

ELPAC Update

The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Update, from the California Department of Education, 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 who would be interested in or benefit from this information.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

The first administration of the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) is coming soon—in spring 2018! In an effort to keep local educational agencies (LEAs) informed, the California Department of Education (CDE) will be sending out monthly communications with the latest information on the development and administration of the ELPAC. Stay tuned for more news!

Reclassification Guidance Coming Next Month

Have you been wondering how to reclassify students in 2017–18? The CDE is developing guidance for reclassification as it relates to the English language proficiency assessment requirement in 2017–18. This guidance will provide LEAs with interim options for reclassifying students for the period between the last administration of the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Annual Assessment (AA) and the first administration of the ELPAC Summative Assessment (SA). Watch for a letter from the CDE outlining this guidance in late April. Please be aware that the CELDT Initial Assessment (IA) cannot be used for reclassification.

Next Stop: ELPAC in 2017–18

The testing window for the CELDT IA opens July 1, 2017, and ends June 30, 2018. The CELDT AA will no longer be administered in the 2017–18 school year as the ELPAC SA will be operational in spring 2018. The proposed SA window for the ELPAC will be February 1 through May 31, 2018. The ELPAC IA will be operational beginning July 1, 2018. After that time, the CELDT IA will no longer be administered.

Training Days Ahead for the ELPAC SA

The ELPAC Scoring and Administration Training will be a training-of-trainers model to assist LEA ELPAC Coordinators to provide training for all test examiners. These trainings are scheduled for October 24 through December 13, 2017. LEAs will receive an allocation of seats for training based on their number of English learners. Allocations and a list of dates and locations for statewide trainings will be sent to LEAs and will be available on www.elpac.org in May. Registration will open on Wednesday, August 15.

Superintendent Designation of LEA ELPAC Coordinator Authorization Request for 2017–18

In preparation for the administration of the ELPAC SA in spring 2018, the 2017–18 Superintendent's Designation of the LEA ELPAC Coordinator form will be e-mailed to superintendents on Monday, May 1. Superintendents will have until **Tuesday, August 1** to designate and approve the LEA ELPAC Coordinator and submit the form by e-mail to Educational Testing Service.

ELPAC SA and IA Field Tests (FTs)

In fall 2016, selected LEAs throughout California were invited to participate in the ELPAC SA and IA FTs. The ELPAC SA and IA FTs will provide data from approximately 65,000 students (in 1,730 schools) who represent the diversity and the geographic composition of schools from Northern, Central, and Southern California. The data collected from the FTs will provide information about the performance of the ELPAC test items themselves. LEAs and students will not receive student performance level reports for the FTs.

The following are the field test administration dates:

§ SA FT window—March 6 through April 14, 2017

§ IA FT window—August 28 through September 22, 2017

LEAs participating in the SA and IA FTs in **are not** exempt from administering the CELDT IA in 2017–18.

For more information about the ELPAC, go to <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/> and/or www.elpac.org.