

Assessment Spotlight

2020–2021 Initial ELPAC

When the 2020–2021 Initial ELPAC administration window opens on July 1, 2020, LEAs may continue to administer the paper–pencil version of the test until August 20, 2020, when the computer-based version will be available.

LEAs should plan to use any unused materials from the 2019–2020 administration to meet the needs of the students whom the LEAs plan to test during the first six weeks. LEAs requiring more materials can order them during the 2019–2020 supplemental materials ordering window, which will be extended through the first week of August. LEAs should not order large numbers until they know when their schools will reopen in the fall.

Although the CDE is allowing paper–pencil testing, it is important to note that the Local Scoring Tool will not be available for use by LEAs. While LEAs may preliminarily score student answer books with the Initial ELPAC Scoring Guides in the Test Operations Management System, all responses/scores will need to be entered into the test delivery system, specifically the Data Entry Interface, to produce the official score. This is because the testing contractor needs a single source for the collection of student responses.

For LEAs that have already ordered computer-based Initial ELPAC Writing materials for kindergarten through grade two, those materials can be used for 2021–2022. The primary order window will remain open until the end of May.

Summative ELPAC

The CDE is looking into the administration of an optional Summative ELPAC in fall 2020. More information will be shared with LEA ELPAC coordinators as soon as it becomes available.

Further, regarding handling of the Summative ELPAC *Directions for Administration (DFAs)*: Note that, in anticipation of the optional Summative ELPAC, **printed DFAs should be stored securely** until the testing window opens in fall 2020.

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