educational Testing Service (ETS), to CELDT coordinators and ELPAC field test coordinators. That e-mail contained LEA-specific seat allocations. On August 2, a follow-up e-mail will be sent to newly designated LEA ELPAC Coordinators, reminding them of their specific seat allocation. On August 14, an additional e-mail will be sent out with information about registration, which will begin on **August 15**.

A second set of trainings, which will be for the ELPAC Initial Assessment (IA), is scheduled for April 10 through May 23, 2018. The specific dates and locations will be posted on the [ELPAC Resources Web page](#) this September.

If you have any questions, please contact the ELPAC Customer Support Center by phone at 844-782-2714 or by e-mail at ELPAC@ets.org.

ELPAC Academy—Coming Soon

The CDE, in collaboration with the Sacramento County Office of Education, is happy to announce that, in response to feedback from educators, the ELPAC Academy is under development! Highlights of this professional development opportunity include the following:

- How the ELPAC task types connect to the California 2012 English language development standards and classroom instruction
- How educators play a critical role in advancing the English proficiency of English learners (ELs)
- How to develop formative and interim assessments based on the ELPAC task types

There will be two models for the ELPAC Academy. The first is designed for teams of educators, including teachers, English language development specialists, and educational professionals who play a role in supporting ELs. The second model is a train-the-trainers model, which is designed to provide the training materials to county office of education teams and familiarize them with the content so that they are equipped to conduct an ELPAC Academy within their county or region. Registration, which carries a fee of \$40, can be completed through the [online registration form](#). For the first ELPAC Academy model, registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For the second model, each county will have the opportunity to send two representatives. If you are not able to register for the first model, check with your county office of education, as ELPAC Academy trainings will be scheduled in your area. We encourage your participation in these exciting opportunities!

You've Got Mail

Starting September 1, LEA ELPAC Coordinators will receive monthly e-mail communications from ETS regarding critical ELPAC-related information, such as registering for training in the fall, ordering pre-identification labels and SA materials. For your reference, these monthly communications will be posted on the [ELPAC Web site](#). Staying informed is the key to success!

New ELPAC Resources Coming in August

Are you interested in ELPAC resources for parents and educators? Watch next month for the CDE/ Sacramento County Office of Education-developed flyer for parents, the "ELPAC Fact Sheet," and the ELPAC Domain Information Sheets for educators, which were announced in last month's issue of the *ELPAC Update*. These valuable resources will be posted on the [CDE ELPAC Web page](#) and on the [ELPAC Web site](#).

Educator Opportunities in 2017–18

If you are interested in participating in ELPAC educator opportunities, fill out and submit the [online application](#) to participate in our Standard Setting Meeting, and Writing and Speaking Range Finding Meetings. Your participation plays a significant role in the continued development of the ELPAC, and it provides you with an excellent opportunity to network with other California educators.

Last Call for the Superintendent's Designation of LEA ELPAC Coordinator Form!

Reminder! The online Superintendent's Designation of an LEA ELPAC Coordinator Form (SDF) for the coming school year is due by **August 1**. If your LEA already has submitted the SDF, the newly designated LEA ELPAC Coordinator should have received an e-mail prompting him or her to complete and submit the Test Security Agreement for LEA ELPAC Coordinators and ELPAC Site Coordinators Form, which grants the coordinator access to the Test Operations Management

System (TOMS). TOMS is the online system coordinators will use to manage all aspects of ELPAC testing, including the assignment of user roles. More information coming soon!

After August 1, important communications from ETS will be sent directly to LEA ELPAC Coordinators. Take care of this detail now, and then rest assured that the appropriate staff in your LEA will receive important ELPAC-related communications from ETS without delay! If you have any questions regarding whether ETS has received your LEA's Superintendent's Designation of the LEA ELPAC Coordinator Form, please contact the ELPAC Customer Support Center by phone at [844-782-2714](tel:844-782-2714) or by e-mail at ELPAC@ets.org.

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