

English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As an English learner, your child will take the Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) this March. The Summative ELPAC measures how much progress your child is making in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English. Your child's voice will be recorded during the speaking part of the test. These recordings may be used to double check test scores and will not be saved or made public. This test will give your child's teacher information about where your child may need extra support.

Your child will take the Summative ELPAC every spring until they are fluent in English and no longer need support to understand and learn in English.

ELPAC testing will take place at Indian Creek Elementary, Herbert Green Middle School, and Charles Brown beginning on Monday, March 4th. All testing will be completed by Friday, March 22nd. All testing will take place during your child's regular school day.

You are an important part of your child's education. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking the test, you can:

- Explain to your child that the test is a tool to help them learn and to not be anxious or scared.
- Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their very best.
- Explore a practice test with your child at elpac.org/resources/online-practice-and-training-test/ so they are familiar with the platform and setup.
- Talk with your child's teacher about their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to help support their learning.

You will receive your child's results at or before the beginning of the next school year. The results will identify where your child is doing well or needs more help, so you can better support their learning at home and teachers can better support their learning in the classroom.

To learn more about these tests, go to the ELPAC Starting Smarter web page at elpac.startingsmarter.org/, or review the Parent Guides to Understanding at cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp.

If you have any questions about your child taking the Summative ELPAC, please contact **Larry Mahoney, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Accountability** at **530-642-6996** or by email at **lmahoney@mlusd.net**.

Thank you!