

A Monthly E-Mail from the California Department of Education

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.

A Round of Applause!

Congratulations to the following seven LEAs for submitting their ELPAC test materials orders on the first two days of the Round 1 materials ordering window:

- Our Community Charter
- Old Town Academy K–8 Charter
- Synergy Kinetic Academy
- Ceres Unified
- Washington Union Elementary
- ICEF Vista Elementary Academy
- ICEF Vista Middle Academy

The **Round 2** materials ordering window for this school year opens on Monday, November 20, and closes on Thursday, December 21. For guidance on how to order test materials in the Test Operations Management System (TOMS) and check your order after placing it, view the [Materials Order Quick Start Guide](#). If you need to order additional test materials after the Rounds 1 and 2 ordering windows close, you can do so during the supplemental ordering window, January 23 through May 15, 2018.

Inquiring Minds Want to Know—ELPAC Test Administration Manual, Coming Soon

Are you looking for guidance on how to coordinate the administration of the ELPAC Summative Assessment (SA) in spring 2018? The *ELPAC Test Administration Manual (TAM)* is coming your way early next month and will be posted on the ELPAC Web page. [The TAM will include all the information you will need to know about coordinating the ELPAC in your LEA \(e.g., roles and responsibilities, pre-identification services, packing and shipping instructions\).](#)

ELPAC Timeline, 2017–18 and 2018–19

Stay tuned for an up-to-date ELPAC timeline for 2017–18 and 2018–19, which outlines major ELPAC activities leading up to memoranda and action items going to the State Board of Education

for approval. This timeline will soon be posted on the CDE ELPAC Web page. Exciting activities are on the horizon as we move forward with the operational ELPAC Summative and Initial Assessments!

Practice, Practice, Practice

The ELPAC Practice Tests are now posted on the [ELPAC Web site](#). The ELPAC Practice Tests give students, parents and families, teachers, and administrators an opportunity to become familiar with the types of test questions on the ELPAC in preparation for the ELPAC SA window, which opens on February 1, 2018. The Practice Tests include examples of all of the types of test questions that may appear on the actual SA at each grade level or grade span. We hope you will find them useful as you prepare for the administration of the ELPAC.

Keep Student Demographic Data Current

Reminder: There will be no Data Review Module for the ELPAC. There will be a validation process that occurs between the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) record loaded into TOMS and the student demographic information on the Answer Book submitted for scoring, so it is imperative that CALPADS data are accurate before submitting test materials to the testing contractor.

LEAs can review their CALPADS student demographic information using the reports available in TOMS. Changes to student demographics must be completed in CALPADS and will take 24–48 hours to be reflected in TOMS. Ensuring the accuracy of student demographic data in CALPADS will greatly reduce the chance of reporting errors in DataQuest.

ELPAC Overview Video

ELPAC Overview Videos in English and Spanish will be posted on the [ELPAC Web site](#) in early December! These videos provide an overview of both the ELPAC Summative and Initial Assessments. Included are interviews with educators, parents, and students regarding their experiences in supporting English learners in the development of their English language proficiency. These resources are intended to be shared with staff and parent groups as we transition to the ELPAC in spring 2018.

Reminder: Registration Now Open for the Operational ELPAC SA Administration and Scoring Training

The ELPAC Administration and Scoring Trainings for the SA are continuing through December 13, 2017. Registration information is located on the [ELPAC Web site](#), under the Training tab. If you have any questions, 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.

For those who are unable to attend a state-sponsored SA Administration and Scoring Training on any of the designated dates, county offices of education are also hosting local trainings throughout California. These trainings are posted on the [ELPAC Web site](#), which is updated regularly to include

new regional training sites. Please register for a [Regional Training](#) to inform the CDE that your LEA has attended an SA Administration and Scoring Training.

Matrix Four

In support of our English learners with disabilities who are taking the ELPAC SA in spring 2018, [*Matrix Four: Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations for the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California*](#) is now available. As you are conducting individualized education program meetings for English learners with disabilities, this resource will assist you in determining the appropriate testing accessibility for each student.

Question of the Month

When will LEAs receive their Student Score Reports for the SA?

LEAs administering the ELPAC SA in February 2018 will receive their Student Score Reports (SSRs) eight to ten weeks after the testing contractor receives the LEA's test materials. The processing of SSRs for those LEAs will take eight to ten weeks because the first wave of scoring requires a thorough quality check of the scoring system. LEAs administering the SA in March through May will receive their SSRs six to eight weeks after test materials are received by the testing contractor.

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