

## ELPAC Update

*The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Update, from the California Department of Education (CDE), is a monthly 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). Please forward this e-mail to any educators in your local educational agency (LEA) who would be interested in or benefit from this information.*

### Supplemental Test Materials Ordering Window Opens Soon

*Reminder:* The supplemental test materials ordering window will be open **January 23** through **May 15, 2018**. For guidance on how to order supplemental test materials in the Test Order Management System (TOMS) refer to the *Ordering Supplemental Materials Quick Start Guide* that will be available on the [ELPAC Web site](#) under the *Test Administration* tab in early February. For additional assistance with ordering supplemental test materials, 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](mailto:ELPAC@ets.org).

### ELPAC Resources Now Available!

To support LEAs in the administration of the ELPAC, the following resources are now available on the CDE [ELPAC Web page](#):

- **Revised Summative ELPAC task types and blueprints**, providing guidance on the number of items and points on each domain of the Summative ELPAC
- **California Code of Regulations, Title 5 for the ELPAC**, providing guidance on the rules associated with administering the ELPAC
- **“2017–18 California Student Assessment Accessibility for the ELPAC,”** a quick, one-page view of the accessibility resources available to students taking the ELPAC
- **ELPAC letter templates**, sample letters to communicate information about the administration of the ELPAC to parents and guardians
- **LEA ELPAC Coordinator checklist**, a checklist of tasks to be completed before, during, and after the ELPAC to ensure a successful administration (posted on the [ELPAC Web site](#))
- **ELPAC timeline for 2017–18 and 2018–19**, outlining the major ELPAC activities leading up to the memoranda and action items going to the State Board of Education for approval

### Inquiring Minds Want to Know . . .

Are you looking for ways to inform parents and guardians about the ELPAC? A parent-friendly PowerPoint (PPT) presentation has been developed just for you! “A Guide to understanding the ELPAC—A Site Administrator’s Guide to Talking to Parents About the ELPAC” (PPT) is now posted

on [ELPAC Web site](#) under the Resources tab. This PPT is in an easily adaptable format, which allows you to tailor it to include your school site's and/or LEA's information.

In addition, a one-page flyer, [Take an ELPAC Practice Test with Your Student](#), is available for you to provide to parents and guardians to encourage them to familiarize themselves and their child with the ELPAC through the practice test.

## **Bravo!**

Congratulations to the following LEAs, which submitted their pre-identification (Pre-ID) orders in the first week:

- East Side Union High
- Lincoln Unified School District
- Planada Elementary
- Vista del Mar Union
- Camino Nuevo Charter Academy #4
- Redondo Beach Unified School District
- Windsor Unified School District
- Garden Grove Unified School District
- Charter Oak Unified School District
- Magnolia Elementary
- Willows Unified School District
- Lakeside Union Elementary School District
- Torrance Unified School District
- Desert Sands Unified School District
- Sunnyside Union Elementary
- Ripon Unified School District
- La Habra City Elementary
- Natomas Charter
- Newport-Mesa Unified School District
- Fenton Avenue Charter
- Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

- SBE—Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana

Keep those orders coming! For information on how to order Pre-ID labels, please view the [TOMS Pre-ID Labels Instructions Quick Start Guide](#) or contact the ELPAC Customer Support Center by phone at [844-782-2714](tel:844-782-2714) or by e-mail at [ELPAC@ets.org](mailto:ELPAC@ets.org).

## Educators Needed

We need you! Content Review and Bias and Sensitivity Review Meetings are just around the corner, and we still need the expertise of several more California educators. If you are interested in participating in either meeting—content review on February 19 and 20 or bias and sensitivity review on February 21 and 22—please contact Jonathan Moyer, Sacramento County Office of Education, by phone at [916-228-2668](tel:916-228-2668).

## Important Reminders

- The Summative ELPAC administration window will be open February 1 through May 31. Please remember that all English learners (ELs) must be assessed within this testing window, including students who were identified as ELs via the CELDT Initial Assessment.

- This spring's CDE-sponsored statewide Administration and Scoring Trainings for the Initial ELPAC are scheduled for April 10 through May 24. Registration information is available on the [ELPAC Web site](#) under the "Training" tab. LEA ELPAC Coordinators can register for a training beginning **February 1**.

## Questions of the Month

### Is it OK for students to write in the ELPAC Test Book?

Yes. The ELPAC Test Book is consumable for students in grades 3–12. Students are allowed to write anywhere in their Test Book. In fact, the Test Book includes two additional blank pages, at the end, on which students can take notes.

### If students are on an individualized education plan or 504 plan and will be taking an alternate assessment, must it be administered during the Summative ELPAC window?

Yes. If a student will be taking an alternate assessment instead of the Summative ELPAC, it must be administered within the Summative ELPAC window, which is February 1 to May 31, 2018.

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