

# SUMMATIVE

## English Language Proficiency Assessments for California



### WHAT IS THE SUMMATIVE ELPAC?

The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) is California's assessment system that is used to determine the English language proficiency of students whose primary language is not English. The ELPAC is aligned with the 2012 California English Language Development Standards and assesses four domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. The Summative ELPAC is given only to students who have previously been identified as English learner (EL) students based upon their initial assessment results. The Summative ELPAC measures how well they are progressing with English language development in each of the four domains.



### WHY IS THE SUMMATIVE ELPAC GIVEN?

The purpose of the Summative ELPAC is to measure progress toward English language proficiency, to inform EL programs and services, and to help determine if a student is ready to be reclassified. This is important when ensuring that students continue to receive the supports they need to succeed in school.



### WHO TAKES THE SUMMATIVE ELPAC?

The Summative ELPAC is given only to students in kindergarten (K) including transitional kindergarten through grade twelve who have been identified as EL students. These students will take the assessment every year until they are reclassified to fluent English proficient. Students with disabilities whose disability precludes them from accessing a particular domain (e.g., student is blind and is not yet braille literate) may be excluded from one domain within a composite, as noted in their individualized education program.



### HOW IS THE SUMMATIVE ELPAC GIVEN?

The Summative ELPAC is a computer-based assessment for all domains for grades three through twelve, and for all domains for K through grade two, except writing which is a paper-pencil test. In K through grade two, all domains are administered individually, except grade two writing which may be administered in small groups. In grades three through twelve, the test is administered in groups exclusive of speaking, which is assessed one-on-one. Testing times will vary depending upon the grade level, domain, and individual student. Estimated testing times will be made available on the ELPAC Summative ELPAC: Estimated Testing Times web page at <https://www.elpac.org/test-administration/sa-estimated-test-time/>.



### WHEN IS THE SUMMATIVE ELPAC GIVEN?

The Summative ELPAC administration window is open from February 1 through May 31.

