

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.

Round 2 Test Materials Ordering Window: Closing Soon

Just a reminder—the **Round 2** materials ordering window closes next week on **Thursday, December 21**. For guidance on ordering test materials in the Test Order Management System and checking the order after placing it, refer to the [Materials Order Quick Start Guide](#). After the Round 2 ordering window closes, LEAs needing to order additional test materials can do so during the supplemental ordering window, which opens on January 23 and ends on May 15, 2018.

LEAs Impacted by Wildfires

Many LEAs in California have been impacted significantly by wildfires, which have affected numerous communities in the Los Angeles area. Because these communities have been faced with the loss of homes, businesses, and schools, the ordering of ELPAC test materials may not have been at the forefront of LEA ELPAC Coordinators' minds—and rightfully so. If this is the case for your LEA, 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; we will do everything possible to assist you.

It's Raining Resources!

In an effort to support LEAs in the administration of the ELPAC, the following resources have been developed and will be available soon on the [ELPAC Web site](#):

- **Test Administration Manual**, which includes all the information you will need about coordinating the ELPAC in your LEA (e.g., roles and responsibilities, pre-identification services, packing and shipping instructions) is now available on the [ELPAC Web site](#) at <https://www.elpac.org/test-administration/instructions/>.
- **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 about the administration of the ELPAC to parents/guardians
- **LEA ELPAC Coordinator Checklist**, a checklist of tasks to be completed before, during, and after the ELPAC to ensure a successful administration
- **ELPAC timeline for 2017–18 and 2018–19**, which shows major ELPAC activities leading up to memoranda and action items going to the State Board of Education for approval

Interim Reclassification Guidance for 2017–18

In response to your questions regarding reclassification options for 2017–18, the CDE will provide interim reclassification guidance in January via a letter to superintendents. The letter also will be posted on the [CDE Web site](#). For additional information on reclassification policies, please contact the CDE English Learner Support Division by phone at [916-319-0938](tel:916-319-0938).

Approval for Unlisted Resources

As LEAs conduct individualized education program (IEP) meetings to determine the appropriate accommodations for students taking the Summative ELPAC, there may be an unlisted resource (e.g., pausing and/or repeating the audio) that IEP teams are considering. Because unlisted resources are not included in the ELPAC regulations, LEAs may submit their request by contacting the CDE English Language Proficiency and Spanish Assessments Office by phone at [916-319-0784](tel:916-319-0784) or by e-mail at ELPAC@cde.ca.gov to receive approval.

ELPAC Academy Videos

If you were interested in attending an ELPAC Academy training this fall and were unable to do so, we have just the thing for you! Modules of the training, including “How to Deconstruct a Task Type and Create an ELPAC-like Task,” will soon be posted on the [CDE ELPAC Web site](#). These modules can be used in staff meetings, professional learning communities, and cross-department meetings so your LEA can gain a better understanding of how the ELPAC connects to instruction and learning in all content areas.

ELPAC Initial Administration and Scoring Trainings

The CDE-sponsored statewide Administration and Scoring Trainings for the Initial ELPAC are scheduled for April 10 through May 24, 2018. Additional trainings will be held in August 2018; however, the specific dates and locations for August are yet to be finalized. Registration information is located on the [ELPAC Web site](#) under the Training tab. LEA ELPAC Coordinators can register for a training beginning on **February 1, 2018**. 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. Trainings are scheduled as follows:

Date	Day	Location		Date	Day	Location
April 10	Tuesday	Sacramento		May 3	Thursday	Sacramento
April 12	Thursday	Redding		May 8	Tuesday	Palm Springs
April 17	Tuesday	Ventura		May 9	Wednesday	San Diego
April 18	Wednesday	Burbank—TBD*		May 10	Thursday	Oceanside
April 19	Thursday	Montebello		May 15	Tuesday	Costa Mesa—TBD*
April 20	Friday	Torrance		May 16	Wednesday	Rancho Cucamonga
April 24	Tuesday	Bakersfield		May 17	Thursday	Norco
April 25	Wednesday	Clovis		May 22	Tuesday	Redwood City
April 26	Thursday	Modesto		May 23	Wednesday	Santa Rosa
May 1	Tuesday	Monterey		May 24	Thursday	Concord
May 2	Wednesday	San Jose				

*Location has not been finalized and is subject to change.

Questions of the Month

Will the Summative ELPAC take longer to administer than the CELDT?

The Summative ELPAC in kindergarten and grades one and two is significantly shorter than the CELDT. For grade spans three through five, six through eight, nine and ten, and eleven and twelve, the Summative ELPAC is approximately the same length as the CELDT. However, the Initial ELPAC will be shorter than the CELDT.

How long can we administer the CELDT RETEST?

The CELDT RETEST can be administered until January 31, 2018, if the LEA is scoring locally. These results can be used to reclassify students through May 31, 2018, if all other reclassification criteria have been met.

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